

# 63RD ANNUAL OPBA CONFERENCE

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SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2021



# IGNITE CHANGE

**VIRTUAL CONFERENCE GUIDE**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

## A Big Virtual Welcome!

Welcome to the 63rd Annual OPBA Conference. This is OPBA's first Virtual Conference and your Conference Committee is very excited to share this wildly unique experience with you.

This year's OPBA Conference Theme is "Ignite Change" – the discussion topics will help you to redevelop your procedures to adapt to our new normal and will coach you on how to harness that inner spark to Ignite that Change. Over the past year, procurement professionals have adapted and evolved to meet new challenges. You quickly realize that within you is the ability to spark tremendous change.

You will have a great lineup of educational speakers, covering a variety of topics, such as: Evolving Legal Issues in Procurement, Social Procurement, a Panel Discussion on Local Preference and Beyond. We will not divulge any secrets, but let's just say the Committee has outdone themselves with an awesome lineup of amazing virtual activities, including a surprise box of goodies delivered to your front door!

Stay tuned for further information about a cutting edge, interactive virtual platform that will far exceed your expectations.

So, now is the time to Ignite that Change, for yourself, for your organization. By engaging in conversations with other delegates, and attending informative educational sessions, we'll empower you to take a step toward becoming an agent of change. This Conference will help you unleash your contribution to your organization by developing strategies that leverage your unique talents and abilities.

We look forward to "meeting" you at Conference - are YOU ready to Ignite Change?

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Marie Kavanagh,  
*Regional Municipality of York*

Jackie Osti,  
*Wellington County*

Sharon Melville,  
*Grey County*

Sherri Dillon,  
*Bruce County*

Serena Wilgress,  
*Town of The Blue Mountains*



## ABOUT US

# ONTARIO PUBLIC BUYERS ASSOCIATION

The Ontario Public Buyers Association (OPBA) is a not-for-profit professional association representing public procurement professionals throughout Ontario. We promote the ethical and effective expenditure of public funds and encourage excellence in public purchasing through our continuing professional development opportunities, the encouragement of certification programs and through networking among our members.

Our volunteer-driven organization includes procurement professionals from local, regional and provincial government, as well as from school boards, universities, public safety agencies and other entities entrusted

with the prudent and responsible spending of public funds. Our members manage and/or authorize the expenditure of millions of tax dollars on behalf of these agencies and work at all levels of responsibility in the public sector.

OPBA members are committed to sharing experience, expertise and their dedication to excellence through cooperative efforts, high ethical standards and continued professional growth through education.

We invite you to join us!

## A LOOK AT THE

# OPBA HISTORY



Founded in 1958 as the Ontario Municipal Purchasing Agents Association, an arm of the Ontario Municipal Association, the organization became a chapter of the Canadian Purchasing Agents Association in 1969 and was known as the Municipal Purchasers.

In November 1974, at the group's Conference in Hamilton, the name was changed to the Ontario Public Buyers Association (OPBA) and became an

independent professional organization. Three years later, OPBA affiliated with the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing to provide its members with opportunities to obtain a professional designation, becoming NIGP's first Canadian provisional chapter.

On February 18, 1982, OPBA received its letters of patent, incorporating the association.

# FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

Attending a professional development Conference for the first time can be very intimidating, particularly if you are new to your position. At some point in time, we've all been there!

Your 2021 Conference Committee knows how difficult it can be when you're not familiar with the program or activities and we truly want you to enjoy this Conference. In the months of planning for this event, we've continuously referred to the growing list of members new to our organization.

Our "Ignite Change" theme reflects our intent to provide a program that inspires procurement professionals to think outside the box.

This is your opportunity to explore new ideas, reaffirm what you already know, network, and discover the wealth of knowledge available to you as a member of the OPBA.

So join us for a virtual meet & greet on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 prior to the start of the Conference!!

## TIPS FOR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES



Join the virtual meet & greet on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 prior to the start of the Conference!!

