



## 2018 OGRA Conference - Program at a Glance

### Sunday, February 25

11AM - 12:30 PM

Meeting of OGRA Board of Directors  
Algonquin Room, Main Mezzanine

Final meeting of the 2017-2018 OGRA Board of Directors

11AM - 12:30 PM

OGRA Advisory Board of Past Presidents  
Quebec Room, Main Mezzanine

2018 Meeting of the Advisory Board of Past Presidents. (CLOSED MEETING)

12:30 - 1:30 PM

Quebec Room, Main Mezzanine

Joint Meeting of OGRA Board of Directors and Advisory Board of Past Presidents

The joint meeting of OGRA Board of Directors and Advisory Board of Past Presidents (CLOSED MEETING)

1:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Salon A, Convention Level

Registration

Conference registration is located in Salon A, Convention Level. Exit the main elevators and turn left and look for the signs on your right.

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Small Town Forum IV – Small Town and Multi-Modal Networks Design Guide: An FHWA document in Canada**

The new Small Town and Rural Multimodal Networks Design Guide translates existing street design guidance and facility types for bicycle and pedestrian safety and comfort to the small town and rural context. The guide published by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) presents compelling photographs, visual illustrations, and technical diagrams to communicate design issues, network analyses and solutions in a small town setting. Paired with the design guidance for each facility type is a representative case study, telling the story of a small community's success at implementing multimodal facilities in a non-urban context. Alta Planning + Design had a lead role in the creation of the Guide. This training workshop will include material from the Guide in the Canadian context. The session will be led by Alta staff, including Kate Whitfield from the Ottawa office and Kim Voros, Alta's GIS Manager, from Seattle, Washington.



**2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Road Building Technical Session**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

**2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**OGRA's Emerging Municipal Leaders Forum**

Municipal governments have the most significant impact on the day-to-day lives of citizens. They provide the essential services that are key to maintaining a high quality of life. Surprisingly, the importance of municipalities continues to be overlooked. This is very much the case with students considering their future career options.

The Emerging Municipal Leaders Forum hopes to change that.

As part of the 2018 OGRA Conference, students, recent grads, and interns will have the opportunity to speak directly with municipal leaders about the important work they do every day. The Emerging Municipal Leaders Forum will feature a panel of leaders from both the elected and staff sides of municipal government. These individuals will share their thoughts and experiences with students interested in a career at the local level. Students in attendance will hear what it takes to succeed and learn how the industry is evolving. A significant amount of time will be allocated for questions.

The panel discussion will be followed by a networking session. Students will have the opportunity to talk to municipal leaders looking to speak directly to those interested in a career in municipal government. Students interested in public policy, geography, law, planning, economics, engineering, communication, social sciences, and public office are encouraged to register and come prepared with questions for discussion.

**3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Trade Show**

**Convention Level and Main Mezzanine**

The OGRA trade show boasts 130 exhibitors serving the municipal sector. Plan to take some time during the conference to visit our exhibitors. Booths can be found on the Convention Floor, Ballroom, Salon B, Concert Hall, and on the Main Mezzanine.

**5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Opening Reception**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**



## Monday, February 26

**7:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Registration**

**Salon A, Convention Level**

Conference registration is located in Salon A, Convention Level. Exit the main elevators and turn left and look for the signs on your right.

**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**

**Convention Level and Main Mezzanine**

**Grab and Go Breakfast**

**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Trade Show**

**Convention Level and Main Mezzanine**

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**8:45 AM - 8:55 AM**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

Ken Lauppe, Manager, Road Operations, Public Works & Engineering, City of Brampton and OGRA President will welcome the delegates to the 2018 Conference.

**8:55 AM - 9:55 AM**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

**Keynote: Janette Sadik-Khan**

Janette Sadik-Khan is one of the world's foremost authorities on transportation and urban transformation. She served as New York City's transportation commissioner from 2007 to 2013 under Mayor Michael Bloomberg, overseeing historic changes to the city's streets—closing Broadway to cars in Times Square, building nearly 400 miles of bike lanes and seven rapid bus lines, launching the largest bike share program in North America and creating more than 60 plazas citywide. A founding principal with Bloomberg Associates, she works with mayors around the world to reimagine and redesign their cities. She chairs the National Association of Transportation Officials, implementing new, people-focused street design standards, including the Global Street Design Guide, which has been adopted by 54 cities and organizations around the world. She is the author of *Streetfight: Handbook for an Urban Revolution*.



**9:55 - 10:00 AM**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

**OGRA Shift Disturber I - Adam Donaldson, Guelph Politico**

How do you cover City Hall when the local broadsheet closes? Following the shuttering of the Guelph Mercury, Adam Donaldson established himself as a one-person "Go-to" source for city hall observers. His story is an important lesson about why journalists remain critical in the digital age.

