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REGULAR MEETINGS

	Meeting Number	Date of Meeting
	1	January 21, 2020
Location	Winnipeg Winter Club, Winnipeg MB	
Presentation/ Speaker	Kenora Downtown Revitalization Project, Constantina Douvris, HTFC Planning & Design	
Joint Meeting?	No	

	Meeting Number	Date of Meeting
	2	February 18, 2020
Location	Winnipeg Winter Club, Winnipeg MB	
Presentation/ Speaker	Changes to Speed Limit Setting and the Access Permit Process, Keenan Patmore and Karen Toews, Manitoba Infrastructure	
Joint Meeting?	No	

	Meeting Number	Date of Meeting
	3	July 16, 2020
Location	Winnipeg, MB (webinar)	
Presentation/ Speaker	Traffic and Transportation Impacts of COVID-19 in Winnipeg, MB, Tyler George and Chris Baker, City of Winnipeg	
Joint Meeting?	No	

	Meeting Number	Date of Meeting
	4	October 29, 2020
Location	Winnipeg, MB (webinar)	
Presentation/ Speaker	CITE Manitoba Section Webinar: School Travel Planning, Marie-Soleil Cloutier, Institut National de la recherche Scientifique, Denae Penner, Green Action Centre, Jamie Hilland, Urban Systems	
Joint Meeting?	No	

	Meeting Number	Date of Meeting
	5	December 16, 2020
Location	Winnipeg, MB (webinar)	
Presentation/ Speaker	Annual Business Meeting, Proof of Concept: Technology to Efficiently Study Pedestrian and Cyclist Activity at Blocked Railway Crossings, Stephen Chapman, MORR Transportation Consulting Ltd.	
Joint Meeting?	No	

One particularly well-received meeting from 2020 was meeting number 4 – the CITE Manitoba Section webinar on school travel planning. This webinar involved three knowledgeable speakers highlighting three different topics/projects each with a different perspective:

- Marie-Soleil Cloutier discussed lessons learned from observing school children crossing the street in a variety of built environments.
- Denaë Penner discussed a pilot project of School Streets at a Winnipeg elementary school. A School Street project is a temporary road closure in front of a school with a short-term restriction on vehicle through-traffic.
- Jamie Hilland discussed the importance of effective consultation with students and families in the development of neighborhood design projects.

The webinar subjects brought a balance of research on school travel planning along with pieces on local projects. The webinar received strong attendance and an active audience participation.

STUDENT/YOUNGER MEMBER SUPPORT

Each year, the ITE Manitoba Section supports its younger members by holding an annual student paper and presentation prize, named after Mr. Kean Lew, P. Eng. – a graduate of the University of Manitoba and former member of the ITE Manitoba Section. He was a friend of many of the members and tragically lost his life in 2009.

Requests for papers from students in the Civil Engineering program at the University of Manitoba are made at the beginning of the calendar year. Submitted papers are reviewed and scored by a panel of volunteer judges drawn from ITE Manitoba Section members, and the top three are invited to participate in the presentation competition. The presentations are graded by the judges and final scores are tallied. The winner is invited to present at a Section luncheon and is eligible for entry into the CITE Student Presentation Competition. Unfortunately, this year we were unable to have our winning paper present at a Section luncheon.

This year, we offer a special thank you to participating students and judges for making this program a success while we were limited to a remote judging process. Congratulations to Amanda Pushka and Abby Scaletta, both students from the University of Manitoba, who received first and second place, respectively.

In addition to the ITE Manitoba Kean Lew Memorial Student Paper and Presentation Prize, the Manitoba Section provides \$500 worth of funding each year to its affiliated Student Chapter – the University of Manitoba ITE Student Chapter. They continue to be one of the most active chapters in ITE, with regular participation at CITE conferences and international ITE meetings, including the Collegiate Traffic Bowls.

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

The Manitoba Section encourages members of the associated University of Manitoba ITE Student Chapter to join the Section and attend Section events including luncheons, webinars, workshops, and fundraisers. Student members can join the Manitoba Section free of charge and receive a special rate for attending Section events including luncheons and fundraisers.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Section activities in 2020 featured presentations and participation by planners, researchers, engineers, women, young members, and a mix of private & public agencies. Young members of the Section in particular are supported through free section registration, special event registration fees, and the annual Student Paper competition.

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2020, the Manitoba Section conducted two in-person luncheons and three webinars as discussed in the *Regular Meetings* category. In total, these events comprised 9 speakers and covered a broad range of technical, research, and state-of-practice topics.

LEADERSHIPITE

In 2019 the Manitoba Section was proud to learn that Garreth Rempel, a Section member, was accepted into the LeadershipITE Class of 2020. Beginning in 2019, we developed a policy whereby the Manitoba Section will provide monetary support for any member representing the Section who is enrolled in the LeadershipITE program. The degree of support is subject to program expenses and available contribution room within our annual budget. LeadershipITE alumni are recognized at our Annual Business Meeting and in our Section reports in order to highlight their accomplishments and promote the program for future LeadershipITE participants.

ADVOCACY

Our luncheon and webinar events highlight current developments and cutting-edge projects within the transportation industry from engineering, planning, and research perspectives. In addition, we inform our Section members and friends of similar opportunities put forth by other Sections.

PHOTOS

