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*Peace Tower lit up with Christmas lights, Ottawa.*

Ottawa has been chosen as the site for the 62nd OTC Annual Conference. Running from June 3 to 5 at the Brookstreet Hotel, this will be one of our best Annual Conferences with a wide range of timely and relevant topics and amazing speakers!

The OTC Annual Conference is a great professional development opportunity at an exceptional value! More information and pricing will be available in early 2012.

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# President's Message

*Dear Friends and Colleagues,*

As 2011 draws to a close, I would like to thank you on behalf of our Board for your support of the OTC and its activities this past year. We have been working diligently on behalf of Ontario's traffic industry to ensure that standards are continually raised across Ontario.

Recently we asked you for your feedback with respect to the service you are receiving as members of the Ontario Traffic Council. We are pleased that 125 of you took the time to complete our survey. The results will be the basis for planning the OTC's priorities for the coming year. I would like to share a few of the highlights with you.

In terms of overall satisfaction with OTC, 56% rated it as "good," with an additional 38% rating it "very good." We will work hard next year to match the 94% satisfaction rating for

our services in general. Looking at specific areas, we asked if the OTC event(s) they attended this year were relevant to their job. 85% scored the event as "relevant" or "very relevant" with only 1% disagreeing - the rest were neutral.

In terms of our pricing, about half said the OTC prices were fair, when compared to other associations. 33% found OTC to be a "great value." We will continue to do our best to hold down prices for our services in light of continuing limits of training budgets. I would note that the OTC did not raise membership fees this year and we froze the registration fees for events this at 2010 levels (with one exception).

Finally, I would note that the OTC's research projects also scored highly with an average score of 4.33 out of 5. This result shows we are developing timely research products that will be of use to our members. We are very



proud that the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 15: Pedestrian Crossings and Facilities has been released to the public and that work is well underway on Book 18 which deals with bicycle facilities. We have new projects ready to go in early 2012 which will also work to enhance safety on Ontario's roads.

Let me close by wishing you a safe holiday season and I look forward to working with you in 2012!

*Heide Schlegel*  
**OTC President**

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## Pedestrian Crossing Facilities

# Book 15 is Released

We are pleased to announce that Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 15: Pedestrian Protection and Control has been released. The OTC thanks the members of the Book 15 Committee (listed below) for their hard work over the last 2 years. We also extend our appreciation to the Ministry of Transportation for its support and contributions to making the project possible and to Book 15's consultant, Ray Bacquie for his efforts and the work of his research team.

Book 15 will support municipalities by standardizing pedestrian facilities and will assist in making Ontario's cities and towns more walkable to promote active transportation. The Book contains information

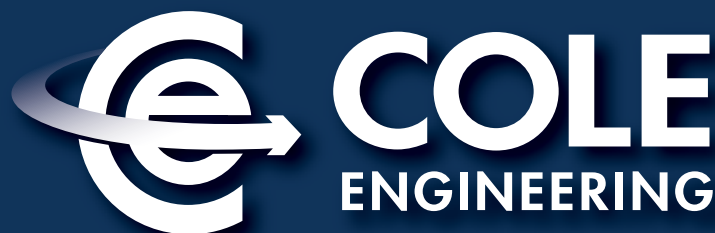
on standards, best practices, procedures, guidelines and recommendations for the planning, justification, design, timing and pedestrian safety operations.

The Book 15 Committee's membership represented a large stakeholder group of municipalities from across the province. Representatives from the following municipalities and regions helped develop the Manual:

- City of Brampton
- City of Burlington
- City of Hamilton
- City of Kingston
- City of London

- City of Mississauga
- City of Ottawa
- City of Toronto
- City of Vaughan
- Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- Municipality of Greater Sudbury
- Regional Municipality of Durham
- Regional Municipality of Peel
- Regional Municipality of Waterloo
- Regional Municipality of York
- Town of Milton

OTM Book 15 can be downloaded at [www.otc.org](http://www.otc.org). Printed copies of Book 15 will follow from Publications Ontario in the coming weeks.



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# Traffic Engineering Workshop A Success

The OTC Traffic Engineering Committee hosted its Annual Traffic Engineering Workshop on October 27, 2011 at the Nottawasaga Inn.

The day-long workshop included sessions on current issues such as Toronto's Red Light Camera Program, the Markham-Richmond Hill Smart Commute program, Applying the Highway Safety Manual, Pedestrians at Roundabouts as well as Multi-lane Roundabouts and Ottawa's new Segregated Bicycle Facility.

We were very pleased to have Dan Mephram of GM Canada on hand to present the innovative capabilities of the new Chevrolet Volt. Following his presentation, delegates were treated to a hands-on demonstration of vehicle. Thanks to the workshop's presenters for generously donating their time and expertise and for providing valuable information to participants. Special thanks go to Tacel for providing a traffic signal head to ensure that session speakers kept to their time limits.

