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Marisa Cruickshank, Partner, Lidstone & Company, Vancouver, BC. Marisa Cruickshank assists local government clients with a wide range of workplace matters: preparation and review of employment contracts and policies, sick leave and disability issues, human rights, and labour relations matters, including discipline, grievances and interpretation of collective agreements. Marisa also assists clients with privacy and FOI matters, governance issues, and

bylaw enforcement matters. Marisa has represented clients before all levels of court in British Columbia as well as boards and tribunals, including arbitration boards, the Human Rights Tribunal, the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and the Labour Relations Board.



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



Aniz Alani, General Manager, Legal & Legislative Services, City of Abbotsford, BC. Aniz Alani is the General Manager, Legal & Legislative Services at the City of Abbotsford. He previously served as in-house counsel and Corporate Secretary at BC Hydro and Power Authority and as a litigation lawyer at a national firm in Vancouver after clerking at the Federal Court in Ottawa. Aniz completed his law degree at the University of Toronto and a Master

of Laws at the University of British Columbia.



Kathleen 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.



Philip Huynh, City Solicitor, Surrey, BC. Philip Huynh is the City Solicitor for the City of Surrey, where he practises all aspects of municipal law including constitutional, planning and development, human rights, municipal liability, council and administrative procedure, and conflicts of interest matters. He is a past Chair of the National Municipal Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association and teaches Municipal Law at the Faculty of Law at

Thompson Rivers University.



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. From 1997 to 2001 he was the Assistant City Solicitor with the City of Coquitlam. In 2001 Peter joined Stewart McDannold Stuart, and continues to provide legal services to local governments as a member of the solicitors group.



Ken Leung, City Solicitor and Director, Property, Risk Management & Legal Services, City of Abbotsford, BC. Ken Leung is the City Solicitor and Director, Property, Risk Management & Legal Services for the City of Abbotsford. Before joining the City he practiced with Hunter Litigation Chambers and has also served as the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of a TSX listed pulp and paper company. After graduating from the University of British Columbia

and Harvard Law School, Ken clerked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and practised with Sullivan & Cromwell in New York.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2022

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
- An overview of the law pertaining to highways and parks
- Freedom of information updates
- Climate change challenges for local governments
- Infrastructure projects

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Mayors/chairs and councillors/directors
- Local government officers and employees
- Lawyers practising municipal, administrative, environmental, insurance, or civil law
- Risk managers
- Consultants to local governments
- Municipal insurance professionals



Rahul Ranade, Associate, Lidstone & Company, Vancouver, BC. Rahul is licensed in British Columbia and Alberta and practises primarily in the areas of public infrastructure, environment, development and commercial contracts. He advises clients on a wide variety of transactions and contracts related to project financing, land development, sale/purchase of goods, professional services and construction. He also navigates clients through tendering and procurement processes. With 15 years of pre-law experience on infrastructure projects as an engineer, Rahul is well-versed with traditional design-bid-build as well as alternatives approaches to building infrastructure.

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APRIL 8TH, 2022

9:00 Welcome and Introduction by PBLI

9:05 Chairs' Welcome and Introduction

Don Lidstone, Q.C. & Marisa Cruickshank
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9:10 Recent Legislation and Case Law Update

Philip Huynh

City of Surrey

- Recent cases of interest to local governments
- Legislative and regulatory developments affecting local governments
- Advice and recommendations arising from recent changes in the law

9:50 Questions and Discussion

10:00 Refreshment Adjournment

10:15 Highway Law

Kathleen Higgins

Young Anderson Barristers & Solicitors

- Ownership of highways
- Use of highways
- Unimproved highways
- Common law highways
- Section 42 highways
- Highway closure

11:05 Questions and Discussion

11:15 Significant Freedom of Information Changes for Local Governments

Marisa Cruickshank

Lidstone & Company

- Review and discussion of BC's recent amendments to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*
- Changing your practices and ensuring staff are trained on key amendments, including privacy impact assessment requirements, fees, offences, and a new mandatory exception to disclosure of records

12:05 Questions and Discussion

12:15 Catered Lunch

1:15 Climate Change and Emergency Measures

Peter Johnson

Stewart McDannold Stuart Barristers & Solicitors

- Legal issues for local governments
- Resilience and adaptation in the face of climate change and increasing severe weather events
- Preparing for the worst: emergency plans and responses under the *Emergency Program Act*

2:05 Questions and Discussion

2:15 Refreshment Adjournment

2:30 Legal Risks with Infrastructure Projects

Rahul Ranade

Lidstone & Company

- Principal sources of legal risk on projects
- Best practices for risk reduction during different stages of the project life cycle: procurement, contracting, and construction

3:20 Questions and Discussion

3:30 The Law of Parks

Aniz Alani & Ken Leung

City of Abbotsford

- Dedication, reservation, and disposition of park land
- Trusts: *Force of Nature Society v Surrey (City)* and *West Vancouver (District) v British Columbia (Attorney General)*
- Parkland acquisition: subdivision, community amenities, gifts
- Regulations of park use by bylaw
- First Nation matters

4:15 Questions and Discussion

4:25 Chairs' Closing Remarks – Forum Concludes

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