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## MONDAY, APRIL 30

**7:30am: Registration Desk Open**  
Location: Lobby

**8:00am: Hot Buffet Breakfast for Education Session Delegates**  
Location: Mainstage

### Education Session

Speakers: Michael Scheidl, Alisha Mody and Nick Pryce

- **9:00 – 12:15pm: "Getting Started on your Inter-municipal Collaboration Frameworks and Inter-municipal Development Plans"**  
Location: Mainstage
- **10:15 - 10:30am: Refreshment Break**
- **12:15 - 1:15pm: Buffet Lunch for Education Session Delegates Only**  
Location: Mainstage

*(Conference Delegates who are not participating in the Education Sessions are on their own for lunch)*

### Conference Opens

- **1:30 - 1:45pm: Opening Address**  
Speakers: Tom Burton CPAA Chair  
Location: Salon ABC
- **1:45 – 2:45pm: Keynote: "Municipal Planning and Indigenous Peoples: Assessing the Evolution of a Paradigm in the Making "**  
Speaker: Dr. Yale D. Belanger, Professor of Political Science, University of Lethbridge  
Location: Salon ABC

### 2:45 - 3:00pm: Refreshment Break in Salon D

### Concurrent Sessions

**3:00 - 4:00pm**

- **Session 1A: "Vibrant Neighbourhoods, Economic Resilience & Curated Commercial Real Estate"**  
Speakers: Antoine Palmer, Sparrow Capital  
Location: Salon ABC
- **Session 1B: "The Clock is Ticking - Is your Municipal Public Participation Policy Ready to go?"**  
Speaker: Kim Hyshka, Dialogue Partners and Chelsey Jersak, Situate  
Location: Mainstage

### Concurrent Sessions

**4:15 - 5:00pm**

- **Session 1C: "FireSmart Begins at Home – Living Resiliently with Wildfire"**  
Speakers: Laura Stewart, FireSmart Specialist, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry  
Location: Salon ABC
- **Session 1D: "Land Use Planning and Damage Prevention"**  
Speakers: Shannon Neufeld, National Energy Board and Patricia Poulton, TransCanada  
Location: Mainstage

**MLA Reception – 6:00 - 7:00pm in Salon ABC: Alberta Municipal Affairs. MLA to be announced.**

Delegates are on their own for dinner.

## TUESDAY, MAY 1

7:30am: Registration Desk Open  
Location: Lobby

7:30am: Hot Buffet Breakfast  
Location: Salon D

### Conference Opens

- **8:30 – 10:00am: Plenary: "Negotiation : How to Engage in Productive Inter-municipal Conversations "**  
Speaker: Michael Scheidl, Lisa Awid-Goltz and Jennifer Paton, Alberta Municipal Affairs  
Location: Salon ABC

### 10:00 - 10:15pm: Refreshment Break in SALON D

### Concurrent Sessions

10:15 – 11:30am

- **Session 2A: "Radio Communications and Broadcasting Antenna Systems CPC 2-0-03 "**  
Speaker: Bernie Ries, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada  
Location: Salon ABC
- **Session 2B: "Small Places, Big Dreams – Rural Revitalization in a Changing World"**  
Speaker: Martin Frigo, Parkland County, Ken Venner, B&A Planning Group  
Location: Mainstage

### 12:15 – 1:15pm: Hot plated lunch, CCAA Annual General Meeting and Election in Salon ABC

### Concurrent Sessions

1:30 – 3:00pm

- **Session 3A: "Legal Update: Off-site Levies and Mandatory Utility Connections "**  
Speakers: Jeneane Grundberg, Partner, and Bryce Lawrence, Associate, Brownlee LPP  
Location: Salon ABC
- **Session 3B: "The Value Proposition starting with Appropriate Procurement"**  
Speakers: Troy McNeill, McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd and David Nagy, President , Consulting Engineers of Alberta  
Location: Mainstage

