

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> Opening Keynote - <i>Mark Parsons, Chief Economist, ATB Financial</i>		Hall D
10:00am - 10:30am	Networking Coffee Break		Hall D
10:30am - 12:00pm	Breakout 1 <i>Salon 8</i> Collaboration & Project Delivery Moderator: TBC 10:30am - 11:00am Closing the Loop: Performance & Partnership in Project Closeout - <i>James Williamson, PMP, CCCA, Principal, Stantec Consulting Ltd.</i>	Breakout 2 <i>Salon 9</i> Digital Transformation & Innovation Moderator: TBC 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, Stok</i>	Breakout 3 <i>Salon 10</i> Future Ready Infrastructure & Partnerships Moderator: TBC 10:30am - 11:00am District Energy Solutions for Growing Cities - <i>Elliot Digby, P.Eng., MBA, Mechanical Engineer, FVB Energy</i>
	11:00am - 11:30am From Blueprints to Breakthroughs: 20 Years of Insight - <i>Vincent Plourd, C.E.T., Director, VDC, Chandos Construction</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>	11:00am - 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 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>	11:30am - 12:00pm Considering AI as a Strategic Partner in AEC - <i>Greg Widmeyer, M.Sc.(Information Systems), Director of Technology, DIALOG Design</i>	11:30am - 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		Hall D
2:00pm - 2:45pm	Plenary Session 1 Strategies for Adapting to Economic and Global Challenges		Hall D
	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>		
2:45pm - 3:00pm	Labour Market Information, Training, Industry Skills Grant, Interprovincial Trade/Supply Chain, Economic Trends, and Tariffs - TBC		Hall D
	Networking Coffee Break		
	Plenary Session 2 Championing Technology and Innovation		
3:00pm - 4:00pm	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>		Hall D
	Harnessing Industry - Academic Collaboration for Innovation - <i>Qipei (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 Archrib, Vivian Manasc, Architect AAA, MBA, LEED AP, AOE, Principal Architect</i>		
	Modus Structures: "Modular" is no longer a swear word! - <i>Allan Willms, President & CEO, MODUS Structures</i>		
	Conference Wrap-Up & Closing		Hall D



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