

# Southern Alberta ITE Section

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## Annual Section Report - 2019



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Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers

Dear Ms. Salvini:

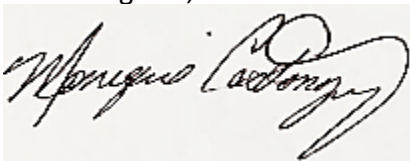
We proudly present our 2019 Annual Section Report for your review. Our Section continues its excellent participation with transportation professionals in Southern Alberta through numerous technical, social, and student activities. This year we continued to offer Complete Streets workshops to help practitioners gain new skills and develop additional insights around Complete Streets design philosophies and approaches. We also hosted eight regular monthly luncheon meetings, a technical tour focused on Calgary's 17 Avenue SE bus rapid transit, a summer social event and a December gala featuring a project poster competition.

We continued to actively support our local University of Calgary student chapter through assisting with advertising and participating in events. We also provide financial support for our students in general through reduced ticket pricing for our luncheons.

The financial state of the Section remains healthy with a balance of \$4,416.97 at year end. Use of the CITE website has contributed to this by reducing administrative costs associated with organizing our luncheons and events.

It was another successful year for our Section, made possible through hard work and dedication from our amazing members and Executive Team as well as support and guidance from our District Executive and our District Administrator, Steven Garner. We look forward to a great 2020!

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monique Carberry', is placed over a light gray rectangular background.

2019 President – Southern Alberta ITE Section

Cc: 2019 SA ITE Executive (Zoran Carkic - Vice President, Anne Cataford – Treasurer, Madhuri Seera – Secretary, Kari Fellows – Publicity Coordinator, Meera Kopp– Past President)



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# Section Executive

The Southern Alberta ITE Executive Elections were held in December 2018 with results announced at the January 2020 Annual General Meeting. All incumbent candidates and elected members, Madhuri Seera and Kari Fellows, assumed their new positions on the executive at that time. Meera Kopp assumed the role of Past President.

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## 2019 Executive Team

President	Monique Castonguay, P.Eng. City of Calgary
Vice President	Zoran Carkic, P.Eng. City of Calgary
Secretary	Madhuri Seera, P.Eng. City of Calgary
Treasurer	Anne Cataford, P.Eng, PMP City of Calgary
Publicity Coordinator	Kari Fellows, P.Eng, PTOE RSP1 CIMA+
Past President	Meera Kopp, P.Eng., PTOE McElhanney Consulting

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2019 SAITE Executive (L to R: Meera Kopp, Kari Fellows, Anne Cataford, Madhuri Seera, Zoran Carkic and Monique Castonguay)

# Section Membership

The Southern Alberta Section's membership and associated annual dues are summarized in the table below. The section had 297 members as of December 2019, a decrease of one from the previous year.

Membership Type	Membership	Percent	Section Annual Dues
Honorary Member	1	0.3	
Fellow	9	3.0	
Fellow Retired	1	0.3	
Member	87	29.3	\$30.00
Member Retired	1	0.3	
Public Agency Member	170	57.5	\$30.00
Students	28	9.4	
Total	297	100	

In line with ITE International's goal to increase membership, the Southern Alberta Section strives to increase local membership by:

- cross promoting events with organizations such as the Consulting Engineers of Alberta, the Centre for Transportation Engineering and Planning and the Alberta Professional Planners Institute,
- working with public agency members to ensure their staff are aware of opportunities to join ITE and the benefits of membership
- providing discounted memberships for public agency members, and
- allowing non-members to attend luncheons at a higher ticket cost to increase their exposure to ITE and their awareness of membership benefits.

# Section Finances

The balance of funds available at the beginning of the reporting period was \$4,596.60. Expenses and income over 2019 totaled \$20,255.84 and \$21,995.16 respectively, resulting in a year-end balance of \$4,416.97. The biggest income sources included luncheons/tours, \$13,636.76, and luncheon sponsorship, \$3,600.00. The biggest expense, \$18,238.11, was for catering and facility rental associated with luncheons and tours.

