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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 1, Niagara Region

Parking: June 15, Hamilton Crowne Plaza hotel

Traffic Engineering: June 7, Ambassador Hotel, Kingston

Transportation Planning: June 26, TBD

Traffic Training Course committee: September 22, Waterloo Regional Police office

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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.

Last Chance to Register for AGM!

The 2009 OTC Annual Conference is ready to take Kingston by storm! Taking place from June 7-9, 2009, at the Ambassador Hotel, the event is an opportunity for Ontario's traffic sector to come meet.

The full 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! The Supplier Showcase is now SOLD OUT!

This is your last chance to register as individual delegates as our deadline is this Wednesday, June 3rd at 5pm.

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

OTC Transportation Planning Committee Needs You!

The Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) is looking for professionals who have an interest in transportation planning matters, workshops and policy development.

The TPC was formed to work on current traffic and transportation planning issues. The TPC meets formally about four to five times per year, with conference calls to maintain communications in the interim.

If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact the TPC Chair, David Angelakis at info@otc.org

OTC presents at MTO stakeholder hearings

The OTC Legislation & Enforcement Committee drafted a statement on Bills 118 and 126 which was presented to a Legislative Assembly committee by ED Marco D'Angelo on March 11.

MPPs welcomed the views of the OTC and the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation, Linda Jeffrey (Liberal – Brampton) singled out the OTC at committee on April 1 for thanks.

The OTC presentation covered the role of police officers in enforcing a handheld device ban, the need for

greater regulation for e-bikes and calling for an end to medical letters to exempt individuals from wearing a seatbelt.

The presentation also recommended an education campaign to inform the public about 'Move Over' legislation.

On May 27, the OTC participated in a stakeholder roundtable at MTO to discuss possible regulatory exemptions for devices used by municipal employees such as 2-way radios and touchscreen devices.

Police, fire and ambulance are already exempted from the ban.

MTO will release regulations on exempted devices later this year.



Book 7 Training—London

The OTC will be offering a full-day training session on Book 7 on June 16 in London at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. Breakfast, lunch and free parking are included.

The cost for members is \$159+gst and \$189+gst for non-members.

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

If your municipality would like to host a session, please contact marco@otc.org.

Parking Workshop—Sept 20-22

The OTC wishes to invite you to attend the Parking Workshop and Supplier Showcase which will be taking place from Sept. 20—22 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Hamilton. EARLY BIRD rates are available until June 30.

This event will give delegates the opportunity to learn from informative speakers, network with colleagues in the parking industry and see the latest in equipment and technology.

Please see the OTC website for more information. <http://otc.org/workshops.cfm?eventid=42>