### 3:00 - 3:15pm: Refreshment Break in Salon D

### Concurrent Sessions

3:15 – 4:30pm

- **Session 4A: ""Pathway to Canada Target 1 – Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas & Regional Plans"**  
Speakers: Scott Duguid, Alberta Environment and Parks  
Location: Salon ABC
- **Session 4B: "Annexation: What is in Pandora's Box"**  
Speaker: Deidre Macht, CEO, ISO Resource Technologies Inc. and Ed Davis, Abacus Datagraphics Ltd  
Location: Mainstage

### 6:00pm: CCAA Reception, 6:30pm Banquet, Entertainment and Silent Auction

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

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**8:00am: Hot Buffet Breakfast in Salon ABC**

### **Morning Plenary**

**9:00 – 10:15am**

- **Plenary "Rebuilding Alberta's Economy in 2018"**

Speaker: Todd Hirsch, ATB's Chief Economist

Location: Salon ABC

**10:15 - 10:30am: Refreshment Break in Salon D**

### **Closing Plenary**

**10:30 – 11:30am**

- **Closing Plenary "Listening & Learning, the Art of Productive Collaboration"**

Speaker: Mike Nickel, City of Edmonton Councillor and John Whaley, retired Mayor of Leduc County

Location: Salon ABC

**11:30 – 11:45am: Closing Remarks, Grand Prize draw and Community Project announcement**

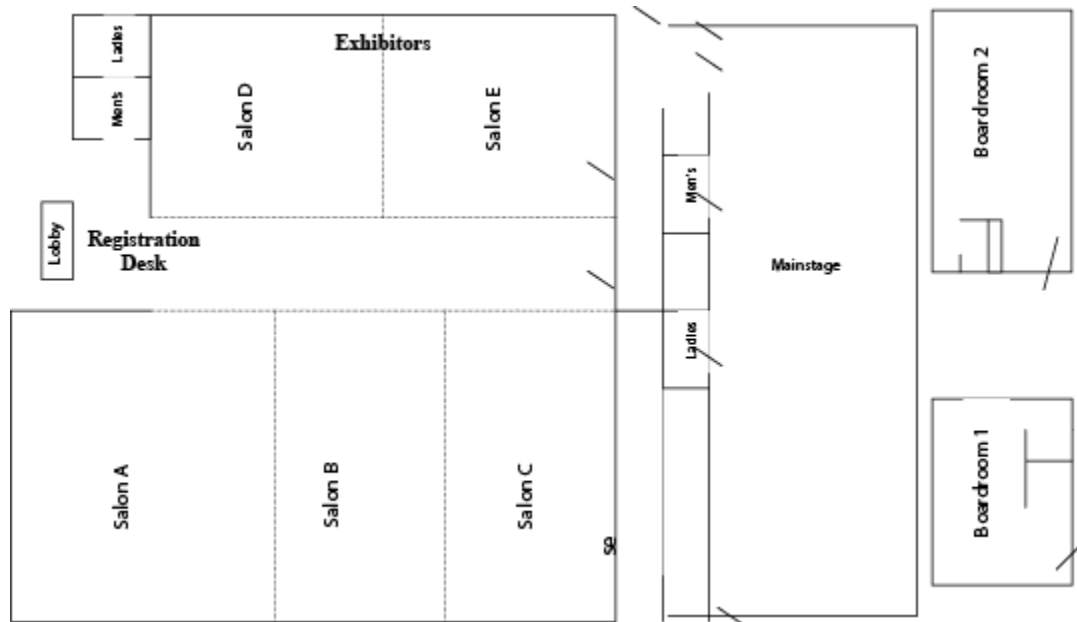
Draw for the Community Project donation of \$500.00.

Delegates are asked to fill out and submit the Conference Questionnaire to qualify for the free 2019 conference registration.

Grand Prize Draw. You must be present to receive the prize.

Location: Salon ABC

## CONFERENCE SITE MAP



## GREETINGS FROM THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Welcome to the 2018 Community Planning Association of Alberta Annual Conference! The CPAA Board of Directors is once again excited about this year's theme: IGNITE: Inspire – Collaborate – Implement.

How will you cope with the many upcoming changes happening? How will new changes to the MGA impact you, and what will you do about it? How will you or your municipality be best suited to handle change? At this year's Conference we will examine how to IGNITE: Inspire, Collaborate & Implement!

