2026 OAPC AWARDS NOMINATION PACKAGE

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

2025 AWARD RECIPIENT

Bruce Armstrong

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2024 Murray Ritchie
- 2021 Cosimo Cruoi
- 2020 Paul Lum
- 2019 William "Bill" Graham
- 2018 Mark Rivett
- 2017 Robin Beamish
- 2016 Raymond F. Legault
- 2013 Laverne Miller
- 2012 Mike O'Connor
- 2006 Joe Boccia
- 2003 King Beamish
- 2002 John Carrick Sr.
- 2000 Tom McLeod
- 1997 Donald E. Budd
- 1989 Earl Kee
- 1980 John. E. DeToro

The Honorary Life Membership Award recognizes Members for their dedication to advancing the objectives of the Ontario Asphalt Pavement Council and who have performed notable service to the Council.

NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

- Has been a member of the Ontario Asphalt Pavement Council through employment or ownership in a member capacity during their career.
- Has a record of activity in committee, task groups or has been elected or appointed to the Board of Directors.
- Preference will be given to those members who are approaching retirement or have retired.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions in writing, or produce a video with the help of ORBA staff to record your nomination.

1. Tell us about the candidate's work and dedication to help advance the objectives of the Ontario Asphalt Pavement Council (OAPC).
2. What has the nominee done that gives evidence of notable service to the Council?
3. Provide evidence that:
    - The nominee has been a member of the Council through employment or ownership in a member capacity during their career.
    - The nominee has a record of activity in committee, task groups or has been elected or appointed to the Board of Directors.
    - That the nominee is approaching retirement or has retired.

THE KING BEAMISH EXCELLENCE AWARD

2025 AWARD RECIPIENT

Fernando Magisano

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2020 Mike Deckert
- 2019 Christina Wright
- 2016 Marianne O'Shaunessy
- 2015 Larry Wilson
- 2014 Adrien Van Neikerk
- 2013 Murray Ritchie
- 2010 Joe Bunting
- 2009 Paul Lum
- 2008 Ray Legault
- 2006 Herb Villneff Sr.
- 2003 Ashton Martin
- 1997 John Emery
- 1996 James McLarty
- 1991 Walter Schenk
- 1990 Russ McMaster

The King Beamish Excellence Award recognizes an OAPC member who has made an exemplary voluntary contribution to the works of the Council over a period of time and has demonstrated qualities that exemplify leadership, motivation and inspiration related to participation in the Council.

NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

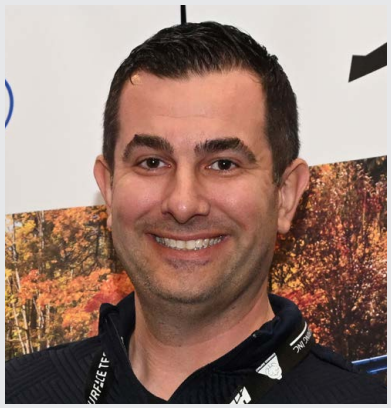
- Be a member in good standing with OAPC.
- Has undertaken activities for OAPC on a voluntary basis and not for remuneration.
- Has provided a minimum of four (4) years volunteer activities at the committee or board level prior to the date on the submission.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions in writing, or produce a video with the help of ORBA staff to record your nomination.

1. How has the nominee gone above and beyond the regular levels of a volunteer?
2. Give examples of how the nominee provided exceptional service throughout their years of volunteerism.
3. How have the contributions of the nominee supported the OAPC's Mission Statement?
4. Attach a typed detailed description highlighting the nominee's volunteer work with the OAPC.

EARL KEE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD



2024 AWARD RECIPIENT

Mate Jurkin

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2022 Sina Varamini
- 2020 Pavel Kriz
- 2018 Mike McLean
- 2017 Steve Smith
- 2016 Steve Manolis
- 2015 Bryan Eyers
- 2014 Bruce Armstrong
- 2013 Mike Deckert
- 2012 Bridget Mills
- 2011 Fernando Magisano
- 2010 Peter Gamble
- 2009 Brian Keveryga
- 2008 Param Dhillon
- 2007 Murray Ritchie
- 2006 Vince Aurilio
- 2005 Fernando Magisano
- 2004 Tom Dziedziejko
- 2003 Paul Lum
- 2002 Ray Legault
- 2001 John Loughnan
- 2000 Fernando Magisano
- 1999 Paul Lum

The Earl Kee Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes an OAPC member who has made an exemplary voluntary contribution to the works of the Council in the past year and has made a significant contribution to the development or progress of the Council's objectives.

NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

- Be a member in good standing with OAPC.
- Has undertaken their activities for OAPC on a voluntary basis and not for remuneration.
- Has provided a minimum of one (1) year of volunteer activities at the committee or board level prior to the date on the submission.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

Please answer the following question in writing, or produce a video with the help of ORBA staff to record your nomination.

