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IMLA in Canada, 2014

- Thursday, May 29, 2014 •
- Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, Ontario •

– AGENDA –

Program Chairs

David Boghosian (Boghosian + Allen, LLP Toronto, Ontario) and
John Mascarin (Aird & Berlis LLP Toronto, Ontario)

8:30- 8:45 am

Opening Remarks from the Chairs

8:45 – 9:45 am

ENVIRONMENTAL PANEL

- **Graham Rempe**, Solicitor, Toronto, Ontario
- **Annie Thuan**, Legal Counsel, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
and
- **Lindsey Piccone**, Solicitor, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Municipalities and Environmental Regulation – A Case Study re the Enbridge 9B Pipeline

9:45 - 10:15 am

- **Chuck Loopstra**, Founding Partner, Loopstra Nixon LLP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Issues Regarding the Enforcement of Fill By-laws

10:15 – 10:35 am MORNING BREAK

10:35 – 11:15 am

- **Kelly Gravelle**, Assistant Solicitor, Oshawa, Ontario
- and
- **Naomi Loewith**, Associate, Lenczner Slaght LLP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The Municipality During a State of Emergency: Legal Considerations

11:15 am – 11:55 am

TECHNOLOGY PANEL

- Moderator:** **Wendy Law** Legal Counsel, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
- **Joshua Lenon**, Lawyer in Residence, Clio
- and
- **Steven Iseman**, Segment Product Manager, Carswell, a Thomson Reuters business

Using Technology to Increase Efficiencies in the Legal Department

11:55 am – 12:35 pm

- **Will McDowell**, Partner, Lenczner Slaght LLP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Libel and You, the Municipal Practitioner

12:35 – 2:00 pm **LUNCH**

2:00 – 2:45 pm

- **Jack Basey, Q.C.**, Barrister & Solicitor, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

First Neighbours First Nations Evolving Land Rights

2:45 – 3:45 pm

MUNICIPAL ELECTION LAW PANEL

- **Jack B. Siegel**, Blaney McMurtry LLP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- **Eric Gillespie**, Eric K. Gillespie Professional Corporation, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- and
- **Tom Richardson**

What You Should Know In An Election Year

3:45– 4:15 pm

– **George Rust D’Eye**, Sole Practitioner, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Mixed Motivations: Municipal Conflict of Interest Laws and Principles

4:15 – 4:25 pm

Door Prize Giveaway!

4:25-4:30 pm

Closing Remarks from the Chair

Adjourn

CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP

The 2014 IMLA in Canada Program scholarship recipient is: **John (Jack) R. Basey, Q.C.**, Barrister & Solicitor, Victoria, British Columbia. Recipient will present a paper at the 2014 IMLA in Canada program; Jack will present a paper on *First Neighbours First Nations Evolving Land Rights*



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HISTORY OF IMLA

The International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) is a non-profit, professional organization that has been an advocate and resource for local government attorneys since 1935. Throughout its history, IMLA has been the principal advocate for local governments at the Supreme Court. IMLA's *amicus* program defends against expansive federal regulatory demands, supports local government autonomy and challenges increased exposure to liability.

IMLA IN CANADA

In 1989, IMLA organized its Canadian Department (IMLA in Canada) with municipal in-house law department representation in most Provinces. Private sector municipal lawyers are also welcome as associate members to participate in initiatives and activities.

“IMLA provides a host of opportunities for both in-house counsel and members of private bar to meet, to exchange ideas and to learn about future trends in the municipal sector”

*Phyllis Carlyle - General Manager, Law & Community Safety,
City of Richmond*

“IMLA is an organization that encourages professional and personal development, and has given me a huge network of in house contacts, and private practice lawyers, that I can rely on for assistance and guidance.”

Mary Ellen Bench - City Solicitor, City of Mississauga, Ontario

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Networking

“I have found IMLA to be a key organization for municipal lawyers. It is the only organization that permits me to network with municipal law colleagues from across Canada. Because the organization focuses on municipal issues, it is a valuable resource in my day-to-day work.”

Anna Kinastowski - City Solicitor, City of Toronto, Ontario

IMLA is an invaluable resource for networking and peer-to-peer discussions. While the annual seminars and conferences in the United States provide a chance to network with other lawyers face-to face, IMLA in Canada members are almost invariably available by phone, e-mail or text to share their experiences with a fellow member. They are also available on the MuniCode/ IMLA eList to share their ideas. IMLA is also available on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

In 2014, IMLA in Canada will be launching a series of dial in/ login CLE- approved sessions that will address a variety of legal issues. Topics under consideration for 2014/15 include:

- Refresher on election law and on employment law
- Lessons learned around
 - Emergency Planning
 - Safety
 - Impact of projects such as Keystone XL Pipeline, the
 - Enbridge Alberta Clipper and Line 9B pipeline reversal in Ontario and Quebec
 - Issues in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) discussions around Model Municipal Access Agreement (MAA), etc.