Activities	Income	Expenses
2018 Balance Carried Forward	<b>\$4,596.60</b>	
2018 City of Calgary Staff Attendance Reimbursement	\$ 3,945.00	
2018 Event November	\$ 300.00	
2018 ITESA Section Dues Distribution to Lethbridge		\$ (381.00)
2018 John Vardon Scholarship		\$ (500.00)
2018 Monthly Luncheons & Tours (Catering and Facilities)		\$ (4,482.95)
2018 Engineers Without Borders Donation		\$ (800.00)
<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$2,677.65</b>	
2019 Luncheon Sponsorship	\$ 3,600.00	
2019 Luncheons/Tours Revenue	\$ 13,636.76	
2019 City of Calgary Staff Attendance Reimbursement (pending \$1500)	\$ 2,265.00	
2019 ITESA Section Dues	\$ 2,048.40	
2019 Student Mixer Revenue + Sponsorship	\$ 445.00	
2019 John Vardon Scholarship		\$ (500.00)
2019 Executive Meetings		\$ (501.82)
2019 Monthly Luncheons & Tours (Catering & Facilities)		\$ (18,238.11)
2019 Student Mixer		\$ (445.00)
2019 Bank Fees		\$ (31.25)
2019 ITESA Section dues distribution to Lethbridge		\$ (89.66)
2019 Engineers without Borders Donation		\$ (450.00)
2019 Total	\$21,995.16	\$ (20,255.84)
<b>Estimated End of Year Balance - December 31</b>	<b>\$4,416.97</b>	

# Section Activities

A summary of the technical activities conducted by the Southern Alberta Section in 2019 is provided below. Additional events hosted by section chapters are listed separately.

Meeting Type	Number of Meetings
Regular Monthly Luncheons	8
Technical Workshops	2
Technical Tours	1
Special Events	3
Total	13

## Monthly Luncheons

Every year, the Southern Alberta Section organizes regular monthly luncheon meetings to conduct the Section's business, convey announcements, enable networking and provide informative presentations. Presentation topics are planned in advance and adjusted throughout the year as needed. This helps ensure luncheons are diverse and remain a source of current information about important developments in the transportation (or related) field at the local, provincial, and national level.

Brief summaries of the eight luncheons hosted by the Southern Alberta Section in 2019 are provided on the following page.

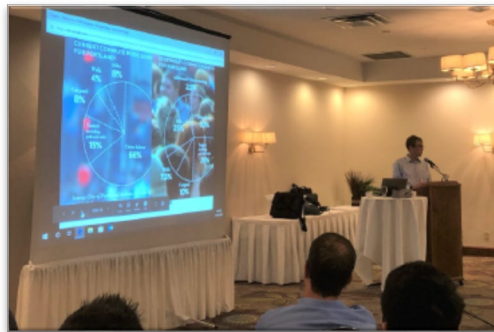
<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Registered</b>
January 15	Michael Thompson, City of Calgary	Update from Calgary's GM of Transportation	Bunt & Associates Engineering	60
February 12	Tomaz Kroman, Watt Madhuri Seera, City of Calgary	The Calgary Goods Movement Strategy	Watt Consulting Group	50
March 12	Mars Otten-Andrew, WSP, Jen Malzer, City of Calgary	Vancouver B-Line	WSP	55
April 11	Gary Vlieg & Jan Voss, Creative Transportation Solutions	Staff Reviews & Professional Engineering Implications	CIMA+	28
May 14	Chris Blaschuk, City of Calgary	Next 20 – Calgary's Transportation & Municipal Plan Update	Tetra Tech	65
September 17	Jaime Graves, Calgary Metropolitan Board	Board Mandate, Plans and Accomplishments	ISL	52
October 15	Brendan Stevenson & Edmund Lee, <i>Binnie</i>	Alex Fraser Capacity Improvement Project	Binnie	60
November 26	Ekke Kok, <i>City of Calgary</i>	Calgary Traffic Count System: CalTracs	Hatch	43



## Technical Workshops

In 2019 the Southern Alberta Section continued its collaboration with The City of Calgary through providing Complete Streets workshops. These workshops help practitioners gain new skills and insights into Complete Street philosophies and design approaches. Attendees learn about local standards, practices in other jurisdictions and design requirements. They also learn about typical challenges and potential solutions through a combination of presentations, case study reviews and team based exercises. A summary of the Section's 2019 workshops is provided below.

Date	Speaker	Topic	Registered
March 12	Zibby Petch IBI Group	Multi-Modal LOS Application Used by The City of Ottawa	69
October 22	Peter Koonce City of Portland	Workshop: Active Travel accommodation at signals	46



## Technical Tour and Special Events

In 2019 the Southern Alberta Section hosted one technical tour as well as three special events as summarized below.

Date	Tour/Event	Sponsor	Registered
January 15	Annual General Meeting	Bunt & Associates	60
June 18	17 Avenue SE Technical Tour & Summer Social	Stantec	65
December 12	SAITE Year-End Gala and Poster Projects Competition	AAGuebert & Associates, CIMA+, McElhanney, AECOM	52

### Annual General Meeting

The Southern Alberta Section Annual General Meeting in 2019 focused on reviewing 2018 activities and finances as well as swearing in the new 2019 executive. This year we were honored to have former ITE International Presidents Al Swanson and Alf Guebert conduct the swearing in ceremony.