We also appreciate the members of the OTC Traffic Engineering Committee for their efforts in organizing the event, with special recognition of Deanna Green from the City of Kingston who emceed the workshop and to Committee Chair Steve MacRae of Mississauga Transit for leading the work of the group this past year.



Nottawasaga Inn, host hotel of the  
OTC 2011 Traffic Engineering Workshop



Workshop Moderator  
Deanna Green - City of  
Kingston and Winner of  
Kobo door prize - Andy  
Couvillon - City of London



OTC President Heide Schlegl (c) charges up the  
Chevrolet Volt surrounded by workshop delegates



Dave Kivi (l) City of Greater Sudbury  
and Jeffrey Smart (r) Tacel

# *Delegates*



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September 19-20, 2011    Burlington Ontario

# Speakers



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# Suppliers



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Jacquelyn Hayward  
Gulati - City of  
Mississauga

# OTC Partners with ITE Toronto to Present Active Transportation Workshop

The OTC in partnership with ITE Toronto presented a workshop on Active Transportation at the Richmond Hill Golf & Country Club on November 24, 2011.

The event was emceed by Rahul Mehra of IBI Group who is also the 2011 President of the ITE Toronto section.

Sessions included presentations by Steve Kemp from York Region who opened with New Dimensions in Road Safety, followed by Sean Wheldrake of the City of Toronto's Cycling Unit, who gave an overview of BIXI Toronto and other Public Bike-Sharing Programs. The workshop continued after a break with Briana Illingworth from Metrolinx who discussed Addressing the First & Last Mile at Major Transit Stations. The final morning session was presented by Nathan Westendorp and dealt with Simcoe County's Active Transportation Strategy.

The afternoon session opened with a joint presentation by Janet Lo and Sheyda Saneinejad from the City of Toronto on Designing for Pedestrians. Daryl Bender continued the discussion with a look at the City of Hamilton's Active Transportation Safety initiatives. Closing the day was Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati from Mississauga who spoke about the Implementation of the City's Cycling Master Plan.

Thanks again to the speakers and the attendees who made the workshop a success. After another well-received joint OTC-ITE Toronto event, we look forward to putting together a new workshop in the fall of 2012!



Nathan Westendorp -  
County of Simcoe



Janet Lo and Sheyda  
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- Motor Vehicle Impounds
- Collision Scene Protection
- Fail to Remain Investigations
- Staged Collisions
- Basic Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- Drinking and Driving offences

## Who Should Attend

Front line Traffic Supervisors, Training Officers and Specialized Officers involved in traffic related duties.

## Police Traffic Officers Course March 19 - 21, 2012

**Ontario Police College - Aylmer, ON**

The Traffic Officers course is a training partnership between the Ontario Traffic Council and the Ontario Police College. This course is primarily intended for front line patrol officers including supervisors assigned to traffic related duties. Participants will receive refresher updates on current legislation pertaining to Highway Traffic Act and Criminal Code driving offences. Other highlights include reviewing the newly designed Collision Manual as well as the suspension and impound legislation.

## Course Registration & Dates

**Traffic Officers Course – March 19 - March 21, 2012**

**Police Services may register their staff directly to OPC.**

## Accommodation

**Registration fee of \$350+HST includes course, meals, accommodations as well as HTA and Short Form Wording Book**

**Location: Ontario Police College  
10716 Hacienda Road  
Aylmer, ON N5H 2T2**

**OPC Contact: Dave McCormack 519-773-4455  
or Dave.McCormack@ontario.ca**

**Ontario Traffic Council website: [www.otc.org](http://www.otc.org)**

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## Major Course Topics Include

- Multi-Disciplinary Cooperation
- Speeds and Speed Zoning
- Signal and Highway Capacity
- Development Traffic Impacts
- Traffic Concepts
- Signal Systems and Warrants
- Collision Data Analysis
- Highway Traffic Act and By-Laws
- Traffic Data
- Traffic Signing and Geometric Design
- Work Zone Safety
- Special Event Planning
- Pedestrian Operations
- Syndicate Project
- Bicycle Operations
- Transit Operations
- Traffic Calming
- On and Off-Street Parking
- Tort Liability
- Roundabouts

## Technical Traffic Operations Course

**March 19 - 30, 2012**

**Ontario Police College, Aylmer, ON**

The Technical Traffic Operations Course and the newly revised Police Traffic Officers Course are run concurrently. The two courses encourage interaction between engineering and policing personnel and build an understanding of the roles staffs in each field contribute to enhancing safety on Ontario's roads. The residential nature of the courses allows students to get to know each other in a professional and social atmosphere as well.

## Who Should Attend

**Traffic engineering technicians, technologists, or engineers engaged in traffic studies and/or traffic operations functions.**

## Course Registration & Dates

**Technical Traffic Operations Course – March 19 - 30, 2012**

**Timetable and registration will be available at [www.otc.org](http://www.otc.org)**

## Accommodation

**Registration fee of \$1400+HST includes:  
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