

# IMLA in Canada Program

Vaughan, Ontario | June 8, 2023

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Please note the program is tentative and subject to change



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## Thursday, June 8, 2023

TIME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER(S)
9:00AM to 9:10AM	Opening Remarks		Wendy Law & Amanda Karras
9:10AM to 10:25AM	The New Planning Regime in Ontario	Bills 109 and 23 have been the buzz in the planning and development world in Ontario this past year. In its push to build more homes faster, the Province has introduced significant changes to the Planning Act and other related legislation to encourage more construction in the next 10 years to deal with the housing crisis. Abridged application review timelines with risks of fee refunds, reduced abilities to obtain Development Charges, new restrictions on parkland dedication, reduction in the role of Conservation Authorities etc. are changing the way that municipalities and the development community operate. Hear from a panel of in house and external experts on how these changes are impacting the planning and development process for municipalities, public agencies and the development community and how they are adjusting their practices to navigate forward.	Leo Longo, Signe Leisk, Effie Lidakis & Caterina Facciolo  <b>Moderator:</b> Byron Werry
10:25AM to 10:40AM	Coffee Break		
10:40AM to 11:25AM	Strong Mayors in Ontario	The Province of Ontario passed Bill 3 to take effect after the 2022 municipal election, granting strong powers to the Mayors of Toronto and Ottawa. The Province has also indicated that such strong mayor powers may be extended to other municipalities going forward. The Mayors in the two municipalities have key powers over staffing, corporate organization, budget, agenda setting and veto powers as they relate to provincial priorities of building homes faster in Ontario. Let us hear from the City Solicitors of these two major municipalities on how Bill 3 has since impacted the organizations and governance.	Wendy Walberg & David White  <b>Moderator:</b> Wendy Law
11:30AM to 12:30PM	The Intersection of Privacy and Technology: A Conversation About Blockchain, AI and Social Media	This will be a discussion about the current practical applications for blockchain technology that are being considered and implemented in municipalities that identifies the pros and cons from a legal perspective, focusing on privacy concerns. Issues will be identified and potential solutions and best practices provided.	Jennifer Hunter
12:30PM to 1:30PM	Lunch		
1:30PM to 2:30PM	Workplace Issues: Public Officials, Public Servants and Toxic Work Environments		Kathryn Marshall & Stephen Maio  <b>Moderator:</b> David Boghosian
2:30PM to 2:45PM	Coffee Break		

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2:45PM to 3:45PM	Municipal Conflict of Interest Act	This presentation will provide a brief history of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and the significant legislative changes in 2018, The presenters will provide a discussion of, what are currently, the three most recent court cases where a member has been removed from council for contravening the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act on applications commenced by Integrity Commissioners.	John Mascarin & David Reiter <b>Moderator:</b> Wendy Walberg
4:00PM to 5:00PM	Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) Walking Tour: Presented by City of Vaughan	Join us on a tour of the VMC – a transit-oriented downtown with unique residential, office and mixed use districts linked by a network of parks, squares and open spaces. Significant growth has taken place and continues since the establishment of the initial VMC subcommittee in 2010. Already over 7000 residents living in the VMC, we are expecting another 30,000+ residents to be moving into the area through the currently approved development applications, plus more development under review. Please bring comfortable shoes for a summer walk.	
5:30PM	Networking Reception	Join us on the rooftop of the VMC for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and networking with your fellow attendees!	