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1 REGULAR MEETINGS

	Meeting Number	Date of Meeting
	1	March 27, 2024
Location	EITC, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB	
Presentation/ Speaker	In March, the ITE Manitoba Section co-hosted a technical presentation and luncheon at the University of Manitoba with their ITE Student Chapter. Philip Mikulec, CEO of Peg City Car Coop, presented on the car sharing platforms impact on mobility within Winnipeg’s transportation system as well as various opportunities and challenges. The luncheon was specifically held at the University of Manitoba to encourage participation by students and allow for greater networking.	
Joint Meeting?	Yes	
Attendance	17 members, 4 students	

	Meeting Number	Date of Meeting
	2	May 23, 2024
Location	Winnipeg Winter Club, Winnipeg, MB	
Presentation/ Speaker	In May, the ITE Manitoba Section hosted a technical presentation and luncheon at the Winnipeg Winter Club with Irini Akhnoukh of the City of Calgary as the presenter. Irini presented a new pilot mobility network study for the southeast quadrant of the City, which is experiencing significant industrial and residential growth. The study is holistically assessing the mobility network (active modes, transit, goods movement, high occupancy vehicles, and single occupancy vehicles) in the southeast quadrant of the city against projected growth to aid the City in aligning mobility infrastructure upgrades with growth potential.	
Joint Meeting?	No	
Attendance	24 members, 2 students	

	Meeting Number	Date of Meeting
	3	September 17, 2024
Location	Winnipeg Winter Club, Winnipeg, MB	
Presentation/ Speaker	In September, the ITE Manitoba Section hosted a technical presentation and luncheon at the Winnipeg Winter Club with Dustin Booy, Executive Director of Highway Engineering Services at Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI), as the presenter. Dustin provided an overview of the June 15, 2023 collision at the intersection of PTH 1 and PTH 5 outside of Carberry and the status of the resulting intersection improvement project. Additionally, Dustin presented a framework from Manitoba’s road safety strategy and information sharing partnerships with Saskatchewan and Alberta.	
Joint Meeting?	No	
Attendance	33 members, 2 students	

	Meeting Number	Date of Meeting
	4	October 31, 2024
Location	Winnipeg Winter Club, Winnipeg, MB	
Presentation/ Speaker	In October, the ITE Manitoba Section hosted a technical presentation and luncheon at the Winnipeg Winter Club with Morgan Glasgow, Supervisor of Traffic Signal Timings for the City of Winnipeg, and Cassidy Zrobek, Traffic Signals Timing Engineer at the City of Winnipeg, as co-presenters. Morgan and Cassidy presented on the City of Winnipeg’s implementation of an Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption Pilot Project. Morgan and Cassidy discussed the City’s journey to this point, how the system is being piloted, and next steps.	
Joint Meeting?	No	
Attendance	21 members, 3 students	

	Meeting Number	Date of Meeting
	5	November 26, 2024
Location	Winnipeg Winter Club, Winnipeg, MB	
Presentation/ Speaker	Our November technical luncheon was an engaging panel discussion on speed and road safety. We welcomed Yadili Okwumabua-Gbakima, Assistant Manager of Road Safety Programs at Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI), Sam van Huizen, Traffic and Transportation Planner with the City of Brandon and Greg Blatz, Traffic Management Engineer at the City of Winnipeg to share details of projects they are working on related to speed and road safety.	
Joint Meeting?	No	
Attendance	35 members, 1 student	

	Meeting Number	Date of Meeting
	6	December 17, 2024
Location	Winnipeg Winter Club, Winnipeg, MB	
Presentation/ Speaker	<p>What’s your favourite bus route in Winnipeg? Well . . . there’s a 70% chance it’s already changing! In this presentation Kevin Sturgeon highlighted the “earthshattering” changes coming to the Winnipeg Transit route network this Summer with the launch of the Primary Transit Network, scheduled for June 2025.</p> <p>The annual business meeting followed this presentation.</p>	
Joint Meeting?	No	
Attendance	17 members, 4 students	

2 STUDENT/YOUNGER MEMBER SUPPORT

2.1 ITE Manitoba Kean Lew Memorial Student Paper Competition

The Manitoba Section supports its younger members by holding an annual student paper/presentation prize, named after Mr. Kean Lew, P. Eng. – a graduate of the University of Manitoba and former member of the 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 start of the calendar year. The winner of the competition is invited to present at a Section luncheon and is entered into the ITE Canada Student Presentation Competition.

Congratulations to Tara Saeidi (first place) for their paper titled *Estimation of Bus Origin-Destination Matrix Using Passenger Boarding Counts: An Application of Transit Symmetry*, as well as Sai Balla (second place) and Homa Motavallian Naeini (third place). Thank you to all members who assisted with the competition.

