

2023 SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Join us as we explore paths forward from the various challenges.

Sessions will be engaging, thoughtful and intended to cover topics during this time of recovery and uncertainty in the post-COVID world, seeking collaborative ways to address those challenges.

We encourage elected officials, planners, development officers, economic development officers and administrators from across Alberta to attend and participate in the conference.

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EDUCATION SESSION		
MON 9:15	The Evolution of Planning: Appreciating the history of land development and planning can inform your understanding of present planning and help predict future planning. This session will provide an overview of the history of planning in Alberta and consider how this history informs municipal and intermunicipal planning today. We will also consider future municipal and intermunicipal planning issues and how municipalities can prepare for the future.	Alifeyah Gulamhusein Brownlee LLP
MAIN CONFERENCE		
KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS		
MON 1:30	The Intersection of Planning & Politics How much public discourse and opinion is polluted by misinformation, smoke screens, and noise? Real Talk host Ryan Jespersen has his finger on the pulse of the province. From 15-minute cities to 100-year floods, he lays out how it all lines up at The Intersection of Politics and Planning.	Ryan Jespersen, Host Real Talk
TUES 8:30	The Grey Zone: New Ways Forward in the Convergence of Planning and Economic Development In his usual style of “informative, entertaining, and a little bit crazy” as he steps toward the future of planning and economic development in the convergence zone – with how’s, hard truths and handy tips at the ready.	Chris Fields, Principal Rynic

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MONDAY, MAY 1 SESSIONS

MON 2:45	IA Municipal Strategic Planning on the Frontline of a Political Battle Royale In a post-pandemic environment, resiliency is the name of the game. The modern municipality needs to be agile while navigating the next “boom” on the horizon. In the face of adversity, uncertainty, and a hint of optimism, municipal strategic planning has been filling the gap in plans and policies to better organize, prioritize and optimize municipal governments to leap forward into the next frontier	Brian Murray B&A Studios Lenore Swystun Prairie Wild Consulting Samantha Mark Prairie Wild Consulting
MON 2:45	IB Your Development Approval Process: Health Check The municipal Development Approval Process (DAP) for planning and development applications covers the first applicant inquiry through to file closure. Join us to hear about the importance of maintaining a healthy DAP, what issues may exist, and what changes you could consider so the process is more efficient for your staff and applicants.	Kristen Harder Dillon Consulting Ltd Brandy MacInnis Dillon Consulting Ltd
MON 4:00	IC Small Communities: Opportunities to work remotely COVID resulted in people having to work online that has led to the realization that people don't always need to be in an office creating opportunities for where people may want to live. This presentation will look at the trends and challenges occurring between remote working and the traditional office environment along with the opportunity it presents for smaller communities.	Nick Pryce V3 Group of Companies
MON 4:00	ID Enhancing Real Estate and Land Use Planning through Urban Farming in AB Municipalities Hear compelling narratives of their experience throughout the project and significant research findings. During the preliminary stages of this project, the research was presented at the Bow River Basin Council AGM.	Pablo Pina, PhD SAIT, MacPhail School of Energy Liz Barker SAIT

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TUESDAY MAY 2 SESSIONS

TUES 10:00	2A Electoral Boundaries This presentation provides a backgrounder on local electoral boundaries (aka wards or divisions) and the ward system in Alberta, the provincial legislative framework, and best practices for undertaking a boundary review. The presentation covers technical lessons learned and important, but little discussed, considerations such as the timing of adopting new electoral boundaries.	Brian Conger <i>ISL Engineering</i> Darren Young <i>ISL Engineering</i>
TUES 10:00	2B Reimagining the Reservoir: Adapting for the Future to Survive in an Evolving World Many resource-reliant smaller communities across Western Canada are facing significant challenges as their traditional industries (such as coal mining) reach their final stages. At the same time, many communities contain underutilized spaces with significant potential. How could “reimagining” these sites work for your community?	Daniel MacGregor <i>B&A Studios</i>
TUES 1:15	3A Town of Calmar Tour: Calmar Vitalization Plan Calmar is a young and growing community and downtown is a key part of this vitality. The Community Vitalization Plan is not a blueprint for development. Rather, it provides a framework for strategic decision-making about the form and character of public spaces, including sidewalks, intersections, and open spaces along main street. The Community Vitalization Plan focuses to create a vibrant and inviting place for residents, businesses and visitors alike.	Sandra McIntosh, Economic Development, <i>Town of Calmar</i> Chelsea Whitty <i>Dialog Design</i> Sylvain Losier, CAO, <i>Town of Calmar</i>
TUES 1:15	3B Municipal Councils and Part 17 of the Municipal Government Act: Limits on the Exercise of Discretion Municipal councils are given a broad authority to enact planning bylaws under Part 17 of the Municipal Government Act, however the authority is not unlimited. Legal challenges to planning bylaws, including statutory plans and land use bylaws, are becoming increasingly common. This session will consider the scope of a municipal council's planning and development authority and limitations on that authority.	Diana Young <i>Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP</i>

