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## **ADDITION – OSBA News – Update on DCP Program**

### **MTO Releases Consultant's Report on Driver Certification Program**

As previously reported in *OSBA News*, last September, MTO met with approximately 140 Recognized Authorities (RA's) or their designees and trade associations (including OSBA) to discuss the future of MTO's Driver Certification Program. MTO had considered either cancelling the program altogether, or making significant modifications to it in response to calls from the Provincial Auditor and MTO Internal Audit to tighten up program oversight and increase program integrity.

Stakeholders clearly explained to MTO staff the importance of the DCP program and how it's critical for ensuring an adequate number of drivers are trained, tested and licensed in a timely, organized manner in order to meet business demands. The time delays and extra costs associated with having to send all drivers to DriveTest centres for testing would have a crippling impact on commercial driver availability. MTO hear loud and clear of the need to keep the program, as the alternative is simply unacceptable to industry.

*This week, MTO released the consultant's final report on the consultation session. As a result of the industry feedback, MTO has decided it will not eliminate DCP and instead will be moving forward with implementing a new business model for DCP. The new model will require RA's to enter into a binding agreement with MTO that sets out a robust audit regime and includes cost recovery.*

Another industry consultation session is planned for early 2013 where details of the new business model will be discussed with RA's and other stakeholders, including OSBA.