

ORBA - MTO Highway Maintenance Committee Meeting Notes

Date: Monday, November 25th, 2025

Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: In-person at ORBA office, 365 Brunel Road, Mississauga

Attendee	Organization	Attendee	Organization
Doug Wipperman	The Miller Group	Walid Abou Hamde	ORBA
James Stracey	Emcon Services Inc.	Steven Crombie	ORBA
Frank Rizzardo	Emcon Services Inc.	Alexis Del Rosario	ORBA
Connor Quinless	Fowler Construction	Jason Ranger	MTO
John McBride	Fowler Construction	Andrew Alkins	MTO
Thelep Ampalavanar	Webber Infrastructure	James Hamilton	MTO
Abdallah Tannoukhi	Webber Infrastructure	Nedim Oren	MTO
Greg Ehman	Ledcor	Michael Sleeth	MTO
Matt Granger	Ledcor	Nasr Slabi	MTO
Ashley Cate	Ledcor	Valérie Labbé	MTO
Ryan Coté	Shwe Miikaan Miller	Brian Utigard	MTO
Tom Enright	Bonnechere Excavating Inc.	Neil Pawluk	MTO

Note: Strikethrough in the above table = did not attend the meeting.

1. PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES / ANNOUNCEMENTS
<p>a) Welcome message; 2 new contractors introduced.</p> <p>b) Review of past meeting minutes (Note: Previous meeting notes to be shared following this meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Prompt Payment: Regional discussions; aim to expedite payments. Separate LS and capital invoices recommended. Tools in development for faster financial tracking. ii. Partnering: Update under New Business. Continued in-person collaboration encouraged. iii. Patroller Training: Industry to advise on continuation. Concerns about duplication (MTO vs contractor training), accreditation, timing, and consistency. Hybrid model suggested. Explore certification options via OGRA. ACTION ITEM: Winter Operations Working Group (WG) to workshop experience measurement; ORBA to review curriculum addition to their academy. iv. Sub-working group path forward discussed and agreed v. CDMC workshop under development: planned for Spring 2026. vi. Winter preparedness was discussed: HOMs confirmed contractor engagement; regional meetings ongoing. Collaborative meetings with OPP praised; using ER's template suggested. ACTION ITEM: Explore VOR-Partnering to structure a fall transition meeting moving forward vii. Workload Rating: MTO contacting contractors individually. viii. Benchmark Hours: Ad-Hoc WG to be formed (executive level) by January. ACTION ITEM: meeting needs to be scheduled. ix. Material Reconciliation: Increased internal review for accuracy.
2. PRESENTATIONS
<p>a) None</p>

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3. STANDING ITEMS

- a) **Sub-working group Ad-hoc meetings:** Next ad hoc meeting will be regarding Benchmark Hours. (Refer to Section 2, item viii.)
- b) **MTO Applications Update / WOR Sub-WG:**
- i. MMIS (work accomplishments) still requires VPN; WMM (winter materials) moving to SharePoint online.
 - Troubleshooting is ongoing; Excel read-only.
 - MTO to meet with Contractors individually for MMIS next steps.
 - Industry would like improvements to data entry frequency and provincial consistency.
- c) **Winter Materials Sub-WG:**
- i. No update. Cameras may be required in all PYs moving forward. Note, many PY's already have cameras however some contractor installed ones are not accessible to MTO.
 - Industry acknowledges that cameras are a valuable additional tool for monitoring material management and are in favour of their use.
- ACTION ITEM: Sub-WG to review material application/reconciliation methods and provide possible improvements to avoid nuances from area to area.**
- d) **Operators Sub-WG:** No update.
- e) **Facilities & Equipment Sub-WG:** Draft equipment manual under internal review.
- f) **Winter Operations Sub-WG:** No update; meeting to be scheduled in January.
- g) **Summer Operations Sub-WG:** Refer to Section 4, item c).
- h) **Procurement update:**
- i. Toronto closing date may shift, and York award delayed until New Year.
 - Goal: have Contracts close before Christmas.
 - ii. Next year: light procurement schedule.
 - iii. Industry requested that they are notified when Contracts receive extension.
 - MTO: Base term is posted on RAQS during bidding. Extensions are confidential between the incumbent and MTO. MTO will explore options to provide a better long range procurement forecast.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Partnering Framework:**
- i. Information meeting was held; framework in development for Spring 2026.
 - Industry supportive.
- b) **Patroller Training:** Refer to Section 1, b) iii.
- c) **Quantifiable Maintenance (QM) Bid Items:**
- i. MTO requests that Industry provides top 5 priority items for transition to QM Bid Item.
 - Industry asked if MTO plans to limit the # of QM Bid Items.
 - MTO has no plans to do so at this time.
- ACTION ITEM: Industry committed to providing top 10 potential QM Bid Items by Dec 9; VL to circulate list that was previously developed by the Summer Operations Sub-WG.**
- d) **Winter Preparedness & transition:**
- i. Positive regional feedback; minor operator shortages resolved collaboratively.
- e) **CMS Integration:**
- i. MTO is exploring MMIS improvements and CMS for future system integration. WORs may also be included in this integration.
- f) **Crash Truck Conspicuity:** Final Report received; field trials planned.
- ACTION ITEM: Contractors interested in participating are to contact MTO**
- g) **Slow Down / Move Over (Industry item):**

