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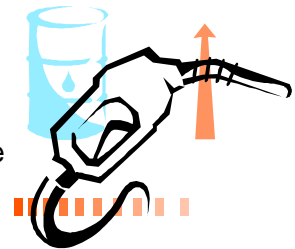
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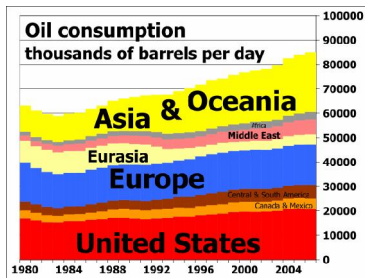
"Escape from Suburbia: Beyond the American Dream" Ryerson University – February 11, 2009 at 6:30pm

Director Greg Greene will provide us with a special screening of "Escape from Suburbia: Beyond the American Dream". This documentary is a follow-up to "End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream", which ITE Toronto hosted a screening of in October 2005.



End of Suburbia provided an interesting look at the North American way of life and the overwhelming dependence on a non-renewable energy source. The movie goes into depth about "Peak Oil" (the point in time when the maximum rate of global petroleum extraction is reached, after which the rate of production enters terminal decline) and how it may change all North American communities.

With Escape from Suburbia, Greg asks the tough questions: Are we approaching Peak Oil



now? What are the controversies surrounding our future energy options? Why are a growing number of specialists and citizens skeptical of these options? What are ordinary people across North America doing in their own communities to prepare for Peak Oil? And what will YOU do as energy prices skyrocket and the Oil Age draws to a close?

This film should be very interesting to engineers and planners who are faced with challenges such as "sustainable development" and "transit/pedestrian friendly communities".

Check out <http://www.escapefromsuburbia.com/> for more information on this intriguing film.

Location: Ryerson University – 105 Bond Street – Room SBB 312

Cost: Free! However, in light of the topic and to encourage sustainable modes of transport, all Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) drivers must pay an ITE Toronto Section Executive "Energy Tax" of \$2! – All money raised will go to *TD Friends of the Environment Foundation* (See <http://www.td.com/fef/overview.jsp> for more info) (An honour system will be employed to identify all SOVs).



Who Should Attend: This event is open to all members and non-members and is not limited to students. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please contact Mehemed Delibasic, Activities Coordinator at (905) 238-0017 ext.8305 or mehemed.delibasic@aecom.com.

First Annual Joint Toronto/Hamilton/Southwest Ontario Section Student Presentation Competition and Job Fair Wednesday, March 4, 2009, University of Waterloo

ITE Toronto, Hamilton, and Southwest Ontario Sections invite all transportation professionals to show their support at the Joint ITE Section Student Presentation Competition and Job Fair on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at the University of Waterloo.

This event, which has been run as a joint event between the Toronto and Hamilton Sections for 13 years, has been successful in attracting presenters from various schools and fostering student participation in ITE.

Students interested in presenting are encouraged to submit a one-page abstract of not more than 400 words on any topic related to transportation. Details on the call for abstracts are attached to this newsletter. Three presenters in each of the graduate and undergraduate categories will be selected and prizes will be awarded to all participants (\$350 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place).

All ITE members are invited to attend the student presentations, which will begin at approximately 7:00 PM.

The Job Fair, scheduled to commence at 6:00 PM, will give students the opportunity to meet with industry professionals, make contacts and learn about the different organizations and employers in our industry. This event also provides employers the opportunity to get to know

this year's graduating students and see what kind of research is being undertaken by students at our area universities and colleges. Employers interested in participating in this event are asked to contact **Kari Fellows** of the Southwest Ontario Section at kari.fellows@ontario.ca.

CITE Elections

There has been a Call for Nominations for the positions on the CITE Executive (President, Vice President, Secretary Treasurer and District Director). After the nominations are complete, an election will be carried out by electronic ballot through ITE headquarters. The positions will be filled in time for the CITE Conference in early June.

