

# Good Roads

Managing Winter Operations  
Workshop



# Agenda

Thursday, October 26  
730am – 4pm  
Mississauga Grand Banquet Centre  
35 Brunel Rd, Mississauga, ON L4Z 3E8

07:30 Breakfast / Exhibition Hall

08:00 Welcoming Remarks  
John Parsons

08:05 Read Forecasts Like a Meteorologist  
Given our changing climate which now has been officially recognized, staff need to become more diligent in monitoring weather forecasts beyond the MMS requirements.

08:40 Plows with mobile weather stations (TBD)

09:10 Reduced Load Periods Program  
An introduction to the RLP model, its purpose and more.

09:30 Break - Sponsored by Viking-Cives  
Exhibition Hall, networking time.

09:50 Snow Plow Inspection  
The importance of inspecting and maintaining the vehicle and records.

10:30 Dealing with the Public  
Confrontations between the public and public works employees is increasing. How can we reduce these issues to keep our employees safe.

11:15 Active Transportation Maintenance Challenges  
Like it or not, we're stuck with it. Therefore it's so important to have a seat at the planning stage to outline operational concerns and budget accordingly for the appropriate resources.

11:50 Lunch  
Exhibition Hall, networking time.

12:50 MMS Review To Date  
What direction are we heading? What are we looking at? What do they think? Here is what is on the horizon that needs to be addressed.

13:20 Defending Lawsuits  
Almost every roads manager has to participate in Discoveries. Some have to appear in court. What will they need to defend themselves and their work.

14:00 Attracting Winter Operations Staff  
Almost every municipality has staffing challenges in the winter. Lets look at the various methods municipalities are using to mitigate this issue.

14:20 Break  
Exhibition Hall, networking time.

14:40 Salt Management (TBD)  
Salt management plans often conflict with Council's desire to satisfy its residents. This puts PW staff in a difficult position of doing what's right vs what is politically expedient.

15:15 Balancing Service Delivery  
We can't always rely on contractors, but managing in-house operations is no walk in the park either. We will look at what 3 different municipalities are doing to balance their winter operations.

15:55 Closing Remarks/Draw Prize  
Thomas Barakat (Emcee)