



The Corporation of the Township of Brock

Councillor Conference Report

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Date: Monday, April 17, 2023

Conference Name

Good Roads

Conference Date and Location

April 16 to April 19, 2023

Key Learnings

Monday 17, April 2023

Brent Toderian Keynote Speaker

Brent has over 30 years of experience working on urban design and transportation projects in cities around the world, including Vancouver and Calgary. He is also the founder of the urbanism consultancy, TODERIAN Urban WORKS, and a sought-after speaker and commentator on urban issues.

Brent was very informative in his lecture speaking on how you can make roads more productive and safer for both vehicle and pedestrian.

Next Session was Keeping Up with Queen's Park

Changes from Queen's Park have characterized the provincial-municipal relationship over the past eight months. The province has taken a fast and furious approach thus far, and there's no signs of slowing down.

I listened to a panel of political insiders on what's behind all these changes, how to effectively engage with the province, and what comes next.

The Panel consisted of.

Christine McMillan a partner of Crestview Strategy based in Ottawa.

Erin Bonokoski VP of Crestview Strategy based in Ottawa.

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Rob Gilmour VP of Crestview Strategy based in Toronto.

The panel was very informative on how to try to bring change to the Ontario government and how important local municipal are.

Next speaker was Caroline Mulroney Hon. Minister of Transportation

Ontario Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney talked to delegates about the role the provincial government is playing in the municipal transportation sector. Minister Mulroney highlighted the ongoing projects and projects that are on the books for the future. Minister Mulroney spoke about the need to increase public transportation. There was no question-and-answer segment to the Minister speech.

Next Session.

Which Comes First Emergency Preparedness or Disaster Recovery
Speakers were.

Michael Papadacos- Asset Management and Capital Planning Division for the city of Peterborough

Michael talked about the 2004 flooding that happened in Peterborough. How they put money in the budget every year for flood prevention.

Jake Gravelle- Area Manager Roads Services Public Works

Jake talked about 2022 Storm that hit the Ottawa area. With server wind that knocked power out in Ottawa and how they had to clear the roadways so emergency vehicles could respond to 911 calls. The city of Ottawa is still cleaning up after that storm.

Rick Bernard- City of Brampton Emergency Management Manager

Talked about the ice break up those flooded houses in the flood plain.
All the speakers talked up how the weather is changing the severity of the natural disasters.

Tuesday 18, April 2023

Keynote Speaker. Kenn Beer, Safe System Solutions

Ken talked about one of the biggest misconceptions associated with road safety is that driver behaviour is to blame for the death and serious injury on our roads. While past crash causation studies focused on road user behaviour, and pinpoint the cause of crashes on road users, contemporary practice is to understand where the road design, vehicle and speed could have prevented the crash, and more importantly the severity outcome of the crash. This approach understands the human-machine-environment system, and recognizes that humans make mistakes on the road, but this does not need to lead to death and serious injury.

Road safety engineering and road safety auditing are world leading practices that investigate the systemic failures of the road and street network that lead to serious crashes. This presentation will focus on best practice processes from around the world in engineering the road environment to reduce crash likelihood and minimize the severity of any crashes that still occur.

I found Kens talk very interesting informative he shows a different idea on how to build roads.

Next session was,

What to Expect. Setting the stage for Success for New Councillors

Presenter was Fred Dean- Principal Amberley Gavel LTD.

Fred has experienced in training for elected officials and appointed staff, both provide a one of a kind orientation for newly elected councillors. The topic talked about your responsibilities as an elected official as well as strategies for a successful term.

As a new Councillor it was good to hear Fred say everything that was covered in my many training sessions in Brock.

Next session was panel discussion.

The panel discussion was centred on roads being built to move cars as fast as possible without taken in account on making them safer for everyone using them. They discussed road when they are built better and safer, they have proven to move more people.

Wednesday April 19, 2023

A fireside chat with the leader of the Green Mike Schreiner

Mike Schreiner outlined the Green Party of Ontario's concerns with the government's current approach and lay out how a Green Party government would do things differently.

The Green Party was the last party to speak at the convention and basically after hearing all the leaders speak, I have a better understanding how the parties think.

Conclusion

I feel that this conference was informative and interesting. Not only were the sessions well done and ran smoothly but it was a great opportunity to meet people and network with your peers.

Recommendations

Received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

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