



2026 IMLA in Canada

Vaughan, Ontario - May 7, 2026

Thursday – May 7, 2026

| Time | Session | Speaker(s) |
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| 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM | Continental Breakfast – included in registration. | |
| 9:00 AM - 9:10 AM | Opening Remarks | Amanda Karras |
| 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM | Municipal Election Law Overview | Cory Lynch (Toronto), Eric Davis (SmithValeriot Law Firm LLP) & Maggie Burlington (Calgary) |
| 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM | Coffee Break | |
| 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | New Public Procurement in Light of Buy Canadian and How That Impacts Municipalities | Zella Phillips (Toronto), Colin Taylor (Halifax) & Ajay Gajaria (Aird & Berlis LLP) |
| 11:35 AM – 12:35 PM | Environmental Law - What Can Local Governments Do to Regulate Climate Change? | Scott Pasternack (Toronto), Christina Hodgson-Mousseau (Edmonton) & Rodney Northey (Gowling WLG) |
| 12:35 PM – 1:35 PM | Lunch – included in registration. | |
| 1:35 PM – 2:35 PM | Firefighting Liability | David Boghosian (Boghosian + Allen LLP) & Nada Nicola-Howorth (Lerners) |
| 2:40 PM – 3:40 PM | Community Courts | |
| 3:40 PM – 3:55 PM | Coffee Break | |
| 3:55 PM – 4:55 PM | Ontario's Overhaul of the Municipal Accountability Regime and its Implications | John Mascarin (Aird & Berlis LLP) & Laura Dean (Aird & Berlis LLP) |
| 5:00PM – 7:00 PM | Networking Reception | LERNERS |

Last Updated: 02/11/26. Please note the agenda is tentative and subject to change.