This year's sessions are all about setting up for success, and being prepared to make it happen. We will discuss how you can be best suited to navigate change. Whether it is the modernized MGA, increasing collaboration with Indigenous communities, protecting your communities from disasters, working cooperatively with your neighbours or preparing your communities for the shifting economy, we will be talking about it!

This is a great opportunity to hear from experts and share ideas with colleagues from across Alberta and Canada. As always, CPAA is grateful for the contributions of our sponsors and their generosity that helps ensure the Alberta Planning Conference continues to be a great success!

We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 CPAA Alberta Planning Conference!

Sincerely,

Your Conference Committee

Candace Banack, Garrett Tomlinson, Tom Johnston

## 2017 – 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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We encourage you, as a member of the Community Planning Association of Alberta to consider to stand for nomination for a position of Director, of the Community Planning Association of Alberta. Nomination forms are at the Registration Desk and must be signed and handed in by 11:00am, Tuesday, May 1st to the CPAA Secretary at the Registration Desk.

### CPAA Executive

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### Conference Registration

Full registration includes concurrent sessions, keynote speaker, plenaries, annual general meeting, MLA reception, breakfasts, luncheon, banquet and refreshment breaks. Participation in the Community Project, Grand Prize and free conference registration draws.

### Registration Desk Hours

Monday from 7:30 - 5pm

Tuesday from 7:30 - 4pm

### CPAA Conference Banquet Tuesday, May 1

6:00pm – Reception Cash Bar

6:30pm – Banquet starts

8:00 - 9:15pm – Entertainment group The Velvet Hand

Silent Auction - Thank you to the MLAs and our delegates for their generous contributions of unique items to our silent auction.

Location: Salon ABC

## Monday April 30

### Education Session

9:00am to 12:15pm: "Getting Started on your Inter-municipal Collaboration Frameworks and Inter-municipal Development Plans"

Location: Mainstage

The legislation has passed on the new Municipal Government Act and now what? Michael Scheidl provides a look at some of the requirements in completing Inter-municipal Collaboration Frameworks and Inter-municipal Development Plans including helpful workbook exercises followed by a moderated panel discussion on common challenges and opportunities as municipalities work toward completing these frameworks.

**Michael Scheidl**, is the Manager of Inter-municipal Relations with Alberta Municipal Affairs. Michael is chartered mediators, instructs with Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Alberta and has extensive experience in organizational development with non-profit groups through his work with Alberta Community Development. Michael was also a Recreation Director with the Town of St. Paul.

**Nick Pryce, RPP**, is the Director of Planning with V3 Group. He has over 25 years of planning, project management, engagement and facilitation experience across Canada and internationally that cover a wide range of planning projects. Recently, he has served as facilitator in developing a Special Policy Area between Sturgeon County, City of Edmonton and City of St. Albert and is currently work with a number of communities in northern Alberta on the development of their IDP's.

**Alisha Mody, RPP**, is the Manager of Planning for the Mackenzie Municipal Services Agency. She coordinates with MMSA's municipal planners to ensure that the Agency is addressing its member municipalities' strategic planning priorities and supporting their day-to-day administrative planning processes. The MMSA is currently partnering with V3 Companies of Canada to deliver five Inter-municipal Development Plans (IDPs) between the Town of Peace River and the County of Northern Lights, the Municipal District of Peace and Northern Sunrise County; the County of Northern Lights and the Municipal District of Peace; and the County of Northern Lights and the Town of Manning. The MMSA is currently developing another five IDPs with a number of our municipal members.

