

# TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION WATERLOO REGION



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## February 2023

### January Meeting:

The January meeting was hosted by Altruck International Centers.

Mathew Kirby brought Cam Stauffer and Nick Campbell of Navistar International Corporation to speak about the state of their electric vehicle offerings, the direction that Navistar believes the electric truck industry to be moving and the technologies that they are bringing to the market in an attempt to make this work.

The TMTA membership wishes to extend an enthusiastic thank you to the Kirby family for their continued support of this association and the industry as a whole.

### February Meeting:

The February meeting will be hosted by TMTA Waterloo. The TMTA Executive is planning to have an informal meeting based around the changes that are happening in our industry. Mark Heuston will have a small presentation about the role the transportation industries play in decarbonization and what legislation/technologies are in place and coming in the future.

We would also like to ask a few questions of the membership. Your input at the meeting is essential and we would like you to review the following and bring your input! If you prefer to write down your questions or insight into any subject and bring it to the meeting any executive member would be happy to share your views and information. Please remember that there are no stupid questions and all of your input can be beneficial to the membership. The questions below are guidelines only, we welcome all of your questions. If they cannot be answered there will be someone who knows someone who can get you the answers. Let's get talking!

First question, how do we prepare for the effects of low emissions vehicles on our daily routines, facility and staff education?

Second, with the recent notice that the P485 chip used in all ABS ECUs will be discontinued within 3 years and no replacement has been fitted, tested or proven, how can we keep our current vehicles in service? How will this affect future vehicle availability that is already strained and costs escalating?

Thirdly, with parts shortages currently being experienced, how have you changed your strategy for acquiring supplies and does this change your maintenance practices?

### Special Notes:

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Please welcome our new members, Walter Policario and Kelly Sander of Hydro One, and Chris Iveson of Hydro One Networks Inc.

TMTA Waterloo is happy to welcome Bryan Watson of Transit Trailer and Mark Heuston Miller Waste Systems to the Executive.

TMTA 2023 membership fee invoices have been sent out, if you have not received your invoice please speak with Don Herner and he will see that you receive it. **Membership fees were due December 31, 2022.** We can accept cash, cheque and e-transfer.

**We ask that you please RSVP to each meeting, you can do so by emailing [waterlooregion@tmta.ca](mailto:waterlooregion@tmta.ca).** If you have stated your intent to attend we ask that you please do. This RSVP is used to determine how much food we need to have prepared and it also helps to let the sponsor know approximately how much they are spending! Each plate that goes un-eaten costs the sponsor \$40.00!

**TMTA Waterloo Region is in need of directors.** If you would like to give back to your organization, we encourage you to come to the next executive meeting and observe to see if it is something that you would be interested in joining us there is no obligation. The next executive meeting is February 16th at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel at 7:00pm.

## Meeting Information:

**MEETING PLACE:**

**Double Tree by Hilton, Kitchener**

**MEETING DATE:**

**February 2, 2023**

**DOORS OPEN:**

**5:30 pm**

**DINNER AT:**

**7:00 pm**

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