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President's Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As the 2011-12 President of the OTC, it is with great pride that I take on this role for next year and look forward to working with you in the coming months.

Our Board remains steady this year with many familiar faces including Jeff Smart as VP and Kim Rossi as Treasurer. John Crass re-joined the Board of Directors and is joined by Nelson Cadete, Robyn Zutis and Tony Thompson who is the newest member of our Board joining us from the City of Vaughan. Ron Hamilton, after spending the last 2 years as President, will now serve as Past President of the OTC.

Some important changes and new initiatives have been undertaken by the OTC in the past year. It has now been one year since the OTC's name was changed to the Ontario Traffic

Council, with a new logo to match. We have also completed an Ontario Traffic Manual Book dealing with pedestrian crossings and are in the process of developing a 2nd book on the topic of Bicycle Facilities. By making technical research projects a focus of the OTC in recent years, our organization is developing important reference resources for our membership and we will continue to make this a significant part of the OTC's mandate.

In addition to the OTC's research work, our training offerings continue to provide unparalleled value and workplace relevance. I invite you to visit the newly-updated OTC website for our fall 2011 training schedule.

Some highlights include the Annual Parking Workshop running from September 19 and 20 in Burlington, a Book 7 training course in Milton on September 23, a TIS workshop in



Oakville, the Traffic Engineering Workshop in Alliston and the Intersection Safety Course to be held on November 7 & 8.

I look forward to working with the Board, committees, staff and membership over the next year to make our 62nd year an outstanding one!

Heide Schlegel
OTC President

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OTC's 61st Annual Conference

This year's Conference opened on Sunday June 12th with the OTC President's Reception at the Delta Grandview Hotel in Huntsville. Outgoing President Ron Hamilton Crass welcomed delegates to the OTC's 61st Annual Conference.

The sessions got underway on the morning of Monday, June 13th with opening speaker Gerry Chaput, MTO's ADM of Provincial Highways. He provided the conference delegates with an update on the work of the provincial government on traffic and regional planning issues in the past year.

Other sessions included a broad range of topics such issues surrounding parking master plans, introducing higher-order transit, WSIB issues, traffic safety communications and many other issues.

Following the close of the day's sessions, a dinner was held at the Mark O'Meara golf course with a very memorable evening of entertainment at the Decades Show presented at the Deerhurst Resort. This was certainly much more enjoyable than the Stanley Cup Game 6 loss experienced by delegates who stayed behind to watch the Vancouver-Boston match.

Tuesday morning kicked off with the OTC Annual General Meeting and elections to the Board of Directors, including the election of Heide Schlegl from the Town of Milton as President.

There were more sessions during the morning and concluded with the Awards Lunch which recognized the work and contribution of OTC members.

We look forward to seeing you at next year's Annual Conference in Ottawa which will be held in June 2012.

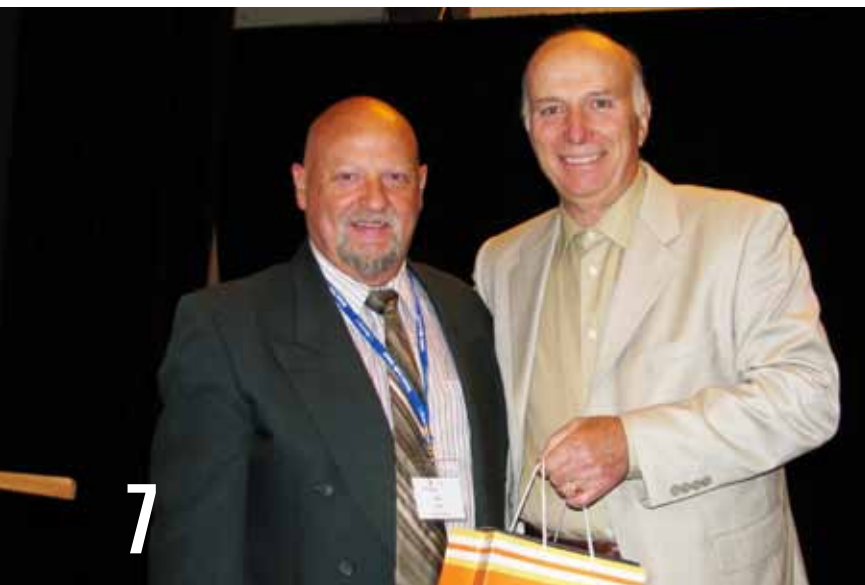




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Highlights from the 61st Annual OTC Conference

