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Donald Lidstone, Q.C., Managing Partner, Lidstone & Company, Vancouver, BC. Mr. Lidstone's municipal law focus is in the areas of constitutional, administrative, and environmental law, particularly in respect of governance, land use/sustainable development, bylaws and Aboriginal law. Invited to speak regularly at conferences, symposia and universities, he has chaired the Sustainable Region Initiative (Governance and Finance), Liquid Waste Expert Review Panel, Fire Services Review Panel, Whistler Waste Blue Ribbon Panel, and the Municipal Law Section of the BC Branch of the Canadian Bar Association. Mr. Lidstone has published numerous papers and manuals and consulted on the development of the British Columbia *Community Charter* and municipal statutes in other provinces and territories. He was designated Queen's Counsel in 2008.

FACULTY

Anthony Capuccinello Iraci, City Solicitor and Senior Director of Legal and Legislative Services, Richmond, BC. Tony is the City Solicitor and Senior Director of Legal and Legislative Services for the City of Richmond. Prior to joining Richmond, he was the Deputy City Solicitor for the City of Surrey. He is also a part-time instructor in the School of Business for Kwantlen Polytechnic University.



Sara Dubinsky, Lidstone & Company, Vancouver, BC. Sara has practised local government law at Lidstone & Company since her call to the bar in 2009. She is a litigation lawyer and provides legal opinions on a wide variety of issues, with a particular emphasis on cannabis legalization, bylaw enforcement, conflicts of interest and freedom of information. Sara has provided legal advice and information on cannabis issues to 60 local governments and agencies in British Columbia and she is counsel of record in over a dozen cannabis cases. Sara represents clients at the BC Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and Provincial Court and in matters involving the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner and Ombudsperson.



Kathleen T. Higgins, Partner, Young Anderson Barristers & Solicitors, Vancouver BC. Kathleen Higgins is one of British Columbia's leading municipal and planning lawyers. She began her local government law career as in-house legal counsel at a large lower mainland municipality, before moving to private practice. Kathleen advises local governments on all aspects of municipal law including development, engineering, subdivision, environmental, planning, expropriation law, conflicts of interest and council governance issues. She also regularly advises local governments on their authority and jurisdiction to pass bylaws in a variety of areas covered by both provincial and federal legislation. Kathleen's practice has included extensive real estate transactions, including the creation of a number of regional parks in the Lower Mainland and the development of an alpine ski resort. She has also conducted bylaw prosecutions, injunctions and defences to bylaw challenges in British Columbia's Provincial, Supreme and Appeal Courts.



Peter Johnson, Partner, Stewart McDannold Stuart Barristers & Solicitors, Victoria, BC. Peter graduated with his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of British Columbia in 1988. He was a Law Clerk with the County Court of Vancouver, and then completed his articles in Vancouver. He was called to the Bar in 1990. Peter practiced civil litigation for a number of years with a major Vancouver firm, appearing before all levels of court in British Columbia. In 1997 he became the Assistant City Solicitor with a large and growing municipality in the Lower Mainland of Vancouver. In 2001 Peter joined the firm and continues to practice as a partner with our solicitors group. Peter provides legal advice and assistance to local governments throughout the province on a wide variety of matters, including interpretation of local government legislation, planning and development law, real estate and other commercial transactions, contract tendering issues, bylaw drafting, expropriation, environmental law issues, freedom of information and privacy issues, and conflicts of interest.



Brock Roe, Associate, JFK Law Corporation, Victoria, BC. Brock is a solicitor that practises corporate/commercial and Aboriginal law, focusing on land matters, economic development, and modern Treaties. As a solicitor, Brock helps First Nation clients with their governance and economic development needs. He has acted for First Nations in a variety of industries related to commercial leasing, natural resource development (oil sands, mining, oil and gas, renewables), utilities, hotels and tourism, and fishing. Brock also helps First Nations deal with complex transactions and related land matters under the Indian Act, First Nations Land Management Act, and modern Treaties. Brock was born and raised in Treaty No. 8 territory in Fort St. John, British Columbia, and is a member of the Bigstone Cree Nation.



Tom Zworski, City Solicitor, City of Victoria, Victoria, BC. Mr. Zworski provides advice on all aspects of municipal law and legal issues involving the City, including administrative, constitutional, construction, general litigation, and zoning and development law matters. He has appeared before all levels of BC courts and the Supreme Court of Canada, as well as various administrative boards and tribunals. Mr. Zworski has taught municipal law at the University of Victoria and has spoken at local and national legal conferences and continuing legal education programs in BC and Ontario.

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The issues facing local governments continue to shift and change. Those working for or with municipalities need the latest information on emerging trends and best practices for facing new challenges and taking advantage of opportunities. This forum assembles leading experts with extensive experience advising local governments, in order to provide insights on many of the most important issues in local government today.

Attendees will come away with new strategies for solving difficult problems and maximizing important opportunities available in exciting new areas. With an emphasis on practical advice and real-world examples, this program should not be missed.

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED:

- Recent case law and legislative developments
- Modern challenges faced by municipalities, including short-term rentals, ridehailing and cannabis
- Current planning law topics
- First Nations and additions to reserve
- Adapting to climate change
- Bylaw enforcement
- Social and environmental procurement

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Mayors and city councillors
- Municipal directors and legal counsel
- Lawyers practising municipal, insurance or civil law
- Risk managers
- Consultants to local government
- Municipal insurance professionals

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9:00 Welcome and Introduction by PBLI

9:05 Chair's Welcome and Introduction

Donald Lidstone, Q.C.
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9:10 Legislation and Case Law Update

Anthony Capuccinello Iraci
City of Richmond

- Recent cases of interest
- Legislative developments affecting local governments

9:50 Questions and Discussion

10:00 Refreshment Adjournment

10:15 Additions to Reserve

Brock Roe
JFK Law Corporation

- The ATR process
- What additions to reserve mean for municipalities

11:00 Questions and Discussion

11:10 Hot Topics in Planning Law

Kathleen T. Higgins
Young Anderson Barristers & Solicitors

- Rental tenure zoning
- Development procedures in court and review by the Province
- Housing needs Reports
- The Riparian Areas Protection Regulation
- People zoning

11:55 Questions and Discussion

12:05 Networking Lunch

1:00 Current Challenges for Local Governments

Sara Dubinsky
Lidstone & Company

- Vacation rentals: Airbnb
- Ride hailing: Uber, Lyft
- Cannabis: illegal growing, dispensaries

1:45 Questions and Discussion

1:55 Climate Change and Municipal Adaptation

Donald Lidstone, Q.C.
Lidstone & Company

- What municipalities can do to reach 2030/2050 goals
- Bylaws, retrofitting buildings and fleets, procurement
- Transportation and transit

2:40 Questions and Discussion

2:50 Refreshment Adjournment

3:05 Bylaw Enforcement Issues

Tom Zworski
City of Victoria

- Enforcement tools
- Pros and cons of different approaches and strategies
- Drafting bylaws to facilitate enforcement

3:50 Questions and Discussion

4:00 Social Procurement for Local Governments

Peter Johnson
Stewart McDannold Stuart Barristers & Solicitors

- Using local government purchasing powers to achieve social goals and community benefits
- Contracting with social enterprises
- Social procurement policies and the competitive bidding process
- Ensuring compliance with trade agreements
- Complying with local government legislation

4:45 Questions and Discussion

4:55 Chair's Closing Remarks

5:00 Program Concludes

INFORMATION

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