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<p>i. Industry requesting an update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTO: Proposal under provincial review • Industry: please include education and enforcement. <p>ACTION ITEM: MTO will conduct internal review for considerations on developing education/enforcement package.</p> <p>Post meeting note: MTO confirmed that this item was posted to the Regulatory Registry in August 2025 for 30 days, seeking comments to help inform the development of a regulation to define “work-related” vehicles that would be included in the SDMO law. MTO is currently analyzing all comments received and is continuing work on regulatory development.</p>
<p>5. ROUNDTABLE</p>
<p>a) Ledcor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to see enhanced pre-winter readiness campaign comparable to other provinces; Would like to see strict enforcement for passing double solid lines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This issue to be initiated by ORBA. CPI should be added to Fair Wage schedule annually. NSC Compliance Exemption: Clarification required for winter event hours of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTO: Direction is clear in the language. Any local issues are to be brought forward to MTO for review. <p>b) IMOS & Emcon: Supportive of CPI being included in Fair Wage and added that Market Sounding should also be considered for Fair Wage area specific alignment.</p> <p>c) Webber: Fair Wage guaranteed hours approach needs review</p> <p>d) Emcon: Supportive of Ledcor & IMOS comments re: Fair Wage. Also, request that MTO considers more year-round work to reduce turnover.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: MTO to consider industry input for next year’s readiness campaign and review Fair Wage schedule internally.</p>

DATE	OPEN ACTION ITEMS	ACTION BY
Jan-2024-01	<p>TIME & MATERIAL (ORBA)</p> <p><i>Description:</i> Time & Material vs Lump Sum for Change Orders.</p> <p><i>Discussion:</i> ORBA requesting a workshop with MTO to review the use of T&M which has become more commonly used for change order work. Methods used are not consistent across the province and industry would like a more standardized approach.</p> <p>Industry to provide examples to MTO for improper use of Risk Mitigation as well as frequent use of T&M.</p> <p>Action: Keep item open.</p>	ORBA
Apr-2025-01	<p>REGULATIONS AMENDING THE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE AND LIGHT TRUCK GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REGULATIONS OF THE CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (ORBA)</p> <p><i>Description:</i> Upcoming changes to legislation could affect equipment costs and contract mobilizations.</p>	ORBA & MTO

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	<p><i>Discussion:</i></p> <p>Industry requests that maintenance equipment, specifically Winter maintenance equipment, is exempt from this legislation.</p> <p>Note: The proposed changes may or may not be implemented due to the economic unrest related to tariffs being imposed by the US.</p> <p>Industry to collect & provide statistics/risks on how the regulation is affecting industry.</p> <p>MTO to continually monitor this issue.</p> <p>Action: Keep item open.</p>	
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Next Meeting: January 19th, 2025.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

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