

Agenda for Alberta Municipalities' 2026 Public Risk Conference
June 1 – 2, 2026
Courtyard by Marriott, West Edmonton
Subject to Change

Monday, June 1	
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks
8:35 – 8:50 a.m.	LIGHTNING NETWORKING SESSION
8:50 a.m.	SESSION 1 The Occupiers' Liability Act and You: Partners in Safety – ABmunis This presentation focuses on the legal obligation to keep municipal property other than roads and sidewalks safe for users. Join us as we look at what steps municipalities can take to protect users and protect themselves from liability. We will also look at the different rules that apply to specific types of municipal property such as recreational trails and golf courses.
9:50 a.m.	SESSION 2 The Involvement of Independent Adjusters During the Claims Process – Coast Claims We will discuss after hours claim reporting, and some case studies on property losses and liability losses. Q&A Included
10:50 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m.	SESSION 3 Aging Municipal Infrastructure – What Gives – Brownlee LLP Brownlee LLP will be discussing the ongoing challenge facing municipalities across Alberta: how to manage aging infrastructure, handle claims of disrepair, and avoid liability for damages. The common infrastructure elements will be discussed, along with strategies and considerations for municipalities to manage the repair and replacement of same, and how Courts have found in recent municipal cases.
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	LIGHTNING NETWORKING SESSION
1:30 p.m.	SESSION 4 Fire and Flood Emergency Services Partners in Wildfire suppression and Flood mitigation discussing capabilities and strategies to help keep your community safe
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:45 p.m.	SESSION 5 Defamation and Local Governments – A Primer– Dolden Wallace Follick LLP In this session we will address the ever-emerging risk of defamation claims in the municipal context and in light the popularity of social media. We will discuss the types of claims being made and what constitutes a legal defence to a claim for defamation. A complete overview of the current case law will help local government staff and officials navigate this often prickly and sensitive area which we hope will inform policy and procedures when it comes to local governments and communication.
3:45 p.m.	CLAIMS R US
4:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks
4:30 pm	Evening Event

Tuesday, June 2	
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks
8:35 – 8:50 a.m.	LIGHTNING NETWORKING SESSION

8:50 a.m.	<p>SESSION 6 A Tale of Two Cities and Beyond: Recent Cases and Their Practical Effect on Municipalities – DDC Lawyers</p> <p>The practical nature of maintaining a municipality requires a practical application of the cases affecting it. In our presentation, we will discuss a variety of seminal cases and the most recent treatment of these cases in Canada, and specific to Alberta. In conjunction with this discussion, we will utilize these decisions as practical tools to assist in understanding certain gaps that may exist in certain areas, such as bylaws, logs and other means of monitoring.</p> <p>These cases will involve the ongoing matters faced by municipalities on a daily basis, such as slip and falls/trip and falls, the state of road repair and maintenance, operational actions versus policy actions, and beyond.</p> <p>In addition to discussing what gaps may exist, per the cases discussed, we will also discuss examples of municipalities on current matters where their system, log keeping, and monitoring have assisted us in moving the matters to be dismissed.</p>
9:50 a.m.	<p>SESSION 7 Small Decisions, Big Exposure - How Everyday Choices Shape Property Risk – Suncorp Valuations</p> <p>Not all property risk comes from major projects or large capital decisions, much of it is created through small, routine choices made over time. This session explores how everyday operational, maintenance, and budgeting decisions can quietly influence a municipality’s risk profile and insurance position. Through practical examples, attendees will gain a clearer understanding of how deferred maintenance, incremental upgrades, and funding decisions impact asset condition, insured values, and ultimately claims outcomes. The session will also highlight simple ways to improve documentation and decision-making to support stronger governance and reduce long-term exposure. Attendees will leave with practical insights to better align day-to-day decisions with long-term risk management goals.</p>
10:50 a.m.	<p>Break</p>
11:00 a.m.	<p>SESSION 8 - Community Wildfire Resilience – Preparedness, Mitigation, Recovery -</p> <p>Wildfire risk is rising. Yet every \$1 invested in wildfire preparedness can save between \$13-\$210 in suppression and recovery costs. In this panel, municipal leaders and fire mitigation professionals will discuss how communities can build wildfire resilience, and how, when wildfire inevitably happens, we are stronger together.</p>
12:00 p.m.	<p>Lunch</p>
12:30 p.m.	<p>Closing remarks and Prizes</p>