Participate in the breakout sessions

Schedule one-on-one meetings with other attendees

Don't be afraid to speak up and ask questions either via the chat or during the breakouts

Complete your profile in the platform (include your profile picture)

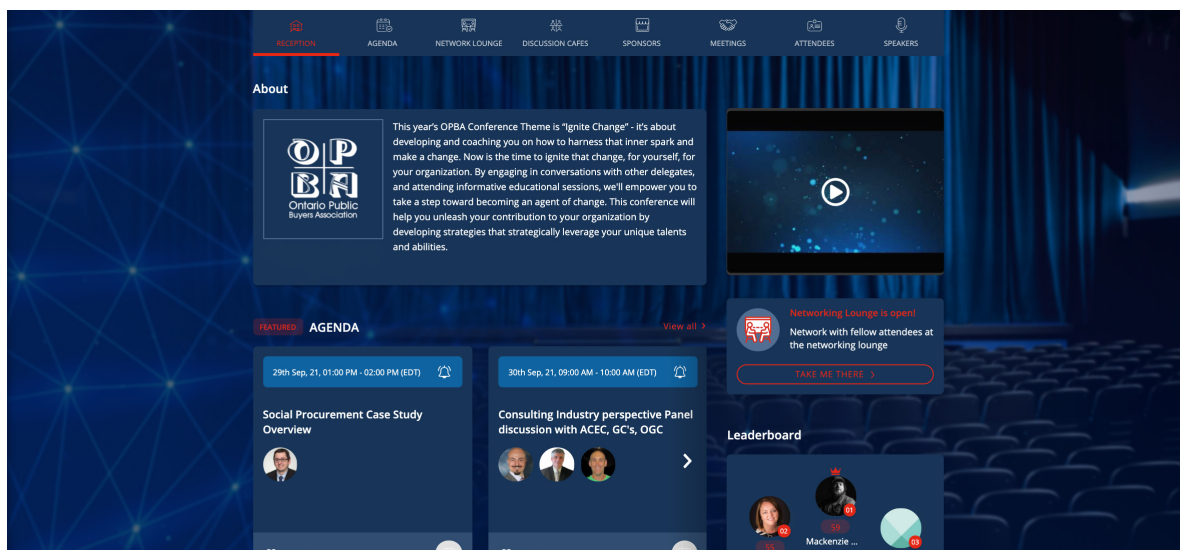
Stay online and keep your camera on!





# A LOOK AT THE CONFERENCE PLATFORM

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Welcome to the new world of Virtual Events! While we can't all meet in person, OPBA is doing its best to provide you with an exciting new platform that will make you feel like you're there in person! With this new secure platform, you can register in just a few short minutes from any device. When it's time for the Conference, you will be provided with a link, where you'll be able to customize your profile, view all of the sessions, participate in breakout



rooms, schedule chats and/or one-on-one private meetings with other attendees, download speaker presentations and take notes, ask questions and finish the day off with a casual networking session!

This will not be your typical Zoom session! Stay tuned for more information coming to you before the Conference!

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## DAY 1

SEPTEMBER 29

8:30 AM	MEET & GREET FOR FIRST-TIMERS	
9:00 AM	WELCOME / OPENING CEREMONIES	
9:30 AM	KEYNOTE - BEING HUMAN IN THE VIRTUAL WORLD 2021	
	ROGER HASKETT	
10:30 AM	STRETCH TIME! A GUIDED WELLNESS BREAK	
10:40 AM	LOCAL PREFERENCE - IS NOW, DURING A PANDEMIC, THE RIGHT TIME TO RESTART THE CONVERSATION?	
	MODERATED BY MICHELLE PALMER	
12:05 PM	A VIRTUAL LUNCH EXPERIENCE	
12:55 PM	SOCIAL PROCUREMENT CASE STUDY OVERVIEW	
	MICHAEL PACHOLOK	
1:50 PM	HOT TOPIC! TRANSFORMING PUBLIC SECTOR SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	
	PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERING COMPANIES - ONTARIO (ACEC-ONTARIO)	
2:15 PM	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (DOORS OPEN AT 2:15, MEETING BEGINS AT 2:30PM)	
3:15 PM	NETWORKING LOUNGE	

## DAY 2

SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 AM	CONSULTING INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE PANEL	
	GIOVANNI CAUTILLO, BILL ALLISON, CHRIS GINTY	
9:50 AM	CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF RISK MANAGEMENT	
	JESSICA JAREMCHUK	
10:30 AM	STRETCH TIME! A GUIDED WELLNESS BREAK	
10:40 AM	DISCUSSION CAFÉS - SESSION 1 & 2	
11:25 AM	NIGP CHAPTER AMBASSADOR UPDATE (AREA 3)	
	CARL BONITTO & PENNY OWENS	
11:45 AM	LUNCH/PRESENTATION - NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION	
12:30 PM	DISCUSSION CAFÉS - SESSION 3 & 4	
1:15 PM	PROCUREMENT LAW CASES	
	JUDY L WILSON	
2:00 PM	OPBA AWARDS	
3:00 PM	NETWORKING LOUNGE OPEN	

\*PROGRAM SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



KEYNOTE SPEAKER / EMCEE

**ROGER  
HASKETT**

ENGAGEMENT UNLIMITED

PRESENTED BY  **canoe**  
procurement group of canada**DAY 1**

President/Founder of Engagement Unlimited, Roger is an award-winning international speaker, emcee, TV & film actor and author. Roger loves to make his difference by helping others make their difference. With his highly successful keynotes, workshops and innovative emcee services, he ignites positive transformational change in teams and individuals across North America and beyond.

