



The Corporation of the Township of Brock

Councillor Conference Report

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Date: **Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

Conference Name

Good Roads Conference

Conference Date and Location

Sunday, April 21-24th Toronto

Key Learnings

Monday April 22, 2024

Opening ceremonies main conference room

- Welcome message from Mayor Chow
Speech from the Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
- Ontario Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria will speak to delegates about the role the provincial government is playing in ensuring a robust and skilled workforce across the province.

Spent time with the exhibitors

Then delegation meeting with the Minister of transportation.

Tuesday April 23, 2024

Fireside Chat with Premier Doug Ford

- Premier Doug Ford will deliver remarks then sit down with Good Roads Executive Director Scott Butler to discuss the province's most pressing issues.

Seminars:

- **Advancing Road Safety: Harnessing the Power of Camera Technology**
 - In recent years, advancements in camera technology have revolutionized road safety measures, offering unparalleled opportunities for enhancing traffic management and reducing crashes. This session delves into the pivotal role of road safety cameras, specifically automated speed enforcement systems and school bus arm cameras. Experts from across the transportation industry will explore the effectiveness of these technologies in enforcing speed limits, deterring reckless driving behaviors, and safeguarding vulnerable road users, especially children commuting to school. Attendees will gain insights into the implementation strategies, operational challenges, and the impact of these camera systems on overall road safety.
- **Safer Journeys: Enhancing Rural Road Safety**
 - Rural roads pose unique challenges for transportation safety, often characterized by varying conditions, limited resources, and longer emergency response times. This session will explore the complexities of rural road safety and highlight innovative strategies for reducing accidents, injuries, and fatalities in rural communities.
 - Transportation professionals, safety experts, and community leaders will share insights into the key factors contributing to rural road crashes, from roadway design and maintenance issues to driver behavior and emergency response capabilities. Through case studies and best practices, attendees will gain valuable knowledge on effective interventions and collaborative approaches to improving safety on rural roads.
- **Dangerous by Design**
 - The design of transportation infrastructure plays a pivotal role in ensuring the safety of road users. However, inadequacies and deficiencies in design can lead to tragic consequences, resulting in fatalities and serious injuries. This session will shine a spotlight on the critical issue of dangerous infrastructure design within our transportation systems and explore strategies for mitigating risks and improving safety outcomes.

Wednesday April 24, 2024

Speaker: Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

- Ontario Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma spoke to delegates about the role the provincial government is playing in municipal infrastructure.

Conclusion

This conference was more informative than last years. I went to the conference with a purpose to look for ways to make our roads safer. And like last year I was able to meet friends and network with.

Recommendations


Received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

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