Written nominations are to include a description of the nominee and their qualifications making them suitable for the position as well as signatures indicating support by the nominee and two ITE members in good standing. Nominations (by e-mail or Canada Post) are due to Mike Skene by midnight **February 16th**.

Please see the CITE website (www.cite7.org/executive/index.php) for more detailed information about the positions and the nomination and election processes. If you are interested in nominating someone for one of the positions or have any questions about the election process, please contact **Mike Skene**, the Past President at pastpresident@cite7.org.

CITE Conference - May 30 to June 3, Montreal, Quebec

The Annual CITE Conference will be held in Montreal this year from May 30th to June 3rd. The theme of the conference is Reshaping Transportaion: Human Element and Sustainability. More detailed information can be found on the conference website at www.citequebec.org.

Recent Events...

ITE Toronto Section Annual General Meeting and Christmas Luncheon – November 28th, 2008

Thank you to all of you who attended our Annual General Meeting and Christmas Luncheon on November 28th of last year. The event, a favorite of our membership, was held at the Toronto Cricket and Skating Club again last year, with an attendance of close to 100 people. Our speaker was **Dale Albers**, the Chief Communications Officer at the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation. Dale gave an overview presentation of their plans for rapid transit improvement and expansion with a focus on the extension of the Yonge Subway line.



The annual event was also an opportunity to recognize some of the contributions of our own members. **Adrienne Long** was honored for her years of service on the Toronto Section Executive. The Toronto Section also took the opportunity to thank **Doug Allingham** for his leadership as chair of the Committee for the 2007 CITE Conference here in Toronto.

This year's raffle raised \$200 for scholarships awarded by CITE – the funds were matched by

the Toronto Section for a total contribution of \$400. The raffle prize, generously donated by **Roundabouts Canada**, was a pair of Blue Jays tickets. The winner of the raffle was **Nixon Chan** from MMM.

We elected two new members to our Toronto Section Executive as part of our Annual General Meeting. We are pleased to announce that **Nixon Chan** from MMM will be our Membership Coordinator this year and **Mehemed Delibasic** from Aecom will be our Activities Coordinator.

ITE Lunch and Learn at the TTC Transit Control Centre Tour, Dec 8, 2008

The ITE Toronto Section hosted a very entertaining lunch and learn session at the TTC Transit Control Centre on December 8th just before the Christmas holidays. Attendance at the event quickly filled up to capacity and was attended by a variety of both public and private sector transportation practitioners.

The event was a special behind the scenes tour inside the main TTC Transit Control Centre for ITE members only, where all subway operations are handled. After the tour, participants were treated to a free lunch at the control centre and given an opportunity to ask questions to TTC staff to provide some insight into how the subway system works.

The event was a great success. Thank you to Sean Fuller, Mike Hazlett, and Sandy Tsirlis of the TTC for talking with our members and helping make the event happen! Stay tuned for future events!

2008 ITE Toronto Section / Ontario Traffic Conference Workshop – The Urban Streetscape, November 20, 2008

The ITE Toronto Section teamed with the Ontario Traffic Conference (OTC) to bring to you a one day workshop on the Urban Streetscape. Attended by over 90 participants, speakers presented on a range of urban design and streetscapes topics. The presenters were:

- Raj Mohabeer – Senior Coordinator of Special Projects, Urban Design, Town of Markham
- Robert Freedman – Director of Urban Design, City of Toronto
- Elyse Parker – Project Manager, Clean and Beautiful City, City of Toronto
- Andrew Koropeski – Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
- Kypros Perkileous – Manager, Co-ordinated Street Furniture Program, City of Toronto
- Ian Roger – Manager Asset Management Department, AECOM
- Phil Weber – Senior Project Manager, Ourston Roundabouts Canada

The sessions included examples of streetscape projects from the US and how various challenges were overcome during design and construction; initiatives of the City of Toronto including Urban Design and Civic Improvements program, Clean and Beautiful City program, Co-ordinated Street Furniture program, and Installation of Street Furniture; revitalization of Cobourg's main street; and the role of streetscaping in designing roundabouts.