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TUES 2:45	<p>4A Spend Money to Make More Money: Building Your Municipal Tax Base via Area Structure Plans</p> <p>Want to grow your tax base? Have you considered municipal-led Area Structure Plans? Area Structure Plans are one tool municipalities have to help spur and attract development. Listen and learn about how your municipality can grow its tax base by hearing about examples of small town and county-led area structure plans.</p>	<p>Jonathan Schmidt Bluerock Planning Chris Fields Rynic</p>
TUES 2:45	<p>4B Affordable and inclusive housing: Perspectives from Stony Plain</p> <p>The provision of affordable and inclusive housing is an issue that is becoming increasingly prevalent across Canadian municipalities. What type of housing is needed in the community? Which groups are in need of housing supports? What is the municipality's role when it comes to affordable housing? This session will explore how Stony Plain has proposed to address their community's housing needs through the development of its first Housing Strategy</p>	<p>Courtney Laurence ISL Engineering Chelseay Rudolph Town of Stony Plain</p>
WEDNESDAY MAY 3 SESSIONS		
WED 9:00	<p>P2 Should Alberta Municipalities Embrace Innovative Land Use Bylaws?</p> <p>A provocative question given recent public hearings, media stories, and public demonstrations related to Municipal Development Plans (MDPs) and Land Use Bylaws (LUB). Authors, at various stages of LUB development, from Beaumont, Edmonton, and Fort Saskatchewan will share their journey from MDP approval, to the drafting of LUB regulations, and implementation. The facilitated panel discussion will illustrate the work each municipality has undertaken to date, including engagement with the public, project strengths and weaknesses, and what innovation has meant to their municipality.</p>	<p>Kendra Raymond City of Beaumont Trevor Illingworth City of Edmonton Craig Thomas City of Fort Saskatchewan Moderator David Schoor, ISL Engineering</p>
WED 10:30	<p>P3 Planning for the Unknown</p> <p>What does our future look like? How can we be resilient in the face of change? What do we do next? Three important questions for planning and politics. Our panelists will consider current conditions, present their organizations perspective, how challenges are being addressed, and what the future holds. The panelists will discuss how municipalities can build resiliency through, among other things, collaboration.</p>	<p>Reeve Paul McLauchlin, <i>President</i> RMA Mayor Cathy Heron, <i>President</i> ABmunis Dr. Mary-Ellen Tyler, University of Calgary Moderator David Schoor, ISL Engineering</p>

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Monday	
Morning	Education Session
Main Conference	
Afternoon	Welcome
	Opening Keynote
	Concurrent Sessions
Evening	Welcome Social – to be announced
Tuesday	
Morning	Tuesday Keynote
	Concurrent Sessions
Afternoon	Lunch and CPAA AGM
	Presentations: Community Achievement Award & Student Scholarship
Evening	Banquet & Silent Auction with entertainment by the Borch Brothers
Wednesday	
Morning	Morning Plenary
	Closing Plenary
	Grand Prize & Community Project Draws

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Education Session – **Alberta Counsel**

Tuesday Keynote – **Northern Sunrise County**

Welcome Social – **B&A Studios and Dillon Consulting**

Banquet – **Lethbridge County**

Banquet Beverages – **City of Leduc**

Conference Program – **WATT Consulting Group Ltd**

Sessions – **Parkland County, University of Calgary SAPL, Scheffer Andrew Ltd, AREF**

Meal and Refreshment Breaks – **County of Newell, Lacombe County,
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Student Participation – **City of Beaumont**

Annual General Meeting – **Big Lakes County**



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