### Keynote Presentation

1:45pm – 2:45pm: "Municipal Planning & Indigenous Peoples: Assessing the Evolution of a Paradigm in the Making"

Location: Salon ABC

In 2015, five days prior to the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) final report, Premier Rachel Notley apologized for Alberta's role in the residential school system and called for a "fundamental shift" in the Alberta-Indigenous relationship. Reconciliation between non-Indigenous and Indigenous peoples has since developed into a central focus of Canadian public discourse, especially in many prairie cities with growing Indigenous populations. It is not just an intra-municipal issue however – the idea of reconciliation has also been broached as a means of improving municipal-First Nations relationships. The lack of policy discussion about reconciliation's demands is troubling, however, particularly when we reflect on the level of social, political, and economic change that has occurred in Alberta during the last decade. This address will provide the context needed to better understand reconciliation's multiple dimensions, how Indigenous, provincial and municipal officials frame the concept, while offering suggestions for how to best overcome some of the more complex contemporary challenges as we work towards 'recovering the relationship'.

**Dr. Yale D. Belanger, PhD**, is professor of Political Science at the University of Lethbridge (Alberta), and a Member, Royal Society of Canada, College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists (2017-2024). His doctoral work at Trent University (ON) focused on the emergence and evolution of Aboriginal political organizations in late 19th- and early 20th-century Canada.

Dr. Belanger is widely published in various edited compilations and in journals such as Canadian Public Policy, Canadian Journal of Psychiatry, Canadian Foreign Policy, Journal of Gambling Business and Economics, UNLV Gaming Research and Review, Gaming Law Review & Economics, International Journal of Canadian Studies, International Gambling Studies, Canadian Geographer - Le Géographe canadien, Business & Politics, Canadian Journal Of Criminology And Criminal Justice, American Review of Canadian Studies, Canadian Journal of Native Studies, American Indian Culture and Research Journal, and American Indian Quarterly.

## Monday April 30

### Concurrent Sessions

3:00pm – 4:00pm

#### Session 1A: "Vibrant Neighbourhoods, Economic Resilience, and Curated Commercial Real Estate"

Location: Salon ABC

Think about the best spaces in your Town or City. What makes them great? Rich culture, good food, good people, productive collaboration, technological innovation, cross pollination and meaningful collisions... What kinds of tenants make these spaces great? What does it take to fill our Town or City with such great spaces? We have no shortage of land and buildings. We have no shortage of capital. If the property and the tenant are in place, capital is eager to play. The challenge is that many of the operators work is most meaningful for our communities may be challenged to represent a robust covenant from a commercial leasing perspective. How can commercial real estate be used as a platform to strengthen the entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystems in our cities? How can we strengthen the ecosystem of operators whose work enhances the cultural fabric of our neighbourhoods and strengthens the economic resilience of our municipal region? And how can all of this be achieved while reducing risks, elevating investment performance, and building competitive advantage for community-oriented real estate developers?

**Antoine Palmer**, founder and president of Sparrow Capital. Social entrepreneur and real estate investor. Former Hindu monk and world traveler. Co-founder of Sustainival and Sustainitech. Sparrow Capital's core mandate is to demonstrate how commercial real estate assets can be curated strategically to enhance the cultural fabric of neighbourhoods and the economic resilience of municipal regions.

#### Session 1B: "The Clock is Ticking . . . Is your Municipal Public Participation Policy Ready to go?"

Location: Mainstage

Late last year the Alberta government made changes to the Municipal Government Act to require all Alberta municipalities to adopt a public participation policy by July 23, 2018. Sounds simple enough—but what comes next? What's the best way to conduct public participation? What are other municipalities doing? What would an

effective policy look and sound like? If any of these questions sound familiar, we're here to help. The Countdown to Public Participation session will cover three key aspects of understanding public participation and creating a public participation policy: Background & Key Concepts, Ingredients to Good Policy, and Making it Work (After it's Passed).

**Kim Hyshka** is an incredibly accomplished public engagement professional. Owner and principal of Dialogue Partners, Kim supplies a wealth of knowledge and an approach to engagement that focuses on what really matters: relationships, values, and empathy. Kim is an active member of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2 Canada) and a licensed IAP2 Foundations trainer.

**Chelsey Jersak, RPP, PMP** is a seasoned land use planner. Founder and principal of Situate, Chelsey's work focuses on plain language policy and regulatory solutions to achieve tangible, community-oriented results. Chelsey is a member of the board of the Infill Development in Edmonton Association (IDEA) and the Alberta district council of the Urban Land Institute, and a founding member and past coordinator of the Child Friendly Housing Coalition of Alberta.

