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The OTC Radar

News from the Ontario Traffic Conference

Upcoming Events

Future Committee meeting dates (open to all OTC members—Please RSVP in advance):

Legislation & Enforcement: TBA

Parking: March 23, OTC office, Mississauga

Traffic Engineering: February 13, Town of Milton

Transportation Planning: February 20, Halton Region offices

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Please email to receive future issues of Radar. Don't forget to add colleagues and others who are interested in OTC activities.

Planning Workshop – April 24

OTC invites you to attend the 5th Annual Transportation Planning Workshop on April 24th at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Hamilton.

Sessions will be informative and will explore current planning topics. The information will be geared to transportation planning professionals from across Ontario.

The cost of the full-day workshop will be \$185.72 + GST = \$195. HOT Breakfast, lunch and parking are included.

Register for the workshop today at: <http://www.otc.org>

OTC Annual Conference & AGM

The planning for the 2009 OTC Annual General Meeting is well

underway. Taking place at Kingston's Ambassador Hotel on June 8 & 9, 2009, the Annual Conference is an opportunity for the traffic sector in Ontario to come together.

A full program of events, workshops and activities will be sent to you later this month!

Pre-register for the AGM today at: <http://www.otc.org>

2009 Federal Budget—New \$4B Infrastructure Stimulus Fund

The Federal Minister of Finance tabled a budget yesterday that will provide municipalities with some additional funding for infrastructure.

Of interest to OTC members is the new \$4 billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund was announced in the budget.

This fund is intended to flow resources quickly so that projects can begin within the 2009 and 2010 construction seasons.

Funding will be available for provincial, territorial and municipal infrastructure rehabilitation projects, including roads and sewers. The federal government will cover up to 50% of the costs.

The Minister announced a streamlining of federal approval processes so that projects funded under the Building Canada Fund can begin in this construction season.

Approval delays have been a concern for municipalities that are ready to move forward on projects.

Police Traffic Supervisors Course

This course is a training partnership between the OTC and the Ontario Police College. It is designed to meet the needs of a front line Traffic Supervisor who is actively involved in operational traffic related duties.

This course will operate concurrently with the Technical Traffic Operations Course. Joint sessions encourage interaction between policing and engineering personnel and build an understanding of the roles staffs in each field contribute to enhancing safety on Ontario's roads.

The course will run from April 20-24, 2009.

More information: <http://www.otc.org/>

Tech. Traffic Operations Course

The Technical Traffic Operations Course will be held from April 20—May 1, 2009 at the Ontario Police College.

The course runs concurrently with the Police Traffic Supervisors Course for the first week.

The course will focus on providing participants with a basic overview of all aspects of traffic engineering including an understanding of the various types of traffic control devices and how to use them. At the end of the course, the individual should be able to review a traffic problem and determine approaches to solve the problem.

More information: <http://www.otc.org/>

