

2025 Infrastructure Partners Conference

November 5-6, 2025

Edmonton Convention Centre

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

5:00pm	Registration Desk	Hall D Foyer
	Cocktail Reception	Hall D
6:00pm - 11:30pm	Welcome Dinner Minister of Infrastructure Address Presentation of the 2025 Minister's Infrastructure Awards	Hall D

Thursday, November 6, 2025

7:15am - 4:30pm	Registration Desk	Hall D Foyer
7:30am - 8:30am	Networking Breakfast	Hall D
8:30am - 10:00am	Welcome and Keynote Address Master of Ceremonies - <i>Derek Ciezki</i> Welcome by <i>Mark Kleefeld, Deputy Minister, Alberta Infrastructure</i> The Alberta Economic Outlook: Critical Insights for the Year Ahead - <i>Mark Parsons, VP & Chief Economist, ATB Financial</i>	Hall D
10:00am - 10:30am	Networking Coffee Break	Hall D
	Breakout 1 Salon 8 Collaboration & Project Delivery Moderator: Warren Singh 10:30am - 11:00am Closing the Loop: Precision, Performance & Partnership in Project Closeout - <i>James Williamson, PMP, CCCA, Principal, Stantec Consulting Ltd.</i> Breakout 2 Salon 9 Digital Transformation & Innovation Moderator: Craig Chupka 10:30am - 11:00am Building Smarter: How Lean Practices Deliver Projects on Time and on Budget - <i>Shafraaz Kaba, Architect AAA, FRAIC, Senior Project Manager, Stök</i> Breakout 3 Salon 10 Future Ready Infrastructure & Partnerships Moderator: Tai Ziola 10:30am - 11:00am District Energy Solutions for Growing Cities - <i>Elliot Digby, P.Eng., MBA, Mechanical Engineer, FVB Energy</i>	
10:30am - 12:00pm	11:00am - 11:30am From Blueprints to Breakthroughs: 20 Years of Insight - <i>Vincent Plourd, C.E.T., Director, VDC, Chandos Construction</i> 11:30am - 12:00pm LEAN: A Culture of Resiliency - <i>Jan Kroman, Architect AAA, M.Arch, B.Sc., Partner, DIALOG, Karen Muir, Architect AAA, M.Arch, BASc., Associate, DIALOG</i> 11:00am - 11:30am Rethinking Healthcare Infrastructure: The Intersection of AI and Data Centres - <i>Kevin Cassidy, P.Eng., National Market Lead - Healthcare & Science, WSP Canada</i> 11:30am - 12:00pm Considering AI as a Strategic Partner in AEC - <i>Greg Widmeyer, M.Sc.(Information Systems), Director of Technology, DIALOG Design</i> 11:00am - 11:30am Leveraging an Overlooked Factor During Risk Analysis: Reputation Management - <i>Rachel Rae, Director of Business Development, reVerb Communications, Quinn Nicholson, CEO, reVerb Communications</i> 11:30am - 12:00pm Collaboratively Navigating Market Challenges While Addressing the Housing Crisis - <i>Stephen Faust, Architect AAA, AIBC, MRAIC, Associate, Group2 Architecture Interior Design Ltd., Mehak Sidhu, AAA, MRAIC, Intern Architect, Group2 Architecture Interior Design Ltd.</i>	
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Networking Luncheon	Hall D
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Alberta Infrastructure Updates <i>Honourable Martin Long, Minister of Infrastructure</i> <i>Mark Kleefeld, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure</i> <i>Jessica Carlson, Chief Operating Officer and Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Integration and Operations</i> <i>Brad Smid, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Partnerships and Learning Facilities</i> <i>Ghassan El-Chazli, Assistant Deputy Minister, Capital Projects Delivery Division</i>	Hall D
2:00pm - 2:45pm	Plenary Session 1 Strategies for Adapting to Economic and Global Challenges TRUST - The Founding Principal to Drive Change and Boost Our Economy - <i>Dan Wood, P.Eng., Principal, MPE, a division of Englobe</i> Blueprints for Resilience: Lessons from the BMO Convention Centre Expansion - <i>James Williamson, PMP, CCCA, Principal, Stantec Consulting Ltd.</i> Labour Markets and Training, and Opportunities in International and Domestic Trade - <i>Jennifer Jabs, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade, Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration, Government of Alberta, Suzanne Harbottle, Chief Operating Officer and Assistant Deputy Minister of Workforce Strategies, Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration, Government of Alberta</i>	Hall D
2:45pm - 3:00pm	Networking Coffee Break	Hall D
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Plenary Session 2 Championing Technology and Innovation Building with First Nations - A Dynamic Future - <i>Vivian Manasc, Architect AAA, MBA, LEED AP, AOE, Principal Architect, Reimagine, Clifton Cross, Council Member and Portfolio Holder for Education and Economic Development, Frog Lake First Nation</i> Harnessing Industry - Academic Collaboration for Innovation - <i>Qiwei (Gavin) Mei, P.Eng., PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Alberta, Vicente Gonzalez-Moret, PhD, Professor, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair, University of Alberta</i> Standard Schools Concept in Mass Timber - <i>Barbara Murray, BFA, Marketing and Communications Manager, Western Archib, Vivian Manasc, Architect AAA, MBA, LEED AP, AOE, Principal Architect</i> Modus Structures: "Modular" is no longer a swear word! - <i>Allan Wilms, President & CEO, MODUS Structures</i>	Hall D
	Conference Wrap-Up & Closing	Hall D



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