

Advance agenda:

Late Locates Panel Presentation

The ORCGA led discussions on Late Locates at 13 chapter meetings across the province to give stakeholders an opportunity to voice their many concerns. Over 500 stakeholders participated and the ORCGA saw repeated themes emerging. The ORCGA will present its findings at the Symposium.

Ron Kelusky, Ontario's Chief Prevention Officer, will speak to continuing the government's commitment to ensuring safe and healthy workplaces.

The Government of Canada Digs into Damage Prevention

Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) has registered its assets with Ontario One Call and continues to refine the process and boundaries of their areas of interest. PSPC will share their process and lessons learned with client custodial departments through national and regional engagement.

International Initiatives for Mapping Subsurface Utilities

Every year, unreliable information about the location of underground utility infrastructure costs world economies billions of dollars. Knowing the location of underground utility infrastructure is critical for national security, disaster planning and management, public safety, economic efficiency, utility damage prevention and the reduction of construction costs and schedule overruns associated with unknown, missing or inaccurate mapping.

Hear from Geoff Zeiss as he speaks to how national, state, and municipal governments and private organizations in Colorado, Calgary, Singapore, Netherlands, Belgium, Japan, and the United Kingdom are collecting damage statistics and sharing location information about underground utility networks.

Watay Power

Ontario has selected Wataynikaneyap Power LP (Watay) to connect 16 remote First Nation communities that currently rely on diesel power to the province's electricity grid.

Once complete, the project, named amongst Top 100 Canada's biggest infrastructure projects, will provide more than 10,000 people living in remote First Nation communities in northwestern Ontario with a reliable, clean supply of electricity. Margaret Kenequanash, CEO, Watay Project, will speak to this unprecedented partnership between a consortium of 20 First Nation communities and transmission partner, Fortis Ontario.

District Energy

Although the concept has been around for well over 100 years, many smart decision-makers are taking a second look at district energy. Its centralized production and distribution of heating and cooling through an underground piping network to heat exchangers located in each building provide safe, cost-effective, and sustainable utility infrastructure. Hear from FVB Energy and Public Services and Procurement Canada about the past, as well as the future, of District Energy Systems.

Jowi Taylor - Award winning writer, broadcaster and cultural entrepreneur

"The story of Canada as you've never held it before." Jowi's audacious Six String Nation project distills stories of diverse cultures, communities, characters and events from every province and territory of Canada into a single guitar called Voyageur – an object that is at once touchstone, talking-stick and living instrument. Jowi's presentation goes beyond Canada's cultural clichés, galvanizing audiences with a story that is as deeply personal as each individual in the room and as vast as the country itself.