1. Kornel and Greg Szejber, Dave Angelakis
2. Team from MTO
3. Peter Noehammer , Brian Patterson, Brian Malone
4. Craig Kummer, Heide Schlegl, Mike Parks
5. Mike Flanigan, John Clarke, Joe Pitushka
6. Dave Edwards presents Technical Training Course Top Student Award to Daniel Samson
7. Ron Hamilton and Huntsville Mayor Claude Doughty
8. Rocco Rao, Lynne Hodgkinson, Chris Wilson
9. MTO ADM Gerry Chaput

Remembering a Friend

John Trew (1924 -2011)

John Trew passed away this past May and spent many active years as a member of the OTC. Born in 1924, he lived the earliest part of his life in Scotland where he started his career as a police officer. During World War II he served in the British Forces in the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry and 1st Royal Tank Regiment.

After immigrating to Canada, John joined the Ontario Ministry of Transportation. While he spent a few years working out of Downsview, he spent most of his career in the Eastern Region office in Kingston. Throughout his career, John worked in Traffic leading up to his retirement when he was Head of the Regional Traffic Section - Easter Region.

John was a long-time member of the OTC's Traffic Training Course Committee and acted as a course supervisor for a number of years at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer. John and another OTC icon, Doug Crosby, were the faces

of the OTC at the Police College through most of the 70's and early 80's.

John was also Treasurer of the OTC from 1982-1990. He also served as Editor of Ontario Traffic Magazine in the late 1980's and early 1990's. Upon his retirement, the OTC Board honoured John with a life membership in the OTC.

After retiring from MTO, John used his opportunity to talk more freely about traffic conditions in the "Jock Column" a regular opinion column in the Ontario Traffic Magazine. "Jock" could be depended on to pull no punches when it came to discussing a whole range of traffic issues. He often echoed the sentiments of many members. Sentiments that couldn't be expressed by employees, but could by a member of the public!

The contributions of John Trew to the traffic profession and the OTC over several decades were outstanding and will be missed.



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SECOND ROW: R. Picot, A.E. Berryhill, V.J.M. Suppa, L.A. Marin, W.R. Corner, B. Manning
FRONT ROW: F.M. Newton, D.M. Crawford, J. Trew, J.A. McGowan, E.J. Rusk



Windsor - Essex Parkway Now Under Construction

With files from MTO and the Windsor Star

Construction has begun on the \$1.4 billion Windsor-Essex Parkway, which will ease traffic congestion along the vital trade corridor to Detroit.

The 11-kilometre parkway, which will extend Highway 401 through Tecumseh, LaSalle and Windsor, will separate local and international traffic through the Windsor-Detroit gateway while eliminating stop-and-go traffic in residential areas.

It is meant as an alternate commercial bypass away from Windsor's congested Huron Church corridor. About 30 percent of the goods sold between the United States and Canada are

trucked across the Detroit River.

The parkway's design consists of a six-lane below-grade freeway which is an extension of Highway 401 and a four-lane service road network which is an extension of Highway 3 to eliminate stop-and-go traffic in residential areas. The project has more than 300 acres of green space, 20 kilometres of recreational trails, and new community connections.

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) identified 900 properties that are required for the construction of The Windsor-Essex Parkway. Owners of affected property have been contacted and the ministry is talking with property owners and learning how we can work

together to reach an amicable agreement.

MTO is working in coordination with Infrastructure Ontario to deliver The Windsor-Essex Parkway utilizing an Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) model, in which the private sector's expertise and innovation will be used to design, build, finance and maintain The Windsor-Essex Parkway.

While the province will own the Parkway, The Windsor Essex Mobility Group (WEMG) is a consortium of three of the world's largest and most successful infrastructure developers, including: ACS Infrastructure Canada Inc., Acciona Concessions Canada, and Fluor Canada Ltd. They are responsible for [next page](#)



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designing, financing, constructing, and maintaining the Parkway over 30 years.

The design and construction of the project will be performed under contract with Parkway Infrastructure Constructors (PIC), a joint venture of Fluor Canada, Ltd., Dragados Canada, Inc. and Acciona Infraestructuras Canada Inc.

Local partnerships have been struck with Hatch Mott MacDonald, Amico Infrastructure Inc., Dillon Consulting Ltd., LEA Consulting Ltd., AMEC and Black & McDonald and contracts have been set-up with Jones Group, AMICO and Siefker.

The Ambassador Bridge opposes the Parkway's route and the proposed new border crossing it's intended to feed. The Ambassador Bridge's private operator prefers to build a 2nd bridge next to its current bridge while refurbishing the original and then operate both bridges.

The Windsor-Essex Parkway is scheduled to be opened to traffic in the fall of 2014 with landscaping and other related works finished by the summer of 2015.



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Election 2011: Infrastructure Platforms

The OTC has gathered information from each of the main party's platforms on the subject of municipal infrastructure. More announcements of policy may take place during the campaign. The information below is current as of September 1.



Liberal

Since 2003, the government has provided \$10.8 billion to support public transit, which has supported growth in GO Transit ridership of approximately 25 per cent since 2003, and 100 million more municipal transit trips, representing about 83 million car trips not taken on Ontario roads. Ontario's highway investments have expanded or rehabilitated over 5,500 kilometres of highways across the province since 2003. \$1.6 billion in provincial gas tax funding has been allocated to municipalities since 2004 under Ontario's Gas Tax Program. Currently, two cents per litre of provincial gas tax revenues are shared with municipalities to expand and improve their public transit systems.



Progressive Conservative

Communities too small to have bus or subway systems do not get a share of the gas tax revenue, even though families in those communities pay the gas tax. We will bring change to give all communities a share of the gas tax to meet their local infrastructure needs. We will increase the dedicated revenue from the provincial gas tax to transit, roads, and other infrastructure projects. No municipality will receive less funding; every municipality can count on receiving some level of investment. We will respect the unique priorities of individual cities and towns, and give them the ability to choose between roads, bridges, and transit. The PC plan would increase the number of municipalities receiving the gas tax to 444 from the current 89.



New Democratic

The NDP platform includes a new 3 year dedicated fund which will provide \$70 million annually to help municipalities with road and bridge repairs. The NDP would provide municipalities with a new 50-50 split on municipal transit operating budgets in exchange for a 4-year freeze on transit fares.

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Workshop Agenda

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

5:00 to 6:30 p.m. **Registration opens for delegates**

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. **Setup times for the Exhibitors**

9:00 p.m. **Meeting of the OTC Parking Committee**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00 to 9:00 a.m. **Registration, Breakfast and Supplier Showcase**
Begin the day with a visit to the displays in the Supplier Showcase area.

9:00 to 9:15 a.m. **Opening Session**

The opening of the OTC Parking Workshop featuring remarks by OTC President Heide Schlegl, Parking Committee Chair George Johnstone and a representative from the City of Burlington.



Above: Hotel Ballroom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 (continued)

9:15 to 9:50 a.m. **Session: Bicycle Parking in Hamilton: “We Don’t Just Park Cars”**

Presenter: Jillian Stephen—Director, Rapid Transit

The Hamilton Transportation Master Plan (HTMP 2007) speaks about the importance of reducing motorized vehicle kilometers travelled within the City of Hamilton. Increasing active transportation trips helps achieve City goals related to the HTMP, as well as objectives for healthier and more active lifestyles. This presentation will cover planning for their first secure bike parking facility, some of the challenges staff encountered as well as the roles of government stakeholders in implementing the HTMP.

9:50 to 10:25 a.m. **Session: LEEDing the Way—Green Parking Initiatives**

Presenter: John D’Angelo, President, Martinway Development

This session will look at LEED initiatives incorporated in the underground parking garage of an apartment building in Brampton. John and his team have been successful in building the Chapelview Apartments, the first Multi-Residential, Affordable Housing Project with a "LEED Platinum Certification" in North America.

10:25 to 10:45 a.m. **Break and Supplier Showcase SPONSORED BY CANADA TICKET**

10:45 to 11:50 a.m. **Session: The POA Perspective**

Presenters: David Cribbs, Counsel, City of London and Daniel Byskal, Solicitor, City of London

This seminar will begin with a caselaw update, and thereafter evolve into a panel discussion which will field parking, traffic and questions regarding the Provincial Offences Act. If there’s something you always wanted to know, or if you have a hypothetical question, this is the time to get an answer.

11:50 to 12:00 p.m. **Welcome from the Suppliers**

12:00 to 12:45 p.m. **Lunch Buffet**

12:45 to 1:30 p.m. **Time to visit Supplier Showcase booths**

1:30 to 2:25 p.m. **Session: WSIB and Others “Driving” Change in the New Work Environment**

Presenter: Brian Patterson, Ontario Safety League

Driving today can represent a significant liability for employers and an increased risk when using untrained employee drivers. We will review best practices within the motor vehicle sector, addressing current trends and safety system support. Pro-active driver training, the ongoing testing evaluation of drivers and the regulatory impact of the HTA and WSIB will be our primary focus.

