

2026 IMLA in Canada

Vaughan, Ontario - May 7, 2026

Thursday – May 7, 2026

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
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 (SmithValeriote 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

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