

Good Roads

Managing Winter Operations
Workshop



Agenda

Thursday, October 21
8am – 5pm
Mississauga Grand Banquet Centre
35 Brunel Rd, Mississauga, ON L4Z 3E8

- 08:00 **Welcoming Remarks**
Dave Burton
- 08:10 **COVID-19: The Silver Linings**
This session is designed to concentrate on the silver linings of the COVID pandemic from the angle of human resources, health and safety, and hybrid workforce.
- 08:35 **Declaring a Significant Weather Event**
In this session, we will hear about how municipalities can manually declare significant weather events and how it can be declared using Municipal511.
- 09:05 **What is Your Public Communications Strategy?**
Communicating with the public - A guide to engaging and educating your staff and residents about the snow removal process.
- 09:35 **Plowing the Maze (Bike Lanes, Sidewalks, Rail Crossings, and Cul-de-Sac)**
We will explore some of the winter operations challenges that come with the maze created by active transportation. Plus, operation challenges related to bridges, railways crossings, and cul-de-sacs.
- 10:15 **Break**
- 10:30 **Is that a Robot on the Sidewalk?**
With municipal staff time already stretched thin, we discuss the City of Belleville's recent pilot project with sidewalk robots to help alleviate maintenance issues.
- 11:10 **Where is the Climate Taking Us Next?**
Climate change has created significant issues for municipal infrastructure and winter conditions. We hear from an experts about its impacts and what we can expect in the future.

- 11:40 **Let's Solve Salt: Adding Liquid Goes a Long Way**
Introduction to the Ontario Road Salt Management Advisory Committee (ORSMAC), plus we highlight the benefits of using Direct Liquid Application (DLA), to help maximize benefits of salt in winter operations.
- 12:25 **Lunch**
- 13:25 **Fireside Chat: Canada-Ontario-Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health**
In this session, an overview of the agreement "Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health" will be presented.
- 13:45 **PANEL: The "L-ephant" in the Room: Navigating Winter Operations from the Liability Lens**
Liability insurance is aggressively impacting the winter operations industry. We dive into the conditions that municipalities and contractors are facing and the work being done to help voice municipal concerns forward.
- 14:25 **Level of Service for Municipal Parking Lots**
As parking lots are not covered by MMS, levels of service are often different from that of roads. We go into challenges and opportunities in parking lot snow operations from both municipal and private sector.
- 15:05 **Break**
- 15:20 **PANEL: How to Deal with Mass Retirement / Succession Planning, Expected after COVID-19**
This panel will discuss the importance of succession planning in detail, sharing their experience and guidance on what steps can be taken to be better prepare for staffing changes.
- 16:00 **PANEL: Burning Questions: Ask Me Anything**
Speakers representing various stakeholder sectors will come together to help answer any attendee questions, LIVE! Anything goes, as long as it is related to winter operations in Ontario!
- 16:45 **Closing Remarks**
Scott Butler