

# Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers



## **Atlantic Provinces Section 2020 Submission for Outstanding Section/ Chapter Award**

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## Introduction

The CITE Atlantic Provinces Section Executive are pleased to present our submission to the Outstanding Section/Chapter Award.

## Regular Meetings (10 points)

### Semi-Annual Technical Meetings

Typically, the Atlantic Section holds semi-annual technical meetings of one-day technical sessions in May and November in Halifax and Fredericton, respectively. These technical sessions are essentially one-day conferences at which a full-day of presentations on projects and technical topics are provided with a fun social event the evening prior to the full day session. However, with the direction from CITE and the restrictions on gatherings and inter provincial travel in the Atlantic Provinces, we relied on virtual meetings this year and held two virtual webinars on September 28 and November 30.

#### ITE Atlantic Section Lunch & Learn No.1: September 28, 2020: Virtual

Having missed our Spring meeting and with the help of CITE we hosted a webinar that included two presentations on Covid-19 Mobility Response. The first presentation was on 'Lessons Learned from the City of Moncton's Temporary Conversion of Main Street to One-Way Traffic' by Alcide Richard, Director of Design & Construction with the City of Moncton, New Brunswick. The second presentation was on the 'New Brunswick Border Check Point Traffic Control in response to the COVID Pandemic' by Andrew Northmore, Transportation Engineer with Crandall, a Division of Englobe. It was a great opportunity to connect again with our transportation colleagues as well as learn about what other cities and provinces were doing in response to mobility related to the pandemic.

#### ITE Atlantic Section Lunch & Learn No. 2 /Annual General Meeting: November 30, 2020: Virtual

As Covid-19 continued to dominate how we gather and interact in the Atlantic Provinces, we have continued to adjust to keep members informed and to bring members together. We hosted our second Virtual Lunch & Learn on November 30, 2020 with the help of CITE's Steve Garner. This Virtual session was well attended from members across the Atlantic region who had the opportunity to listen to two presentations including 'Bus on Shoulder' operation by WSP's Dave McCusker and an overview of 'HaliFACT', Halifax's new climate change strategy presented by Taylor Owen, Climate Change Specialist with the Halifax Regional Municipality. You can check out the YouTube link here:



<https://youtu.be/XTahtIGVVs8> We're looking forward to getting back to in-person events, but expect to continue holding virtual sessions for the foreseeable future.

## Student/Younger Member Support (15 points)

At the Fall 2019 (November 7, 2019) Annual General Meeting, the Executive passed a motion to set up a grant to support students financially. This would provide a \$500 Student Chapter Grant each year (to be reviewed annually at the end of each fiscal year). Currently, we have one student chapter at the

University of New Brunswick; however, two universities (University of New Brunswick and Dalhousie University) typically participate and partner in our bi-annual meetings. The recipient of this grant is required to submit a report outlining how the money was used. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the grant was not administered this year.

## **Application of Technical Knowledge (10 points)**

N/A

## **Networking Events (10 points)**

The two webinars that were set up in September and November 2020 provided an opportunity to reconnect with transportation colleagues across the four Atlantic Provinces. The September session on Covid-19 Mobility Response was especially meaningful as many of those in the webinar were experiencing many of the same opportunities and constraints that were outlined in the presentations and this provided an opportunity for questions and collaboration.

## **K-12 STEM Outreach (10 points)**

N/A

## **New Member Recruitment (10 points)**

*We did not pursue this as many public and private budget allocations for memberships were cut due to the Covid-19 pandemic.*

## **Diversity and Inclusion (5 points)**

The Atlantic Provinces encourages all its members and non-members to participate and contribute to the lunch & learn agendas, run in the election, etc. We also encourage student participation at all our events and save space on the agenda for their presentations. The transportation industry in the Atlantic Provinces is small so we encourage all members of the transportation community to participate including land use planners, landscape architects, engineers, technicians, etc.

## **Training/Professional Development (5 points)**

We did not pursue this as many public and private budget allocations for memberships were cut due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

## **Field Trips/Technical Tours (5 points)**

We did not pursue this due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions on gatherings and inter provincial travel restrictions in the Atlantic Provinces. The Atlantic Provinces were very restrictive on gathering numbers in 2020 which will continue in 2021.

## **Service Projects (5 points)**

The Atlantic Section did not participate in any community service projects due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions on gatherings and inter provincial travel restrictions in the Atlantic Provinces. The Atlantic Provinces were very restrictive on gathering numbers in 2020 which will continue in 2021.

## **Funding Support (5 points)**

No. The current financial situation within the Atlantic Section has enabled the Executive to support our members as opportunities come up without needing to raise funds outside of dues and events.

## **LeadershipITE (5 points)**

With the support of both the Atlantic Provinces Section and the Canadian District, Tanya Davis, P.Eng., PTOE, Atlantic Section President, was selected to participate in the LeadershipITE program.

## **Advocacy (5 points)**

At the September 2020 webinar, the executive purposefully selected the topic of COVID-19 Mobility Response to help inform, educate and provide an opportunity to collaborate on the impacts that COVID-19 were having across the Atlantic Provinces on mobility.

## **Financial Statement**

The Atlantic Provinces Section's year-end balance for 2019-20 is: \$17,211.59.