

**Agenda for 2024 Public Risk Conference
April 18 & 19 2024
Four Points by Sheraton South Edmonton
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Thursday, April 18	
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks
8:35 a.m.	<p>Disasters in Alberta: AEMA's Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment</p> <p>Learn from about the new Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) methodology, which once implemented, will be available, for all local authorities (Municipalities, First Nations and Metis Settlements) to evaluate their disaster risk landscape and fulfill the obligation to complete a hazard assessment, as set out in the Local Authorities Emergency Management Regulation (LAEMR).</p>
9:35 a.m.	<p>Pyke v Calgary: The road to clarity from municipal immunity under the MGA – Presented by: Brownlee LLP</p> <p>The Alberta Court of Appeal has made their ruling in the Pyke v. City of Calgary action regarding municipal liability for roads and public infrastructure. The decision addresses various sections of the Municipal Government Act providing protection to municipalities. This session will explore the Municipal Government Act defenses, their judicial interpretation, and commentary on the recent Pyke decision. It will arm attendees with takeaways and recommendations for best practices.</p>
10:40 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	<p>Asset Management Best Practices– Presented by Alberta Municipalities</p> <p>Asset Management is the practice of weighing cost, risk, and service levels of assets to support a municipality in achieving its goals. Alberta Municipalities has partnered with several organizations to promote asset management and provide training to elected officials and administrators. This session will provide a high-level overview of asset management, ABmunis' approach to making the training relevant to communities of all sizes and how risk management has been integrated into the training materials for future use.</p>
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	<p>Wildfire, Wildland Urban Interface</p> <p>Get a look at the Alberta Wildland Urban Interface Program, which includes vision, end state, and governance. This session will include a brief retrospective of the 2023 wildfire season to cover the work of the WUI Program, and the successful collaboration with municipal fire departments in protecting Albertans and their property. It will also highlight also discuss briefly any significant changes to the program in 2024 that you need to be aware of.</p>

2:00 p.m.	<p>Cyber Security and Trending Threats, Presented by Norton Rose Fulbright Canada</p> <p>Join us in exploring the ever-changing landscape of cyber threats, where malicious actors continually adapt their tactics, leaving organizations at risk. Gain valuable insights into the specific types of attacks and discover proactive strategies to mitigate these risks. Attendees will take away practical knowledge on recognizing and avoiding potential threats, empowering attendees to bolster their organization's resilience against cybercriminal activities. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your risk management skills and fortify your organization's defenses in the face of evolving cybersecurity challenges.</p>
3:05 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.	<p>Loss Control, Presented by Suncorp Valuations</p> <p>In this session Suncorp will present the value of a Property Risk Management Survey, outline the structure, and how to interpret the information detailed within. Experts will explain the recommendations, outline next steps once the report is received, and show how to ensure a review and follow-up process is created. Suncorp will also outline some common recommendations and examples that you can look out for in all buildings while you wait for an individual inspection.</p>
4:15 p.m.	<p>Claims 'R' Us</p> <p>You'll play along live in this interactive quiz to test your claims knowledge and win some great prizes!</p>
4:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks
4:30 pm	Evening Social Event (Time and location to be confirmed)

Friday, April 19	
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	<p>Alberta Water Act, Presented by DDC Lawyers</p> <p>This informative session will delve into the complex challenges associated with the <i>Water Act</i>. The DDC team will comprehensively explore the intricate interplay between the <i>Water Act</i> and the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>. We will analyze practical insights into the implications of these interactions and offer an understanding of how municipal authorities navigate the regulatory landscape. Attendees will gain valuable knowledge about the practical implications of the <i>Water Act</i> and its dynamic relationship with the <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, empowering them with the tools needed for effective decision-making in their respective jurisdictions.</p>

10:00 a.m.	<p>Wrongful Dismissal – Presented by Alberta Municipalities</p> <p>Employee dismissals are one of the most difficult and complicated situations faced by municipalities. While a departing employee will almost always be entitled to severance, there are ways to reduce the amount owing and mitigate the risk of paying legal fees and other damages on top of that. This session will provide an overview of the law of wrongful dismissal, then set out best practices for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimizing severance payments. - ensuring that legal costs of defending wrongful dismissal claims are covered by insurance, and - avoiding claims of bad faith and other damages
11:00 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m.	<p>Contractual Risk Management Beyond Insurance, Presented by Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer LLP</p> <p>Contracts are the lifeblood of getting things done and permeate every area of a municipality's operations. And often, a core purpose of a contract is to assign where and how certain risks will be assumed. In this session, lawyers Ben Thronson and Mitchell Hayward will present several key areas beyond insurance where effective contractual risk management is especially valuable for municipalities. Join Ben and Mitchell as they discuss risk management in the context of land and real estate transfers, construction and infrastructure projects, indemnities, force majeure provisions, liability caps, and more. Participants will leave the session with valuable knowledge and practical insights they can implement right away.</p>
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Closing remarks and Prizes