

# The Eight-Minute Municipal Lawyer 2026



CO-CHAIRS: **Robert Howe**, *Goodmans LLP*

**Kim Mullin**, *Wood Bull LLP*

**June 2, 2026**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Total CPD Hours = 2 h 45 m Substantive + 15 m Professionalism <sup>P</sup>**

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## **Agenda**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Robert Howe, *Goodmans LLP*

Kim Mullin, *Wood Bull LLP*

**9:05 a.m. – 9:14 a.m.**

**State of the Ontario Land Tribunal**

Carrie Hardy, Vice Chair, *Ontario Land Tribunal*

**9:14 a.m. – 9:23 a.m.**

**Case Law Update**

Maggie Bassani, *Aird & Berlis LLP*

**9:23 a.m. – 9:32 a.m.**

**Recent Changes to the *Endangered Species Act***

Jessica Boily, *Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP*

**9:32 a.m. – 9:41 a.m.**

**Municipal Obligations to Provide Servicing**

Paula Lombardi, *Siskinds LLP*

**9:41 a.m. – 9:48 a.m.**

**Question & Answer Session**

**9:48 a.m. – 9:57 a.m.**

***Development Charges Act* Update**

Jennifer Meader, *TMA Law*

**9:57 a.m. – 10:06 a.m.**

**Appellate Review of OLT Decisions**

Michael Cook, *Davies Howe LLP*

**10:06 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

**Crown Immunity Clauses in Municipal and Planning Legislation**

Justin Safayeni, *Stockwoods LLP*

**10:15 a.m. – 10:23 a.m.**

**Municipal Powers to Restrict Road Access**

Sarah Hahn, *Barriston LLP*

- 10:23 a.m. – 10:32 a.m.**      **Managing Settlement Risk in Municipal Practice Authority, Instructions and Clarity at the Table**  
(8 m )
- Lia Magi LeBlanc, Deputy City Solicitor, Planning, Development and Real Estate Legal Services, *City of Mississauga*
- 10:32 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.**      **Question and Answer Session**
- 10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**      **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:09 a.m.**      **The Ability of Municipalities to Impose Green Standards**
- Leo Longo, C.S., *Aird & Berlis LLP*
- Alexander Suriano, *Aird & Berlis LLP*
- 11:09 a.m. – 11:18 a.m.**      **Navigating the Ongoing Evolution of the MZO: Power, Politics and Planning**
- Anne Benedetti, *Goodmans LLP*
- 11:18 a.m. – 11:27 a.m.**      **Amendments to the *Planning Act***
- Jessica Braun, Planning & Administrative Tribunal Law, *City of Toronto*
- 11:27 a.m. – 11:36 a.m.**      **Aboriginal Title – Implications of the *Cowichan* Decision**
- Cathy Guirguis, *Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP*
- 11:36 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**      **Municipal Procurement**
- Glenn Ackerley, *WeirFoulds LLP*

**11:45 a.m. – 11:54 a.m.**      **Ethical Use of AI in the Municipal Context (7 m <sup>P</sup>)**

Denise Baker, *WeirFoulds LLP*

**11:54 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**      **Question and Answer Session**

**12:00 p.m.**                      **Program Ends**