



# Damage Prevention Symposium

## ADVANCE AGENDA AND EVENT INFO

February 13-15, 2019 - Sheraton on the Falls - Niagara Falls, ON



# EVENT SUMMARY

**Join us for the 2019 ORCGA Damage Prevention Symposium,  
February 13-15, at Sheraton on the Falls, Niagara Falls, ON.**

This event is a signature event for the ORCGA attracting over 265+ damage prevention management professionals and decision makers from across Ontario including stakeholder groups such as oil and gas, municipalities, telecommunications, emergency management, electrical transmission/distribution, surveyors and provincial regulators.

Meet with colleagues to exchange industry information, focus on public awareness initiatives for damage prevention and expand stakeholder knowledge on provincial efforts to protect essential infrastructure.

## **Format**

The format for the Symposium consists of AGM and committee meetings followed by 2 days of professional development, workshops and seminars, keynote addresses along with an exhibitor tradeshow.

## **Exhibitor Tradeshow Information**

- ~25-30 10x10 and 10 x 20 booths
- Opportunity to interact with delegates representing many of the key players and decision makers in the industry
- Enhance your company's image and visibility to a targeted audience
- Opportunity to attend the conference and networking activities

## **Organization Profile**

The Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (ORCGA) is the voice of Ontario's damage prevention professionals. The ORCGA works to reduce damages to underground infrastructure - ensuring public safety, environmental protection, and the integrity of services by promoting effective damage prevention best practices.

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## **The SouthWestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Network**

As the largest publicly funded regional broadband initiative in Canada to-date, SWIFT is being spearheaded by community and businesses leaders across southwestern Ontario, Caledon, and Niagara Region to build an ultra-high-speed fibre optic regional broadband network for everyone. SWIFT is working to build and deliver critical infrastructure to our communities by connecting over 350 communities across 41,286 km<sup>2</sup> through 3000 Points of Presence.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-1Y3Ci-Xf4>

## **Geoff Hogan, CEO SWIFT**

As Grey County's Director of Information Technology for over 12 years, and in support of the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, Mr. Hogan has been involved in the SWIFT project since its inception. Geoff has been leading preparations for SWIFT's first phase of fibre infrastructure investments.

## **Regional Water Panel – Peel, Halton and Niagara**

This panel of industry experts, moderated by Ontario Clean Water Agency, will speak to key concerns surrounding:

- Aging water infrastructure;
- Water asset management; and,
- The role of damage prevention in asset management.

## **Speakers:**

TBD, Ontario Clean Water Agency (Moderator)

TBD, Peel Region

Greg Epp, Niagara Region

Eric Boere, Manager of Water & Wastewater Linear Systems at Halton Region.

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## **Results to Date - Subsurface Utility Engineering Research Proposal**

CATT is proposing to complete two tasks to better understand the state of Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) in Canada and North America.

The first task is to develop and conduct an online survey that will provide an understanding with respect to the current industry SUE practices, barriers and acceptance across Canada. This survey can also be implemented in the USA to get an understanding of the state-of-practice across North America.

The second task, to be completed after the first task, will be to review previous SUE cost value studies and to create a new updated CANADA SUE cost value analysis study.

## **Dr. Mark Knight, Executive Director - Centre for the Advancement of Trenchless Technologies**

University of Waterloo

## **The Importance of KNOWing Before You Dig!**

Our team at Own Your Safety believes that everyone on an excavation project needs to understand the complex utility locate process. Topics that will be Discussed:

- Owning Your Safety
- Risk factors when excavating around buried utility infrastructure
- How to mitigate these risks on excavation projects by:
  - Qualifying Excavation Contractors
  - Qualifying Private Locate Contractors
  - Auditing for Compliance
- The role employers play in the locate process
  - Defining Roles
  - Preparing for proposals and contracts
- Utility Infrastructure Awareness Training

**Grant Piraine is the founder and President of Own Your Safety Inc.**, an Ontario based firm that specializes in Utility Infrastructure Awareness education, damage investigations, and consulting for organizations involved in excavation activities.

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## **2019 Update from the Ministry of Labour**

### **General Information About Legislation and Enforcement**

#### **Private Locates and Unidentified Infrastructure**

- What is an accurate locate and striking unidentified infrastructure
- MOL enforcement and who is accountable

#### **Underground Energized Hydro Cables**

- Who is permitted to touch / support energized UG hydro cables

#### **Data Analysis - 2017/2018 Comparison**

- Number of underground utility strikes reported to the mol 2017/18
  - Break down by sector hydro, gas, water sewer, telecomm etc.
  - Breakdown by type - occurrences, injuries, fatalities
  - Breakdown by region
- Most frequently issued order under section 228
- Most frequent contravener - constructor, excavator, locator(lsp), supervisor, worker (machine operator)
- Conclusion what the data indicates

#### **Compliance Assistance For Excavators**

- in addition to ORCGA / CCGA best practices document - MOL/ IHSA resources available

**Ruhi Sharma**

**Provincial Specialist**

**Construction Health and Safety Program**

**OHSB, Ministry of Labour**

# DELEGATE PRICING

## Take Advantage of Early Bird Pricing!

Current early bird price is \$650.00, per delegate.  
Discount ends December 15, 2018.

## Delegate Registration is Now Open!

You can register your full price delegate online here:  
<https://orcgga.com/events/> .

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## Calling All Municipalities!

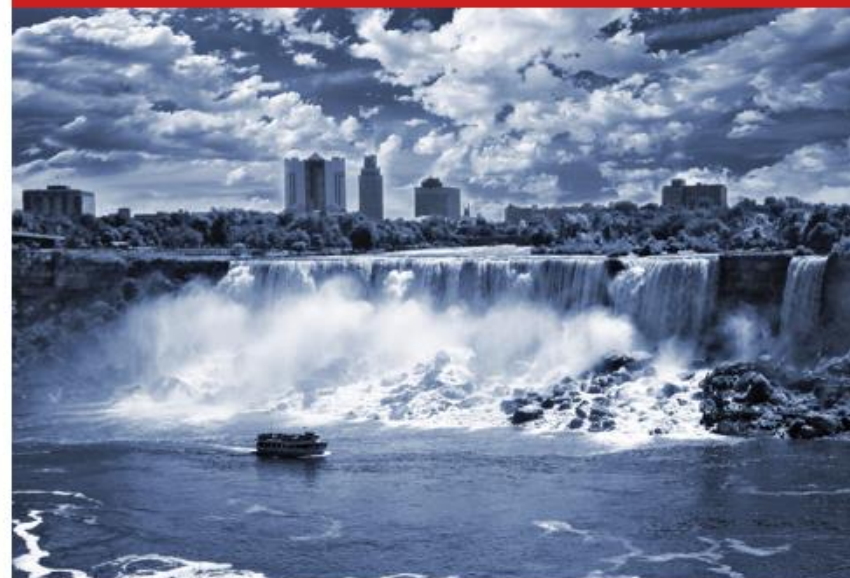
The municipal one day rate for February 14 is \$150.00 per delegate.

To register municipal delegates for the one day pricing, please contact Karin Strub directly:

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## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



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# PRESIDENT AT THE SYMPOSIUM!

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## CALL FOR PAPERS!

You are invited to demonstrate your company's innovations and expertise in front of the damage prevention and buried infrastructure industries at our upcoming symposium.

The deadline for submissions is November 30, 2018.

Guidelines for full paper submissions can be found at: [orcga.com/events](https://orcga.com/events/)

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