

December 2017 Newsletter

Message from the Chair

Winter is here! Although average temperature are creeping up slowly, as the past few years have demonstrated, the frequency and severity of extreme weather is increasing. This drives risk and cost pressures on the services that support our communities.

In addition to climate change, pressures such as aging infrastructure, staff retirement, and increasing (and decreasing) populations mean we must plan strategically and methodically. Are you ready?

Beginning at our next working group, we will be exploring specific topics as part of our roundtable discussions that help us make and defend asset management decisions.

2018 Asset Management Ontario Program to be released in December!

Over the past few months, the leadership team has been hard at work and I am happy to announce that we have been successful in securing financial resources and partnerships to enable our draft 2018 program. Here's a sneak peek at what may be included:

- Access to more frequent Working Group sessions and locations across Ontario
- On-demand asset management feedback
- Searchable database of asset management work samples, templates, toolkits and guides
- Facilitated Ontario-wide benchmarking
- In-depth full-day workshops

In the coming weeks, we will be reaching out to our delivery teams (yes, that includes our many volunteers) to finalize these plans and I hope to share a final program with you in December.

AM Ontario will be exchanging lessons learned and asset management resources with Communities of Practice across Canada

Sponsored through the Municipal Asset Management Program, which is delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and funded by the Government of Canada, Asset Management Communities of Practice from across Canada recently met in Quebec City and agreed in principle to share our lessons learned, collaborate where opportunities exist and to establish a harmonized voice for public sector asset management.

As this alliance matures over the next year, expect to see improved nation-wide access to best practices, practitioners and asset management resources!

Next working group scheduled for December 11th in the Town of Oakville!

The Town of Oakville has generously offered to host our next working group.

On the agenda, we have exciting presentations including lessons learned from Oakville's asset management journey and an update from the Ministry of Infrastructure on the Asset Management Planning Regulation. Be sure to attend!

Seeking volunteers & working group sponsors

Finally, as you know, Asset Management Ontario relies on the generosity of our community to offer free working groups and resources. Since the last meeting, we have continued to receive strong support for both individuals and municipalities offering help and sponsorship. If you or your community is interested in volunteering or hosting us, please give me a shout!

Curtis Ching,
Chair, Asset Management Ontario

About the Hosts: Town of Oakville

The Town of Oakville has been on the Asset Management journey for about 10 years. Within this journey a culture is starting to develop that recognizes the importance of asset management competencies and processes.

The Town of Oakville has a centralized Asset Registry. This registry is part of our ERP system (JDE). Although several best of breed solutions were considered ultimately the ERP system was selected because of the ability to have visibility of all asset related information including costs. The truth only comes from one source – JDE, enabling a greater reliance on a corporate-wide asset information repository for decision making.

Currently, we have just completed our asset management plan for all asset classes (Fleet, Equipment, Facilities, Road Network, Environmental Network, Land Improvement). In 2018 our primary focus will be to develop a Level of Service Framework, document asset Management processes and to better incorporate asset management competencies throughout the organization.

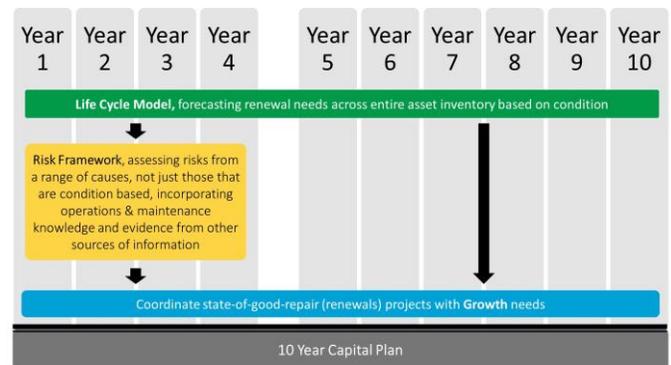


About the Hosts: Halton Region

Halton Region developed its Asset Management Framework in 2015, which included a number of strategic projects. In 2016, the first strategic project developed a LOS and risk framework. In 2016/2017, the second strategic project developed tools and procedures to assist in operationalizing the asset management business processes within Public Works, including LOS, risk, and lifecycle management. The AM processes developed in this project enabled a clear line of sight between capital budgets and customer outcomes as follows:

- Customer LOS objectives developed in this project capture all the social/environmental quality of life objectives for Halton’s water, wastewater, waste management, and road services.
- Customer LOS objectives are quantified in the risk framework as consequences of failure.
- Risks with high consequences to customers and likely to occur in the next 4 years are mitigated and prioritized for investment early in the 10-year capital plan.

In 2017, Halton produced its first 10 Year state-of-good repair capital budget prepared from asset management principles for all Halton Public Works Assets, with a direct line of sight between customer outcomes and capital investments.



Attending the Working Group

Attendance at Asset Management Ontario Working Groups limited to municipal staff but is offered at no cost to participants.

Please visit the [Member Resources](#) section of our website for access to presentation material and conference call information.

Please RSVP to curtisching@amontario.ca

Working Group Agenda

Town of Oakville Offices
1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON

December 11, 2017
Start time: 10:00am sharp

Welcome & Introduction

Shawn Boast
Manager, Asset Management, Town of Oakville
&
Curtis Ching
Chair, Asset Management Ontario

Host Presentation: Town of Oakville

Shawn Boast
Manager, Asset Management, Town of Oakville

Asset Management Planning Regulation Update

Joshua McCann
Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Infrastructure

Asset Management Ontario Update *Communities of Practice & 2018 Program*

Curtis Ching
Chair, AM Ontario
&
Sam Sidawi
*Vice-Chair, AM Ontario / Manager, Asset Management,
City of Hamilton*

LUNCH & NETWORKING Thank you to the Town of Oakville

Host Presentation: Halton Region

Daniel Olsen
Senior Project Manager, Asset Planning, Halton Region

Roundtable Discussion

Effective use of Levels of Service & Best Practices

Daryush Esmaili
Manager, Corporate Asset Management, City of Guelph

Annual General Meeting and Next Meeting

Vanessa Chau
*Communications, AM Ontario / Manager, Corporate
Asset Management, City of Brampton*
&
Leanne Brannigan
*Past-Chair, AM Ontario / Asset Management Advisor,
Corporate Asset Management, Peel Region*

Year-End Networking Event

Location with beverages TBD

Upcoming Events

- AMCTO/MFOA Finance Forum – December 1, 2017
- AM Ontario Working Group, Ottawa – Q1 2018
- AM Ontario Working Group, GTHA – Q1 2018
- FCM Sustainable Communities Conference – Feb 2018
- Small Municipalities Workshop, North Middlesex- Q2 2018
- CNAM Conference – May 2018
- Annual General Meeting – June 2018