### Concurrent Sessions

4:15pm – 5:00pm

#### Session 1C: "FireSmart Begins at Home – Living Resiliently with Wildfire"

Location: Salon ABC

Recent wildfire seasons in Canada have illustrated the vulnerability of communities to wildfire and the potential for devastating loss. The personal, social and economic costs associated with large wildfire occurrence have raised questions about the degree to which citizens, their property, and our natural resources are at risk from wildfire. Effectively managing wildfire requires balancing its natural role with the protection of human life, property and economic values.

This equilibrium demands comprehensive risk management approaches including an appropriate mix of wildfire mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Canada can manage future risk collectively through implementation and further enhancement of FireSmart programming in Canada; managing wildfire to achieve landscape objectives, maintain public and firefighter safety, minimize wildfire loss and damage and to control cost expenditures.



**Laura Stewart** is the President of FireSmart Canada and has worked with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry for the last three years and recently moved into the FireSmart Specialist position. In this role, Laura partners with municipal fire departments across the province and provides support with engaging homeowners to take a grassroots approach to FireSmart in their neighbourhoods. Building and maintaining communities that are resilient to wildfire. Prior to joining the Alberta team, Laura spent four years with a municipal fire department and was responsible for their local FireSmart program. Laura has represented Alberta on the FireSmart Canada Board of Directors for the last four years and is currently serving her third term as President.

### **Session 1D: "Land Use Planning and Damage Prevention"** Location: Mainstage

Damage to buried infrastructure costs Canadians over a billion dollars each year. This presentation discusses the damage causes and how land use planning can mitigate hazards associated with living and working over the complex infrastructure beneath us.

**Shannon Neufeld**, has over 23 years of Damage Prevention experience, developing damage prevention programs for both the natural gas and electric energy sectors. Since 2013, she has been the Technical Leader of Damage Prevention at the National Energy Board, leading the modernization of the damage prevention regulations for federally regulated pipelines in Canada. Shannon is also on the Technical Committees for the CSA Z247 Damage Prevention for the Protection of Underground Infrastructure standard and CSA Z663 Land Use Planning in the Vicinity of Pipelines standard. Within the damage prevention community of practice, Shannon represents the regulator stakeholder group on the Board of Directors for the regional Alberta Common Ground Alliance and British Columbia Common Ground Alliance, and proudly serves on the Canadian Common Ground Alliance Board of Directors addressing damage prevention issues of national interest.

**Patricia Poulton**, is the Chair of the Education and Marketing Committee, ABCGA (Alberta Common Ground Alliance). She has been working in the field of Community and Indigenous Relations for TransCanada for the last 23 years in a national and international setting. Among her responsibilities include managing in her area of influence TransCanada's Public Awareness Program where we promote education and awareness on damage prevention; she develops effective working relationships with those communities, stakeholders and Indigenous Communities in which TransCanada operates in Central, Southern Alberta and the East Kootenay's in BC. She volunteers at the Indian Events Committee at the Calgary Stampede and is responsible for preparing the Teepee Competition during the 10 days of Stampede.

## **Tuesday May 1**

### **Plenary**

**8:30am – 10am: "Negotiation: How to Engage in Productive Inter-municipal conversations"**

Location: Salon ABC

Municipalities often need to work collaboratively with their municipal neighbors and this is especially true with the recent changes to the *Municipal Government Act* around creating Inter-municipal Collaboration Frameworks. This workshop will explore ways you can enter into these discussions in a mutually beneficial and meaningful way. Information on best practices and strategies will be provided in this interactive session to assist in getting past positional thinking.

**Lisa Awid-Goltz**, is a Senior Inter-municipal Relations Specialist with Alberta Municipal Affairs. Passionate about the field of conflict resolution, Lisa assists municipalities who require dispute resolution support to resolve challenging and often highly conflictual situations, as well as provides services to assist in the building inter and intra-municipal collaborative practices. Prior to joining Municipal Affairs, Lisa worked with the Alberta Environmental Appeals Board where she focused on strategic planning and worked extensively with the Board's mediation program. Lisa is a member of the ADR Institute of Alberta and Canada, a mediator with the Provincial Court of Alberta Civil Claims Mediation Program, and also enjoys instructing and facilitating.

