



## MEMBER BULLETIN

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### ***OPS "101" Course/Webinar: November 16-17, 2020 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.***

The Municipal Engineers Association is offering a course/webinar on Ontario Provincial Standards (OPS). It will be delivered in 2 modules over 2 days at approximately 2-hours per day.

This course/webinar will provide an overview of OPS for Roads and Public Works (OPS), the rationale/history regarding OPS, its governance and the benefits of using these harmonized standards. The fundamental elements of typical public works contracts, and the means of building better contracts using OPS manuals will be explained through group exercises. Other critical components in contract development will be discussed in the municipal public works context. Case studies will be used to explore the real-world applications of these topics.

#### **Who Should Attend?**

Individuals involved in the design and delivery of infrastructure construction projects from the municipal, provincial, consultant, or contractor's side. Participants will learn:

1. The purpose and benefits of harmonised standards such as OPS
2. How to apply OPS to:
  - a. Improve contract preparation and management
  - b. Build efficient and industry standard specifications
  - c. Mitigate financial and legal risks for your Organization

#### **About the Instructor:**

**Arup Mukherjee** is a Professional Engineer with 30 years experience in Municipal Engineering. He recently retired as Director of Public Works for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville in Eastern Ontario. Prior to that, he worked for both local and regional governments in Toronto, Markham, York Region and Bradford. He is a member of Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) and Municipal Engineers Association (MEA). He is also the Chair of the Ottawa Valley Branch for the Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA)