



The WEO / OWWA Asset Management Committee Presents  
The Webinar Series

**A PRIMER: ASSET MANAGEMENT AND BUILDING ONTARIO PROVINCIAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

Through the Ontario Government's ***Building Ontario: Municipal Infrastructure Strategy*** the province has recently dedicated \$60 million dollars over the next three years through its Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII). The funding has been identified to help municipalities identify and prioritize their infrastructure needs and fund critical projects. A cornerstone of the strategy and the MIII funding is a new requirement for long-term asset management planning by municipalities. Municipalities seeking provincial capital funding will now be required to submit a detailed asset management plan.

This Webinar is one in a series intended to reach out to smaller communities that may be resource-limited, to provide knowledge, practical tools, resources, and case studies intended to provide guidance in the development of detailed asset management plans sufficient for MIII provincial funding requirements. These webinars will also allow participants to gain valuable insight into sustainable infrastructure planning techniques, tools and processes via the shared experiences of committee members, consultants and more importantly municipal leaders of small communities who have recognized the value of asset management planning for capital and maintenance investment planning.

**Keynote Speaker:** Mr. Chris Giannikos, **Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure** will be speaking at the top of the webinar and will be providing an overview of the Ministry, its mandate and commitment to promoting the management of infrastructure in Ontario. Mr. Giannikos will be outlining details of the new Municipal Infrastructure Strategy and grant program and will have a Ministry representative available for questions at the end of the session.

**Who Should Attend:**

Treasurers, CAO's, Finance and Accounting, Engineers, Asset Managers and Planners: Those interested in learning first hand from the experience of municipal managers on the front line of Asset Management

**Registration:**

Registration is available online at <http://www.weao.org/>

Cost: \$50 (plus applicable taxes) per computer

Date: Thursday November 22, 2012

Start Time: 12:00 noon

For general questions regarding the Asset Management Committee or additional details for this Webinar, please contact Dean Rurak at, [deanr@profe.ca](mailto:deanr@profe.ca).



Session Line-Up		
Time	Presenter	Session Description
12:00	Dean Rurak, WEAO/OWWA Asset Management Chair	<b>Introduction</b>
12:05-12:20	Chris Giannikos, Assistant Deputy Minister Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure	<b>Overview of the Ministry and Mill Program</b> Overview of the Ministry, its mandate and commitment to promoting the management of infrastructure in Ontario. Details on the new Municipal Infrastructure Strategy and grant program will be provided
12:20-12:35	Mike Hauser, Director of Asset Management and Support Services City of Cambridge (or James Jorgensen)	<b>Leading Asset Management Practices</b> The goal of Asset Management is to implement an integrated set of processes that minimize the lifecycle costs of owning, operating, and maintaining assets, at an acceptable level of risk, while continuously delivering established levels of service. A major challenge is ensuring that assets in poor or very poor condition get the attention they need and are not left to deteriorate to the point where they begin to have significant adverse impacts on levels of service. Asset Management principles used in the development of capital plans helps reduce risk by focusing limited resources on priority areas.
12:35-12:50	Daryush Esmaili Capital Planning Coordinator City of Brantford	<b>Technology to Support Asset Management Planning</b> The use of technology and software facilitates decision making and asset management; however having good practices and processes is a prerequisite before investing in software. An overview of the technology applications and the asset management process will be provided focusing on the relationship between the two and how to get the most out of your technology dollars.
12:50-1:05	Debbie Korolnek, Director of Engineering Services Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	<b>Asset Management Case Study</b> Bradford Town Council established a vision including balanced economic development, improving community service programs and providing infrastructure to meet current and future needs. As a small community the Town emphasizes the need to work collaboratively across all departments and undertook the development of an asset management strategy to document the vision for asset management, identify the information systems required to support the vision, and help determine the long term costs to sustain the assets they own. Debbie will discuss her experience leading the Town through this process.
1:05-1:20	<b>Question &amp; Answer Session</b>	
1:20-1:30	Dean Rurak	<b>Closing Remarks – Moving Forward</b>



Presenter	Biography
Dean Rurak, WEAO/OWWA Asset Management Chair	Mr. Rurak is the current chair of the Asset Management Committee and exceptional and extensive technical and business knowledge and experience in design, construction and management of municipal infrastructure primarily in the water & wastewater industry services. This includes the development of infrastructure and asset management programs including risk management and prioritization of capital budgets.
Chris Giannekos, Assistant Deputy Minister Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure	Mr. Giannekos is responsible for Infrastructure Policy and Planning. He joined the Ministry of Infrastructure in September 2011, after a number of senior positions in Cabinet Office and the Ministry of Transportation. Mr. Giannekos has over 20 years of experience in the Ontario Public Service. His current responsibilities include leading the provincial infrastructure planning process and capital budget development including central agency management and oversight of capital portfolios for ministries across government, the development of government wide asset management framework, municipal and economic infrastructure policy and working with the federal government on cost shared infrastructure programs. Mr. Giannekos holds an MBA and an MA in economics from Dalhousie University.
Mike Hauser, Director of Asset Management and Support Services City of Cambridge (or James Jorgensen)	Mr Mike Hausser, P.Eng has over 20 years' experience working in municipalities specializing in infrastructure Management, Geographic Information Systems, and technology. Mike and his team is currently leading an advanced Asset Management implementation in the City of Cambridge that is transitioning a highly re-active environment to a more pro-active, planned, and systematic approach to capital renewal, Operations, Maintenance, and Inspection programs through a combination of knowledge management, business process re-engineering, and technology.
Daryush Esmaili Capital Planning Coordinator City of Brantford	Mr. Esmaili is a Capital Planning Coordinator in the Facilities and Asset Management Department at the City of Brantford. He has experience in the public and private sectors, which includes the development and implementation of municipal infrastructure capital and operational planning methodologies and tools, prioritization frameworks, lifecycle and sustainability analyses, financial planning, condition assessments and project management. He has experience in the management of a wide range of asset classes that include linear and vertical road, water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, bridges, facilities, social housing and fleet. Mr. Esmaili holds an M.A.Sc in Infrastructure Engineering and Management from the University of Toronto.
Debbie Korolnek, P.Eng., Director of Engineering Services Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	Debbie Korolnek has worked almost 30 years in the field of municipal engineering. During the last 20 years, Debbie has held management positions in both upper and lower tier municipalities. She was the Director responsible for implementation of formal asset management for the Region of York's Water and Wastewater Services Department. In her current position as Director of Engineering Services for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, she is presently working with staff to develop a corporate wide asset management plan and strategy that will include water, wastewater, transportation, facilities and information technology assets.