Participants came away with a better understanding of role of the urban streetscape in a transportation corridor and some of the initiatives currently being undertaken.

ITE Contact Information

If you or one of your colleagues are not receiving the monthly ITE Journal, the quarterly CITE Transportation Talk, periodic web communication correspondence from CITE, and/or the ITE Toronto Section Newsletters... then the contact information we have may not be up to date in our respective databases. ITE International, CITE and the ITE Toronto Section maintain separate membership databases. Every effort is made to keep the three databases “in agreement”; however, there are instances where changes in membership have not been instituted across the databases.



For **ITE Journal, Invoicing and other ITE international correspondence**, your current contact information can be viewed and changed at www.ite.org under the “my profile” tab on the left side. It provides information on what your login and password are based on your ITE membership number and name.

For **Transportation Talk and the Web Communications Centre** distribution list, your current contact information can be viewed and changed at www.cite7.org and by logging onto the Web Communications Centre on the bottom left.



If you have forgotten your CITE login and password, you can have this information e-mailed to you. Instructions are provided on the CITE web site by clicking the “*Need help with Orchestra?*” link.

For **ITE Toronto Section Newsletters**, your current contact information can be checked with our **Membership Coordinator** Nixon Chan at ChanN@mmm.ca. The ITE Toronto Section distributes their correspondence solely by e-mail. If you are receiving the Toronto Section newsletters, your e-mail contact information is correct and there is no need to confirm mailing address information.

Do You...

- Have any interesting transportation-related articles or photos that you would like to see in our newsletter? Send them electronically to our **Communications Coordinator** Mehrak Hakimi.
- Have any questions for the ITE Toronto Section? Contact our **President** Julia Salvini or **Vice-President** David Argue
- Want to learn about Job Posting opportunities offered by the ITE Toronto Section and CITE? Contact our **Membership Coordinator** Nixon Chan.

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*First Annual Joint ITE Section
 Student Presentation Competition and Job Fair*

Call for Abstracts

The Toronto, Hamilton, and Southwest Ontario sections' Joint Technical Presentation Competition for Students is a unique event organized each year by the Institute of Transportation Engineers to help foster interest in the field of transportation. Toronto and Hamilton sections have held it for thirteen years and the Southwest Ontario section has joined this year. The competition offers students an opportunity to present a topic of interest in transportation before their peers as well as before practising transportation professionals. While technical competence is an important element in the event, the primary focus of the competition is on the ability to present effectively to one's peers and the public.

Interested students are invited to submit a one-page abstract of not more than 400 words on any topic related to transportation. A shortlist of three (3) graduate and three (3) undergraduate students will be selected and invited to give a 10 – 15 minute presentation on the evening of Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at University of Waterloo. A short question and answer period will be provided after each presentation. Details of the event are provided below.

A Job Fair, which is open to all students, will also be hosted prior to the student presentation competition (6:00 to 7:00 PM). The Job Fair will allow students the opportunity to speak with industry professionals, make contacts and learn about the different organizations or companies.

Submission of Abstracts:	Friday, February 13th, 2009
Notice of Acceptance:	Wednesday, February 18th, 2009
Date of Presentation:	Wednesday, March 4 th , 2009, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Location:	University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario
Prizes:	\$350 for the top presentation, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place in the undergraduate category \$350 for the top presentation, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place in the graduate category
Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Practice presenting in a low-pressure environment ◆ Make contacts with potential employers ◆ Share and exchange ideas with other students
Invited Schools:	Mohawk College, McMaster University, University of Toronto, Ryerson University, University of Waterloo.

Interested students should submit abstracts to either:

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Note: Abstracts in Microsoft Word format will be accepted by e-mail
 Please include your address and telephone number with all communication