Members are invited to propose additional topics for consideration to IMLA in Canada's Associate General Counsel, Lou Milrad, at lou@milrad.ca or (647) 982-7890.

IMLA Website

Members have access not only to the IMLA website (www.imla.org), where cutting-edge papers, magazine articles, event registration, member directory, and much more can be found but also a member's only portal, MyIMLA.

The IMLA website will, in the coming months, also host a Canadian Department site where all information on IMLA in Canada can be found.

DISTANCE LEARNING & EVENTS

With training budgets limited, IMLA's distance learning programs provide you with access to cost-effective, high-quality, specialized CLE opportunities from the convenience of your office. Over the past few years teleconferences have included series on:

• Land Use • Personnel • Telecommunications

Access to, and participation in, these comprehensive CLE seminars is reason enough to be a member.

“The educational opportunities are first class. I think dollars spent on IMLA membership are dollars well spent.”

Anna Kinastowski - *City Solicitor, City of Toronto, Ontario*

IMLA has an annual seminar in the spring and an annual conference in early fall in the US (both of which provide CLE credits for Canadian lawyers). While the programs are open to both members and non-members, members enjoy a discounted registration rate. The presentations cover a wide variety of topics and are always informative. Speakers are open to discussing their topic both at the conference and after. IMLA also provides a new lawyer program and a code enforcement program in connection with the annual conference.

In addition to a “Canada Day” program at IMLA's Annual Conference, IMLA in Canada organizes a one-day annual conference, which will be held in Toronto on May 29, 2014. IMLA in Canada will also organize a second annual event in western Canada if sufficient interest is expressed. Conferences are structured in such a way as to provide the applicable provincial Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits.

“IMLA has provided great opportunities to network with in house municipal colleagues both at the annual conference and on an “as needed” basis. From time to time I have used IMLA as a way of seeking information from colleagues in Canada and the US. I know of no other way of so effectively canvassing so many municipalities.”

Ralph G. Hildebrand - *GM Corporate Services/Corporate Counsel, Metro Vancouver*

“Our Canadian programs allow us to focus on significant issues faced by Canadian municipalities and learn about new developments; the broader conference sessions provide great information on Canadian and American solutions to municipal challenges.”

Mary Ellen Bench - *City Solicitor, City of Mississauga, Ontario*

IMLA PUBLICATIONS

As a member you will receive:

- IMLA's bi-monthly magazine, the *Municipal Lawyer*
 - The magazine provides members with:
 - Both in-depth articles as well as broad-based information about current and emerging issues
 - Practical insights on issues that local government lawyers deal with on a daily basis.
 - The magazine recognizes IMLA's diverse membership by including topics useful to both large population centers and small towns, as well as to our international members.
 - Each issue is archived on IMLA's member website.
- IMLA's bi-weekly E-Mail Newsletter.
 - Perfect complement to the *Municipal Lawyer*.
 - The newsletter keeps local government lawyers up-to-date on the most recent developments in case law and legal trends around the country.
- Canadian Department monthly newsletter
 - Keeps Canadian Lawyers up-to-date on the newest development in Canadian Law.

COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND SECTIONS

IMLA members have the opportunity to join a wide variety of committees, working groups and sections where they can share experiences and facilitate problem solving in areas of interest with other local government lawyers from across the country. In order to share experiences, a free eList service is available to all IMLA members.

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13 WORKING GROUPS, &
9 SECTIONS!**

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT FELLOW CERTIFICATION

IMLA recognizes that municipal law requires competencies in many areas of law. In order to acknowledge local government lawyers who demonstrate excellence in the practice of municipal law, IMLA established the Local Government Fellows Program. Since the program was established in 1999, over 100 lawyers throughout the United States and Canada have received the designation of IMLA Fellow. The Fellows Program also encourages lawyers to share their expertise in local government law through IMLA training programs and the Municipal Lawyer. In addition, IMLA recently added a program to municipal law offices making exceptional contributions in the practice of municipal law. To achieve the IMLA Designation of Excellence, the law office should:

- Participate in the Fellows program
- Participate in IMLA committees
- Maintain high standards of ethics
- Assist and cooperate with other municipalities and governmental entities to work toward solutions of municipal, regional, and/or state governmental issues
- Use technology or creative administrative solutions, to name a few criteria.

“The Fellows program is unique for those who practice in the field and recognizes those in our profession who have achieved the highest competency in this constantly evolving area of practice.”

Phyllis Carlyle - General Manager, Law & Community Safety,
City of Richmond

BECOME A MEMBER

IMLA in Canada Rates

	Rate (US dollars (\$))
Municipal Members	
Under 100,000 in population	\$400
Over 100,000 in population	\$750
Associate Members	
Individual	\$525
Law Firm (Includes two members)	\$575
Additional Law Firm Members	\$60

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