**Jennifer Paton**, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) & Mana is an Inter-municipal Relations Advisor with Alberta Municipal Affairs. The Inter-municipal Relations Team provides mediation, collaboration and education to municipalities to help municipalities work better together and resolve conflict. She has worked for more than 20 years in the not-for-profit sector providing counselling, and facilitation services to at-risk and marginalized populations before transitioning to working for the Province. Although the populations being supported have changed, the challenges people face around interpersonal dynamics and miscommunication are universal.

**Michael Scheidl** is the Manager of Inter-municipal Relations with Alberta Municipal Affairs. Michael is chartered mediator, instructs with Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Alberta and has extensive experience in organizational development with non-profit groups through his work with Alberta Community Development. Michael was also a Recreation Director with the Town of St. Paul.

## Tuesday May 1

### Concurrent Sessions

10:15am – 11:30am

#### Session 2A: "Radio Communications and Broadcasting Antenna Systems CPC 2-0-03"

Location: Salon ABC

Innovation Science & Economic Development Canada's role in Canada regarding consultation process of antenna supporting structures.

**Bernie Ries**, is the Operations Manager for the Southern Alberta District office of Innovation Science & Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada).

#### Session 2B: "Small Places, Big Dreams – Rural Revitalization in a Changing World" Location:

Mainstage

Decisions by the federal and provincial governments to accelerate the phase out of coal, the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan, and being a rural community in an urbanizing region caused Parkland County to rethink its need to focus on revitalization as a means to grow its rural centres. When facing economic change, how can rural communities grow by re-focusing part of that growth through revitalization that embraces identity and spirit? Moving beyond "business as usual", Parkland County undertook a unique approach to understanding growth and revitalization by defining its rural planning best practices. This approach looked to strengthen community assets and reinvigorate the County's connection to its agricultural roots, rural centres, and rural entrepreneurial spirit in an effort to shape meaningful growth and reinvestment policies.

Under changing political and economic realities, we will discuss how the County refocused one part of its growth efforts through revitalizing existing community assets in its rural centres, and how planners and other professionals are coordinating to support growth in these centres. The presenters will then discuss how the County's Growth Study and new Municipal Development Plan (MDP) influenced work on a Hamlet Reinvestment Strategy where coordinated short and long term efforts will aim at strategically revitalizing the County's hamlets. Presenters will further elaborate

on how Parkland County's unique approach to rural land use, growth, and revitalization - an approach that balances revitalization with rural development and economic diversification — has prepared the municipality in becoming more resilient in the future.

**Martin Frigo, RPP**, is the Manager, Long Range Policy Planning with Parkland County where he has worked since 2011. He is responsible for coordinating all County long-range planning functions including completion of major planning reports and plans including the Municipal Development Plan, technical growth studies, and area structure plans. Martin holds a Bachelors of Environmental Design and a Masters of City Planning from the University of Manitoba (2000, 2005). He has worked in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (2005-2010) and the City of St. Albert (2010-2011). Martin continues to feel blessed by how good Alberta has been to his young family.

**Ken Venner, RPP**, Partner, Urban Planning, B&A Planning Group. A versatile planning professional with over 20 years' experience with a diverse range of development projects in urban and rural municipalities. Expertise includes preparing community master plans, outline plans, subdivision design and completing opportunity analyses, market research and feasibility studies. Skilled at designing and implementing strategic communications programming and creative public consultation processes. A creative, energetic and business-oriented planner whose goal is to build bridges and connect opposing stakeholder perspectives by listening first and subsequently creating plans with common resolve to guide development projects to successful outcomes.

### Concurrent Sessions

1:30pm – 3:00pm

#### Session 3A: "Legal Update: Off-site Levies and Mandatory Utility Connections" Location: Salon ABC

Brownlee LLP's Jeneane Grundberg and Bryce Lawrence will speak on off-site levies and also the Court of Appeal's recent decision *Kosak v Lacombe (County)*:

Off-site levies are a key cost recovery tool for municipalities. Historically, they were limited to infrastructure costs for roads, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water. Recent amendments to the MGA expand off-site levies to facilities respecting community recreation, fire halls, police stations, and libraries. Because of the major dollars involved, understanding 'best practices' for off-site levies is critical.