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Above: Spencer Smith Park

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 (continued)

2:25 to 2:45 p.m. **Break and Supplier Showcase**

2:45 to 3:30 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Private Property Parking Issues**

Panelists: Heide Schlegl, Town of Milton; Rita Hardy, City of Burlington; Sheena Rodda, City of Mississauga

Due to interest shown from last year's presentation, we will get an update from three municipalities about parking enforcement issues on private properties in places such as shopping plazas, apartment buildings, townhouse complexes, etc. The panel will also review operational issues such as employing a private security company or an authorized individual to undertake enforcement work on behalf of the municipality.

3:30 to 4:05 p.m. **Session: Parking Issues in a Post-Secondary Environment**

Presenter: Mark VanDenBossche, University of Western Ontario

This presentation will address issues and concerns for parking which are unique to the post-secondary environment as well as municipal—university relations in areas such as enforcement, issuing of tickets and court proceedings.

4:05 p.m. **Closing remarks**

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5:30 p.m. **Reception and Supplier Showcase**

6:30 p.m. **Dinner SPONSORED BY PRECISE PARKLINK**

8:00 p.m. **Hospitality Evening SPONSORED BY PRECISE PARKLINK**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 to 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast and Supplier Showcase**

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9:00 to 9:35 a.m. **Session: Toronto Police Service's Bicycle Enforcement Program**

Presenter: Keith Chipman, Training Officer, Toronto Police Service and Robert Rizzi, Patrol Supervisor, Toronto Police Service Parking Enforcement

This presentation will provide an overview of the Parking Enforcement Unit's bicycle enforcement program, discuss the safe and effective use of bicycles in an enforcement role, provide information about how the Can-Bike training course prepares the student to understand and interact safely when riding in traffic situations, and highlight the importance of nutrition and hydration for officers who take the challenge to ride in an enforcement capacity.





Above: Burlington City Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 (continued)

9:35 to 10:15 a.m. **Session: *Sharing the Road: Accommodating Parking and Cycling on City Streets***

Presenter: Dan Egan, Manager of Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, City of Toronto

This presentation will describe Toronto's cycling infrastructure program and discuss some of the challenges of implementing cycling projects in a downtown environment where space is at a premium and cycling demand is growing exponentially. Bicycle parking, bicycle stations, bicycle lanes, bicycle trails and the new push to provide physically separated bicycle lanes.

10:15 to 10:35 a.m. **Break and Supplier Showcase**

10:35 to 11:10 a.m. **Session: *Car-sharing and Reduced Vehicle Ownership: Making the Connection in Residential Parking Requirements***

Presenter: Dylan Passmore, Transportation Planner, IBI Group

The presentation is based on a study that was carried out for the City of Toronto that examined the impact of car sharing on car ownership rates and parking requirements in multi-unit residential developments where reserved parking for car share vehicles is provided. The results of the study were compared with results with a previous survey of sites without car share vehicles, and used to recommend a parking reduction ratio in the zoning by-law for multi-unit residential developments. The presentation will review the data that was collected in the study, analysis of trends and development of the recommendations.

11:10 to 11:45 a.m. **Session: *Parking at Exhibition Place***

Presenter: Gabe Mullan, Canadian National Exhibition

Managing parking operations at Exhibition Place requires flexibility to meet changing needs for parking. Conflicts can arise between parking for special events as well as multiple events during same time frame. Needs of tenants and the public are also important considerations. Learn how these different parking needs are met.

11:45 to 12:20 p.m. **Session: *Success Made Possible Through Sustainable Transportation***

Presenter: Nicole Arsenault, Manager of Transportation, York University

York University is Canada's 3rd largest university with more than 65,000 students, staff, and faculty (including Seneca@York). York is an excellent example of success made possible through sustainable transportation. In the last 10 years York has reversed the modal split on single occupant vehicles, by increasing availability of transit, pedestrian/cycling infrastructure, shuttles, car-sharing, and carpooling. Construction on campus has also begun for the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE) which is expected to be completed in late 2015.

12:20 to 12:30p.m. **Closing Remarks**

12:30 to 2:00 p.m. **Lunch**

2:00 p.m. **Adjournment of the OTC Parking Workshop**





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