1. Tell us about the candidate's volunteer work over the past year that helped advance the objectives of the OAPC.

JOE BUNTING MENTORSHIP AWARD

2024 AWARD RECIPIENT

John Thomas

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2022 Brian Keveryga*
- 2020 Domenic Passalacqua
- 2017 Manuel Cota
- 2016 Bert Hendriks
- 2015 Carl MacTaggart
- 2014 Carlo Fallavolita
- 2013 Roger Brassard
- 2012 Don Piper

*** Awarded posthumously.**

The Joe Bunting Mentorship Award was established to recognize the importance of mentorship to our community. To quote Joe from an article in ASPHALTopics, "You learn fairly early on in your career that your success depends on the success of others and I have always valued the opportunity to hire young people, to be their mentor and share in their achievements." This award not only honours Joe but turns a spotlight on those people in our industry that take the time to teach, inspire and encourage tomorrow's leaders of our industry.

NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

- Be a member in good standing with OAPC;
- Or, be retired from the asphalt industry, but has been employed by an OAPC member company at one point in their career.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions in writing, or produce a video with the help of ORBA staff to record your nomination.

1. What makes the nominee such an inspiring mentor?
2. What difference or impact has the nominee made as a mentor?
3. What is unique or extraordinary about the nominee?

SPECIAL NOTE

We encourage member companies to distribute the Joe Bunting Mentorship Award nomination form to all company staff.

DR. NORMAN McLEOD AWARD FOR INNOVATION

2015 AWARD RECIPIENT

Keith Davidson

1950—2015

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2013 Lyle Moran
- 2011 Leonard Ng
- 2009 Dr. Kai Tam
- 2007 Gary Moore
- 2006 Bert Hendriks
- 2004 Leo McArthur
- 2003 Dr. J. Don Brock
- 2002 Dr. Ralph Haas
- 2001 Tony Decoo

The Dr. Norman McLeod Award for Innovation was named in honour of Dr. Norman McLeod, Canada's most accomplished asphalt innovator. The purpose of the award is to highlight the innovative work of those involved in the asphalt industry.

NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

- Be actively involved in the asphalt industry in North America with direct benefit for the asphalt industry in Ontario.
- The candidate **does not** have to be a member of the Association.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions in writing, or produce a video with the help of ORBA staff to record your nomination.

1. What single achievement, or body of work makes this nominee worthy of this award?
2. What innovation or research achievement makes this nominee worthy of this award?
3. What makes the nominee unique or extraordinary in the asphalt industry?

THE "BLEEDS BLACK" AWARD

2025 AWARD RECIPIENT

Ronald Abdul

2024 RECIPIENT
- John MacKay

2023 RECIPIENT
- Regan Cox

2021 RECIPIENT
- Amma Agbedor

2020 RECIPIENTS
- Bruce Armstrong
- Donn Bernal

2019 RECIPIENT
- Peter Gamble

2018 RECIPIENT
- Domenic Passalacqua

2017 RECIPIENT
- Steve Manolis

2016 RECIPIENT
- Tom Dziedziejko

2014 RECIPIENTS
- Fernando Magisano
- John Emery

2013 RECIPIENTS
- Dr. Susan Tighe
- Alexander 'Sandy' Brown
- Mark Cosby

The purpose of the "Bleeds Black" Award is to highlight the passion and commitment of individuals to the superiority of asphalt as the pavement of choice in Ontario. The Council credits the words of Tim Fawcett, past OHMPA director, who said when describing an individual "whose passion and commitment for all things asphalt is so great that when cut, they bleed black."– March 6, 2013 Annual General Meeting.

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- Be actively involved in the asphalt industry in North America with direct benefit for the asphalt industry in Ontario.
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NOMINATION INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions in writing, or produce a video with the help of ORBA staff to record your nomination.

1. Tell us how the nominee is not only interested, but passionate and enthusiastic about asphalt as the pavement of choice in Ontario.
2. How does this person's contribution to the asphalt industry stand above the rest?
3. Tell us about the nominee's passion about asphalt that, "When Cut, They Bleed Black".

2026 NOMINATION FORM

HOW TO NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL FOR AN OAPC AWARD:

- To nominate an individual please provide your name, the name of the person you are nominating, and the name of an OAPC Council Member that supports your nomination.
- As a nominator you must be a member in good standing with the Association. As a nominator you may not nominate more than one candidate annually per award.

Submission for which award: _____

Nominee's name: _____

Nominee's company name: _____

Nominee's business or home address: _____

Nominee's phone #: _____ Nominee's Email: _____

_____

Nominator – please print name ***Signature*** ***email address***

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Council Director – please print name ***Signature*** ***email address***

DUE DATES FOR SUBMISSIONS:

- The deadline to submit nominations for all OAPC Awards is **Friday, November 13, 2026**.
- For more information about OAPC Awards, please contact Donn Bernal, Technical Advisor - Asphalt Industry at donn@orba.org
- Please submit your nominations to Alexis Del Rosario, Programs Coordinator & Assistant to the CEO at alexis@orba.org

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