## 17 Avenue SE Technical Tour and Summer Social

The Southern Alberta ITE Section successfully hosted our third Annual Year End Summer Social in June. The event featured a food tour and was paired with a guided technical tour of the 17 Avenue SE bus rapid transit project. Alison Karim-McSwiney, Executive Director of the 17 Avenue SE Business Investment Area, and Colin Chapman, Construction Project Manager, provided insights into the engagement challenges and opportunities experienced when working along this dynamic multi-cultural corridor. As the technical tour progressed participants sampled flavourful international foods from different restaurants along the tour route. The day ended on the Hdmona restaurant patio where participants enjoyed more food and an Ethiopian coffee ceremony.

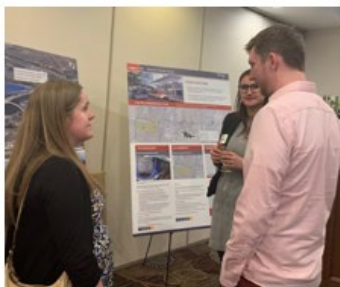


## Year End Gala and Poster Projects Competition

The December Year End Gala event provided members with an opportunity to mingle and showcase their outstanding projects in a friendly poster competition. Attendees viewed poster entries from nine submissions, queried project representatives about details and voted for their favourites.

Voting was followed by a brief presentation from our local Engineers Without Borders (EWB) Chapter. Over the past decade, the Southern Alberta Section donated to EWB in lieu of providing luncheon speaker gifts. The presentation provided brief overview of initiatives these donations support.

Award based on attendee votes were announced at the end of the evening. WSP won the Best Poster and the Best Project awards for their submission featuring the Airport Transit Study. AECOM won the Best Poster Pitch award for their submission featuring the Banff Trail Area Improvement Project.



## Lethbridge Chapter

The Lethbridge Chapter has 13 confirmed members. It conducts its own meetings and events throughout the year and is supported by the Section through information sharing and virtual participation opportunities.

2019 Executive Team	
President	Eric Dyson, P.L., MPE Engineering Ltd.
Vice President	Breanne Jackson, E.I.T., Associated Engineering
Treasurer	Paul Tessier, E.I.T., MPE Engineering Ltd.

Details about the Lethbridge Chapter's 2019 events are included below.

Date	Speaker	Topic/Event
Summer	N/A	Networking BBQ
Spring	Brad Ternef, Cargill	Highway/CPR Rail Upgrade Tour
Spring	N/A	Roundabout Luncheon Conversation
Winter	Aren Nelson, Nilex	Ace Fibre Reinforced Asphalt Demo





## University of Calgary Student Chapter

The Section continues to support our local University of Calgary (U of C) ITE Student Chapter through advertising events, participating in panel discussions and subsidizing student attendance at Section luncheons and events. The Student Chapter has 30 members.

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### 2019 Executive Team

President	Jacob Lamb, U of C
Vice President Communications	Nouran Habib, U of C
Vice President Finance	Kaushan Wimalas Devasurendra, U of C
Vice President Events	Iyad Shanoon, U of C

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The Student Chapter hosted nine events over 2019 as detailed in the table on the following page.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic/Event</b>
Winter	Ali Farhan & Mahsa Ghaffari, Government of Alberta, Sumaya Nasir, U of C	EMME Software Workshop
Spring	N/A	ITE Student Chapter Industry Mixer
Spring	Eric McNaughton, City of Calgary	Calgary's Electric Vehicle Strategy & Related Projects
Spring	Ryan Martinson, Stantec	Equity and Mobility
Spring	John Hubbell, HDR	Rational Behind Bus Route Changes in Calgary
Fall	Panel Discussion	How will Mobility-as-a-Service Impact Curbside and Urban Design of Space
Fall	Deven Lafleche, Town of Cochrane	Cochrane On-Demand Local Transit (COLT)
Fall	John D. Hunt, University of Calgary	ASET: The Spatial Economic Transport Model of Alberta
Winter	N/A	Exam Preparation Session





## Legislative Activities

The Section conducted an Election of 2019 officers in alignment with our by-laws. Irini Akhnouk, Past President of the Southern Alberta Section, was the Elections Committee Chair. Results were announced and the new executive were sworn in at the Annual General Meeting in January 2020.