The Kosak case confirmed that a municipality may, by bylaw, require a property owner to connect to a municipal sewage system. This case underscores the broad and purposive approach that has been adopted by the Canadian courts when interpreting municipal legislation, post 1995.

**Jeneane Grundberg**, Partner, Brownlee LPP. Jeneane practices extensively in the administrative, municipal and planning law areas. With over 90 reported decisions from all levels of the Alberta Courts, her litigation experience provides a solid context for advising clients in meeting their challenges in the administrative, municipal and planning areas.

**Bryce Lawrence**, Associate, Brownlee LPP and joined the municipal team in 2015. He currently practices Municipal, Public Sector and Administrative Law. Bryce is a member of the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association.

### **Session 3B: "The Value Proposition starting with Appropriate Procurement"** Location: Mainstage

In this presentation, we will discuss the challenges faced by municipalities when it comes to procuring professional services from both the owner's and engineer's perspective. From these challenges, the presentation will explore how schedule and scope are impacted and why this is a systemic theme created by the procurement model. From that basis, we will then explore the different models currently being used in industry where the models are most effective to extract maximum value.

**David Nagy, P.Eng**, is a manager with fifteen years of experience in transportation and bridges at Associated Engineering Alberta Ltd. Developing in his career, David has experience working with several different delivery models from conventional to design-build P3 to PM/CM. As a leader in the office, industry or on a project, David is engaging and respectful. He approaches challenges with enthusiasm and an open mind. David's respectful nature shows through as clients enjoy working with him and employees want to be a part of his team. David is the current President of the Consulting Engineers of Alberta (CEA) and on a personal side, David is married with three kids.

**Troy McNeill, P.Eng**, is a regional municipal manager, with McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd and with over 22 years' of experience providing municipal engineering solutions that properly fit his clients' needs. Troy has built a strong reputation in the industry by only offering solutions that truly serve the needs of the client and community. Troy's approach is that solutions must serve the community, be budget conscious, and easy to implement by both municipal staff and construction contractors. Troy has been involved in many multi-disciplinary projects that have significant planning components and is currently involved with providing engineering support for several IDP's and ICF's to the planning team. Troy has significant experience in preparation of utility

master plans for municipalities and has maintained long term trusted relationships with his clients. Troy is currently the Consulting Engineers of Alberta Liaison for the Alberta Urban municipalities Association.

## **Concurrent Sessions**

**3:15pm – 4:30pm**

### **Session 4A: "Pathway to Canada Target 1 – Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas & Regional Plans"** Location: Salon ABC

The Pathway session will discuss the International Convention on Biological Diversity Canada set protection/ conservation targets of 17% for terrestrial and inland waters and 10% of coastal and marine areas, to be achieved by 2020. In partnership with Indigenous Peoples, Canada looks to establish a coordinated and connected networks of parks and conservation areas through Canada that will serve a cornerstone for biodiversity conservation.

The Land Use Planning updates will include the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan, update on the North Peace Regional Plan and the update on the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan.

**Scott Duguid**, is a Director of Consultation at Alberta Environment and Parks - Land Use Secretariat with more than 11 years' experience working collaboratively for or with Indigenous groups in Alberta and the Northwest Territories. He has been with the Government of Alberta for the past eight years, where he has held positions in the Ministry of Environment, Environment and Sustainable Resources, and Indigenous Relations. Currently, he is director of consultation with the Land Use Secretariat. Scott's previous roles with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Sahtu Land and Water Board give him a solid perspective on Indigenous land use, consultation, conservation and protected areas. Scott was named an honorary Elder by the Alexis Nakoda Sioux First Nation, and is an active participant in Indigenous traditional practices.

