

**Agenda for 2025 Public Risk Conference
May 1 & 2 2025
Holiday Inn Edmonton South – Evario Events Centre
*Subject to Change***

Thursday, May 1	
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks
8:35 a.m.	<p>The Power of Preparedness: Building a Resilient Community Before Disaster Strikes</p> <p>Presented by: Alberta Emergency Management Agency’s Be Prepared Program</p> <p>AEMA’s <i>Be Prepared Program</i> uses an all-hazards approach to prepare individuals, households, and the community for disruptions and emergencies. This session will explore tools and tips for planning your own community preparedness programming, as well as the support <i>Be Prepared</i> can provide to help you accomplish this work. You will also learn about relevant research on preparedness in the province to help inform your approach. Attendees will walk away with concrete takeaways, tools and access to support.</p>
9:35 a.m.	<p>Termination Clauses: Ensuring Recent Enforceability Challenges are no cause for concern</p> <p>Presented by: Brownlee LLP</p> <p>This presentation explores the essentials of crafting enforceable termination clauses in employment contracts. We’ll discuss basic contractual principles, common vulnerabilities that lead to challenges, and practical strategies to strengthen enforceability. Drawing from recent case law and litigation trends, we’ll highlight how termination clauses are attacked and provide actionable drafting tips to help you create clear, compliant, and resilient employment contracts.</p>
10:40 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	<p>Navigating the Changing Landscape of Appraisal and Risk</p> <p>Presented by: Suncorp Valuations</p> <p>In this session Suncorp will outline various trending issues that have come to light over the last year in the appraisal and property risk management environment. Topics will range from tariffs and impacts on the construction industry to balancing regulations and best practices in building safety and operation. Speakers will outline the current situation, considerations for attendees to keep in mind and potential ways to address or prepare even if that is ensuring you are aware.</p>
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	<p>Lawsuits 101 or How I Learned to Stop Worrying, and Love Litigation–</p> <p>Presented by : ABmunis</p> <p>This session will provide a general outline of the early stages of the litigation process and some advice on immediate actions you can take to minimize disruption and contribute towards a successful defence.</p>

2:00 p.m.	<p>Crime in the Workplace</p> <p>Presented by: Travelers Insurance Canada</p> <p>A discussion about the risks of employee theft & social engineering fraud best practices to avoid financial crime, and an overview of the basics of a crime insurance policy.</p>
3:05 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.	<p>Liability issues for public facilities and events</p> <p>Presented by: Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer LLP</p> <p>In this session we will discuss the risks and potential liabilities for municipalities or third parties holding events in public facilities, as well as tips and best practices to avoid and reduce those risks. This includes some discussion about waivers of liability, lease agreements, and permitting.</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 <i>Sponsored by ServiceMaster</i>

Friday, May 2	
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	<p>Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act Cases</p> <p>Presented by: DDC Lawyers</p> <p>In this discussion, we will review the purpose of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, and how that practically can be relied upon and put to use for municipalities. From there, we will discuss various aspects of the EPEA, and how it functions along side the Municipal Government Act.</p> <p>Knowing the rights and responsibilities of local authorities is an important aspect of the EPEA, and we will address the implications of this responsibility, and how it can be used as an effective tool to manage waste on land, environmental protection orders, collection of expenses as taxes and the liability of public officials, and more.</p> <p>Recent cases that involve the EPEA and various issues, such as noise pollution, proper steps taken to enforce bylaws and the balance between financial benefits and environmental considerations will be discussed.</p>
10:00 a.m.	<p>Who Pays? Your Roadmap to Financial Recovery Following a Major Railway Accident Involving Crude Oil</p> <p>Presented by: Ship and Rail Compensation Canada – Rail Fund</p> <p>In this presentation, Ship and Rail Compensation Canada – Rail Fund will guide you on enhancing the financial recovery aspect of your emergency plan. Created following the 2013 Lac-Mégantic rail disaster, the Rail Fund ensures that communities affected by such accidents, as well as taxpayers, are not left financially burdened. Discover what damages, losses, expenses, and/or costs are compensable, and get your hands on the Local Government Compensation Checklist to help you navigate this process.</p>
11:00 a.m.	Break

11:15 a.m.	<p>Guarding the Gates: Cyber Security and Privacy Strategies for Local Governments</p> <p>Presented by: Dolden Wallace Follick LLP</p> <p>This presentation will cover the governing legislation for cyber and privacy breaches as well as the duties and obligations that arise for local governments when a breach has occurred. We will also introduce the concept of privacy impact assessments and provide risk management tips specifically tailored for local governments. Finally, we will identify some of the legal trends we are seeing from the Courts, discuss a few recent cases of note and address the impact of Artificial Intelligence on local governments' cyber risk.</p>
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Closing remarks and Prizes