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**British Columbia Room, Main Mezzanine**

**TECHNICAL BRIEFING SEMINAR: Cold In-Place Recycling of Asphalt Pavements**

Roads are the highest dollar-value asset in any municipality. Yet too often, roads are left to deteriorate until the only option is reconstruction. Learn how pavement preservation & recycling keep good roads good, while saving money and ending bumpy rides. This seminar will explore technical, economic, and social aspects of base stabilization, surface treatment, micro-surfacing, CCAP, and Cold In-Place Recycling. Participants will leave with a full toolbox of options to stretch their roadbuilding dollar by applying the right treatment to the right road at the right time.

**10:05 AM - 10:35 AM**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

**Keynote: Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario (Invited)**

**10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Time with Exhibitors**

**Convention Level and Main Mezzanine Coffee Break**

130 Exhibitors are waiting to speak with you. Grab a coffee and tour the exhibit halls.

### **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

**11:15 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Locations TBD**

**After the OMB - What Bill 139 Means for Municipalities**

Bill 139 is a once in a generation reform of Ontario's planning framework. It is poised to usher in a new framework that will guide municipal planning by eliminating de novo hearings and strengthening council's decision making.

**Bill 68 in Action**

Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017 was passed earlier this year. This bill significantly revised the legislation governing municipalities. It has a number of implications for how municipalities will be responsible for conducting their affairs moving forward. This workshop will examine some of the key parts of the bill and discuss how to navigate these changes.



### **Designing Vision Zero Streets**

Throughout the world, communities of every size are pursuing 'Vision Zero' initiatives that will make dramatic changes to how streets and intersections are designed. Learn how these cutting edge practices can be applied.

### **Asset Management I**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

### **Dirty Business - The Management of Excess Soils in Ontario**

Currently, there is legitimate uncertainty about Ontario's excess soils agenda. Best Management Practices, market-driven excess soil handling approaches, and a new regulatory regime about some of the solutions have been discussed. Municipalities, particularly those with significant infrastructure projects, will want to learn about the government's plans for managing excess soil.

**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

#### **TECHNICAL BRIEFING SEMINAR II**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

**2:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

**Keynote (TBD)**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**AORS Annual General Meeting**

**Imperial Room, Lobby Level**

**2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

#### **TECHNICAL BRIEFING SEMINAR III**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.



**2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

**Plenary Panel - Rust Belt to Brain Belt**

For years, Ontarians have been led to believe that traditional manufacturing was a race to the bottom. Maintaining a competitive manufacturing company meant making things as cheaply as possible in low-cost overseas factories. Antoine van Agtmael doesn't buy this argument. With his co-researcher Fred Bakker, van Agtmael crisscrossed the globe and found that the economic tide is beginning to shift from its obsession with cheap goods to the production of smart ones. In their book, *The Smartest Places on Earth*, van Agtmael and Bakker analyzed the evolving factors that are transforming former "rustbelt" communities into "brainbelt" centres of design and innovation. Following a short keynote, Mr. van Agtmael will be joined by an all-star panel to discuss the implications for Ontario.

**3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

**TECHNICAL BRIEFING SEMINAR IV**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

**3:30 PM - 3:40 PM**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

**OGRA Shift Disturber II: Yvonne Su, Vote Savvy**

Yvonne Su is the founder of Vote Savvy an organization that started the viral "vote mobs" phenomenon and encouraging democratic participation among youth. Rick Mercer was moved to say "Youth voter turnout is a critical issue facing our democracy. Yvonne's vote mobs change voting from simple civic duty to super fun, social activity and the results speak for themselves. The future of Canadian democracy is bright."

**3:40 PM - 4:10 PM**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

**Keynote: Patrick Brown, Leader of Ontario PC Party**

**4:10 PM - 4:20 PM**

**OGRA Shift Disturber III**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

**4:20 PM - 4:50 PM**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

**Keynote: Andrea Horwath, Leader, Ontario NDP**

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## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**7:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Registration**

**Salon A, Convention Level**

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**8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

**Foyer, Convention Level**

**Hot Breakfast**

**8:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Trade Show**

**Convention Level and Main Mezzanine**

**8:45 AM - 9:00 AM**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

**OGRA Annual General Meeting**

Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Good Roads Association. All delegates from member municipalities and First Nations are eligible to vote.

**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

**Keynote: Paul Smetanin, CEO, Canadian Center for Economic Analysis**

The Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis (CANCEA) has examined the complex demand and supply factors affecting housing affordability in Ontario. Led by Mr. Paul Smetanin, the CANCEA team's ground-breaking "big data" housing analysis examines the multiple forces working together to influence the housing market. Their agent-based research framework more broadly identifies and connects the high-profile and the lesser known factors affecting housing availability.

**9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

**TECHNICAL BRIEFING SEMINAR IV**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

**10:00 AM - 10:10 AM**

**OGRA Shift Disturber IV**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.



10:10 AM - 10:30AM

**Keynote**

Canadian Room, Convention Level

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

**Coffee Break**

Convention Level, Main Mezzanine and Lobby

Coffee stations are available at all workshops.

**CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Locations TBD

**Asset Management II**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

**Building Effective of Rural Transit Options**

A number of entrepreneurial municipalities are experimenting with initiatives that overcome the expense and complexity of providing transit in rural and remote communities. This session will profile examples that are enhancing and strengthening the quality of life in communities by developing regional transportation models.

**Bill 142, Construction Lien Amendment Act, 2017**

The laws that have governed construction contracts for more than 30 years are being changed and these changes have significant implications for Ontario municipalities. This will be your first opportunity to understand how this legislation will change how business is conducted in your municipality.

**Emergency Management**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

**Infrastructure Project Bundling**

Recently, OGRA in collaboration with like-minded stakeholders and the government has started a process to pilot the feasibility of project bundling. To date approximately 25 municipalities have agreed to participate in this initiative. The session will focus on the benefits that your municipality can realize by participating in this project.



11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Elections, OGRA Board of Directors (If required)  
Salon A, Convention Floor

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Canadian Room, Convention Level  
OGRA Awards Luncheon

The Ontario Good Roads Association's annual Awards Luncheon recognizes employees who have given long years of service in the cause of good roads. This is a ticketed event. Tickets may be purchased until 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2018 in the Registration Area, Salon A, Convention Level.

**2:00 PM - 3:15 PM**

**CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

**Locations TBD**

#### **Municipalities in the Age of Legalized Cannabis**

The introduction of Bill 174, Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017 is the Government of Ontario's response to legalization of cannabis by the federal government. This omnibus legislation will have impacts on business, public health and road safety.

#### **Northern Ontario Multimodal Transportation Strategy**

The Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Northern Development and Mines have developed the Draft 2041 Northern Ontario Multimodal Transportation Strategy (NOMTS) to support the implementation of the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, and economic development in Northern Ontario. This Strategy aims to address the needs and opportunities for all transportation modes, including roads, winter roads, rail, air, and waterways. The ultimate purpose of NOMTS is to guide transportation policy, program, and investment opportunities for a modern and sustainable transportation system in Northern Ontario.

#### **Municipalities and the Carbon Market**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

#### **Asset Management III**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

#### **Reforming the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process**

The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process is adding considerable time and cost to municipal infrastructure projects. Municipalities are waiting on the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) to act on an Application For Review (AFR) of the MCEA process. MOECC has agreed that a comprehensive review of the MCEA process will be underway in the coming months with expected completion in December 2018.



**2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**TECHNICAL BRIEFING SEMINAR**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

**3:30 PM - 3:40 PM**

**OGRA Shift Disturber V**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

**3:40 PM - 4:25 PM**

**Ministerial Fireside Chat**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

**4:25 PM - 4:45 PM**

**Keynote (TBD)**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

Information will be available in the coming weeks.

**7:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**OGRA Social**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

It was the time of the MTV music video and pop acts like Michael Jackson, Madonna and Duran Duran. E.T. and Back to the Future made its debut as did Indiana Jones and Axel Foley and who could forget Crockett and Tubbs in Miami Vice. PAC-Man was all the rage and the first Nintendo gaming unit was released. It was the time of the "me" generation, parachute pants and "big hair". Yes, I'm talking about the 80's and who better than to bring that era back in style than The Mojo Kings. Plan to join these award winning musicians on Tuesday evening for some great food, great friends and a whole lotta great music – break dancing optional.

**Wednesday, February 28**

**7:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Registration**

**Salon A, Convention Level**

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**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**

**Hot Breakfast**

**Foyer, Convention Level**

**8:45 AM - 8:50 AM**

**Prize Draw #1- (TBD)**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

**8:50 AM - 9:00 AM**

**Installation of OGRA President**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

Outgoing OGRA President Ken Laupé, Manager, Road Operations, Public Works & Engineering, City of Brampton will pass the gavel to incoming President Chris Traini, County Engineer, County of Middlesex

**9:00 AM - 9:10 AM**

**OGRA Shift Disturber VI**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

The 2018 Ontario General Election

Ontarians go to the polls on June 7 to elect a new provincial government. A lot has changed since the last election in 2014. This expert panel will look at the issues and personalities that will shape the election and what should prove to be a memorable campaign.

**9:10 AM - 10:00 AM**

**The Final Word**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

The Final Word provides an opportunity to have your most vexing municipal government questions answered by an all-star roster of experts in the fields of administration, planning, law, construction, drainage, public works and more.

Be sure to submit your written questions in Registration (Salon A) on Monday and Tuesday.

**10:00 AM - 11:15 AM**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

**Prize Draw #2 - TBD**

**11:15 AM - 11:20 AM**

**Closing Session**

**Canadian Room, Convention Level**

As the 2018 OGRA Conference comes to an end we want to thank all the delegates, sponsors, exhibitors and speakers for participating. Be sure to look for our annual conference evaluation survey in your inbox.



**PLEASE NOTE:**

The 2019 OGRA conference will be held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel from February 24 - 27, 2019.

The 2020 OGRA Conference will be held back at the Fairmont Royal York from February 23 – 26, 2020.

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