### **Session 4B: "Annexation – What is in Pandora's Box?"** Location: Mainstage

With all towns, cities and municipalities in Alberta growing and annexing land, 85% of those annexations contain aging oil and gas infrastructure. Where does the liability land and what tools can be used to understand what the different risks are based on the details of the infrastructure which has been annexed? What is the balance between development and public safety?

**Deidre Macht**, C.E.O. (ISOA) ISO Resource Technologies Inc. Deidre is currently the contract Instructor for "Environment Health and Safety Concerns in Oil and Gas I & II" at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, MacPhail School of Energy. Over the last 15 years she has coordinated both; an Oil and Gas internal advisory group along with a Synergy Group for Oil and Gas development in and around City of Calgary.

**Ed Davis**, is the Training and Business Development Manager for the AbaData Internet Mapping tool. Since 2005 Ed has been working with AbaData clients in energy, the environment, government, forestry, real estate and many others to help enhance one of the most responsive mapping tools in Western Canada. Ed's background in communications helps with training thousands of AbaData users to acquire an understanding of how they can use the dozens of datasets in the program to make better planning decisions and ensure that relevant environmental restrictions and industrial activity is accounted for.

## Wednesday May 2

### Plenary

9:00am – 10:15am

#### "Rebuilding Alberta's Economy in 2018"

Location: Salon ABC

After suffering the worst recession in three decades, Alberta's economy returned to growth in 2017--helped in large part by a rebound in oil prices. Yet the recovery seems tenuous, particularly for those still without work. What's in store for 2018? And how will it affect Albertans? Join ATB's Chief Economist Todd Hirsch as he demystifies the economy and answers these important questions.

**Todd Hirsch**, ATB's Chief Economist For over 20 years, Todd has worked as an economist at numerous organizations including the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Canada West Foundation and the Bank of Canada. For almost a decade, Todd taught economics at the University of Calgary. He released his first book, *The Boiling Frog Dilemma: Saving Canada from Economic Decline* in 2012, his second, *Halfway Home* in 2016 and his third, *Spiders in Space: Successfully Adapting to Unwanted Change* in 2017. Todd provides economic commentary for many Canadian media outlets. He has served on the University of Calgary's Board of Governors and is the chair of the Calgary Arts Academy. Todd recently received the University of Alberta's Alumni Honour Award and an honorary degree from Mount Royal University. He holds a BA Honours in Economics from the U of A and an MA in Economics from the University of Calgary.

## Wednesday May 2

### Closing Plenary

10:30am – 11:30am

#### "Listening & Learning: The art of productive collaboration"

Location: Salon ABC

From a hostile annexation proposal and bumpy start of negotiations to a collaborative and amicable agreement, the City of Edmonton and Leduc County have run the gambit on how to work together. Listen as retired Mayor John Whaley and City of Edmonton Ward 11 Councillor Mike Nickel take you through their learning curves of the recent Edmonton - Leduc County hostile -to-collaborative process.

**Mike Nickel**, is committed to a more open, transparent, and accountable civic government. He has advocated for a results-based government approach by introducing metrics, targets, and outcomes to all city programs and projects. In Ward 11, since his return to Council in 2013, Mike has resolved over 3,000 constituency files - always focusing on his constituents first. Mike first won a seat on Council back in 2004 and was regarded as an advocate for strong value for citizens' tax dollars. Since his return to council in 2013 and re-election 2017, Mike has continued to advocate for value for citizens' tax dollars and administrative accountability.

**John Whaley**, retired from Municipal Office choosing not to stand in the 2017 election after serving as Leduc County Councillor for division 4 and reeve / mayor for 17 years. He was also elected to be the Pembina zone representative for the AAMDC Board of Directors in November 2007. John has been actively involved with a variety of community organizations such as the Nisku-Leduc Rotary Club and 4-H clubs. John is naturally mediator and assisted in growing a diverse and dynamic region. He believes the key to being an effective leader is to listen to your team and to be aware of the issues.

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## **CPAA VISION**

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CPAA envisions voluntary co-operative community planning throughout Alberta that leads to complete sustainable communities.

## **CPAA MISSION**

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To provide opportunities to share, promote and encourage community planning among a full range of stakeholders.