2.2 Student Chapter Support

2.2.1 Student Chapter Liaison

During the 2023 calendar year the Section reignited the formal liaison role between the University of Manitoba Student Chapter and the Manitoba Section. In 2024, we continued this connection and had a Student Chapter representative at each of the ITE MB Executive meetings (two virtual and two in-person meetings per year).

2.2.2 Student Chapter Monetary Support

In 2024, the ITE Manitoba Section provided the Student Chapter with \$490 to facilitate a recruitment style event at the beginning of the university semester. The Manitoba Section offers students reduced

registration fees to attend ITE Manitoba Section events, such as technical luncheons. The reduced registration fees are subsidized by the Section.

3 APPLICATION OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

The ITE Manitoba Section executive is strategic in their selection of technical content for luncheon presentations, such that it is responsive to the needs of our members and that it promotes productive discussion between professionals in various roles and organizations.

4 NETWORKING EVENTS

On December 3, ITE Manitoba and the University of Manitoba Student Chapter co-hosted a networking bowling night. The event featured food, bowling, and arcade games at Uptown Alley Bowling. Bowling teams were strategically selected to allow for mingling between students and industry professionals. The evening was not only fun, but it also highlighted the value of joint events. We are looking forward to future collaborations with the Student Chapter!

5 K-12 STEM OUTREACH

The ITE Manitoba Section did not lead any dedicated K-12 STEM outreach in the 2024 calendar year.

6 NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

The Manitoba Section encourages members of the associated University of Manitoba ITE Student Chapter to join both the Section and ITE International. Student members can join the Manitoba Section free of charge and are invited to attend Section events such as luncheons, webinars, workshops, and fundraisers at a reduced registration cost. The Section also began working with the Student Chapter on strategies to highlight benefits of ITE International membership to students, thus encouraging student membership.

At the beginning of the Fall semester, ITE Manitoba and the University of Manitoba Student Chapter co-hosted an event featuring five young professionals from the Chapter as they shared how ITE has helped shape their careers. The event was attended by Abby Scaletta, Nolan Mizeracki, Greg Propp, Adam Budowski, and Caleb Olfert. Students had an opportunity to speak with professionals in smaller breakout groups, with professionals rotating between tables.

7 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Section activities in 2024 featured presentations and participation by planners, researchers, engineers, women, young members, and a mix of private and public agencies. Our event mailing list contains contact information for section friends and members belonging to all of the aforementioned groups. Young members of the Section in particular are supported through free section registration, special event registration fees, and the annual Student Paper competition.

8 TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2024, the Manitoba Section conducted six technical luncheons as discussed in the *Regular Meetings* category. In total, these events comprised nine speakers and covered a broad range of technical, project, research, and state-of-practice topics. The ITE Manitoba Section also co-hosted the Prairie Sections' Joint Virtual Event *Beyond the Horizon: Future-Proofing Transportation on the Prairies* event in February. This was the first joint event of its kind and featured four speakers.

9 FIELD TRIPS/TECHNICAL TOURS

On July 15, the The ITE Manitoba Section hosted a two-hour leisurely networking bike ride/tour. The bike tour was led by Chris Baker, Senior Active Transportation Planner, and Erik Dickson, Livable Streets Specialist, both at the City of Winnipeg. Beginning and ending at the Forks Market, the tour route featured new active transportation facilities as well as the locations of upcoming projects. It served as a great opportunity to discuss challenges and successes in the City's AT infrastructure. In total, 20 people attended this tour.

10 SERVICE PROJECTS

The ITE Manitoba Section did not participate in any community service projects in the 2024 calendar year. In 2024, the Manitoba Section re-formatted the technical speaker gifts approach so that speakers have an opportunity to select from a shortlist of non-profits and community groups for ITE Manitoba to donate to in their name.

11 FUNDING SUPPORT

The Manitoba Section has historically held an annual fundraiser to provide members an opportunity to network and participate in fun activities while raising funds for the Section and the University of Manitoba Student Chapter. In 2024, the Section did not organize a fundraiser. In 2024, the Section did not organize a fundraiser and continues to use profits from the 2023 ITE Canada conference to enhance section activities.

12 LEADERSHIPITE

Beginning in 2019, the Manitoba Section developed a policy whereby monetary support is available to 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. Successful LeadershipITE applicants are recognized at our ABM and in our Section reports in order to highlight their accomplishments and promote the program for future LeadershipITE participants. In 2024, this support was not requested by any LeadershipITE nominees.

13 ADVOCACY

Our luncheon 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 of similar opportunities put forth by other Sections, ITE Canada, ITE International, and organizations, such as CARSP.

14 Photos from 2024

