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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: June 4, Niagara Region

Parking: May 11, Town of Milton

Traffic Engineering: April 24, OTC office, Mississauga

Transportation Planning: April 24, Courtyard Marriott Hamilton

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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.

You can view the updated program and register for the workshop at: <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 an overview of traffic engineering including an understanding of the various types of control devices and how to use them. Following the course, students should be able to review a traffic issue and determine approaches to solve the problem.

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

Annual Conference looking great!

The planning for the 2009 OTC Annual General Meeting is well underway. Taking place from June 7-9, 2009, at Kingston's Ambassador Hotel, the event is an opportunity for Ontario's traffic sector to come meet.

The full preliminary program is now available! This will be one of the best Annual Conferences with a wide range of timely and relevant topics and amazing speakers with tours and side events!

This will be a great professional development opportunity at an exceptional value. Register today at: <http://www.otc.org>

Book 7 Training in your town

The OTC will be offering a full-day training session on Book 7 on April 20 in Ottawa and on April 28 in Vaughan.

More information: http://www.otc.org/training_book7.cfm

Price: \$159 + GST for members, \$189 + GST for non-members.

We are working to present Book 7 Training across the province in 2009. If your municipality would like to host a session, please contact marco@otc.org.

Provincial government to merge Metrolinx and GO Transit

In a bid to boost the speed of public transit development in the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario is looking to merge GO Transit with the Metrolinx transit planning agency.

Transportation Minister Jim Bradley introduced legislation on March 30 to accomplish just that and to replace politicians on the Metrolinx board with experts in order to get projects going more quickly.

Bradley said the new law, called the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area Transit Implementation Act, would "help get shovels in the ground faster" on a number of projects, such as light rail lines.

Under the proposed *Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area Transit Implementation Act, 2009*, the Ontario government would appoint a new board including experts in planning, finance and development to implement the Regional Transportation Plan as fast as possible.

Merging Metrolinx, until now strictly an agency for planning future transportation, with GO will help because the rail service is experienced in actually operating a transit service, Bradley said.