Roger's keynotes center around internal and external engagement and include high performance under stress, the power of play, effective communication/networking skills and the 'Age of Engage' within companies and culture at large.

Roger also has an impressive background in acting and education. He holds a BFA in Acting, and a Master of Arts in Education, and has appeared in over 175 films, TV shows and commercials. You may have seen him in shows like The X Files, Supernatural, Stargate, iRobot, iZombie, Wayward Pines or You Me Her.

As an emcee/keynote speaker, Roger believes in active participation, interactive engagement and increasing the power of the people in the room or online.

**Keynote Address – Being Human in the Virtual World 2021****DAY 1  
9:45 AM**

The pandemic has changed how we interact. Engagement has become more important than ever but it's harder than ever to engage in a virtual-Covid world. This session explores how to be better humans in a virtual world. This session is upbeat, fun, funny and engaging. It leaves participants full of ideas and the positive energy to turn these ideas into reality in their lives.



MANAGER OF PURCHASING  
CITY OF OWEN SOUND

# MICHELLE PALMER CSCMP, CPPB

Michelle Palmer, CPPB, CSCMP, is a public procurement professional dedicated to encouraging those she works with and leading by example. Michelle has been in procurement for 20+ years in both the private and public sector and currently works for the City of Owen Sound as the Manager of Purchasing, Risk and Asset Management. She teaches Introduction to Public Procurement, Competitive Bidding, Advanced Competitive Bidding and Cooperative Purchasing on behalf of the OPBA and also serves as Past President. Her seminars are animated and engaging as she utilizes stories to connect day-to-day business activities to theory.



DAY 1  
10:40 AM

## A Panel Discussion - Local Preference

Is now, during a pandemic,  
the right time to restart the  
conversation?

MANAGER, PROCUREMENT SERVICES  
CITY OF VAUGHAN

# UMESH KALIA

**NIGP-CPP, CSCMP, CPPO, CPPB, C.P.M., CMM II**

Umesh Kalia has over 20 years of procurement and supply chain management experience in the private and public sectors at the provincial, municipal and academic levels. Umesh has led several complex and high-value procurement transformation and modernization projects and provided real-world procurement solutions for real-world problems. Recently, Umesh has successfully navigated the complex supply chain challenges during this Pandemic. Umesh is a Mechanical Engineering graduate and holds several designations including: NIGP-CPP, CSCMP, CPPO, CPPB, and CPM.



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PURCHASING AND MATERIALS MANAGER

**COUNTY OF GREY**

# MIKE ALGUIRE **CSCMP.**

Mike has over 20 years of procurement experience in the public and private sectors. For the past 12 years, Mike has been the Purchasing and Materials Manager for the County of Grey. With the help of purchasing staff, Mike has built a reputation of accountability, transparency and fairness.



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MANAGER, PROCUREMENT

**CITY OF KITCHENER**

# RYAN SCOTT **CSCMP, CPPB**

Ryan is a public procurement professional dedicated to strategic procurement and building relationships. He has gained significant knowledge in both the public and private sectors over the past 11 years and currently works for the City of Kitchener as the Manager, Procurement. He demonstrates a desire to learn, improve, as well as lead, educate and mentor others.



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CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

**MICHAEL PACHOLOK**

CITY OF TORONTO

PRESENTED BY 

Michael Pacholok became the Chief Procurement Officer for the City of Toronto in 2012, with oversight of close to \$2 billion spent on goods and services per year. In the role of Chief Procurement Officer, Michael leads a professional staff of approximately 140 and has been instrumental in leading large scale procurement transformations within the City. These transformations include the implementing Category Management and Strategic Sourcing, implementing SAP Ariba, implementing the first municipal Social Procurement Program that focuses on supply chain diversity and workforce development and introducing changes to the Purchasing By-law to be compliant with the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.

Prior to his current position, Michael was a municipal lawyer with the City's Legal Services department providing legal advice on the public procurement process to the Purchasing and Materials Management Division and legal advice on environmental matters, contracts and other municipal matters to the City's Solid Waste Management Services.

Michael graduated from University of Toronto with a Juris Doctor in 2005 and from Queen's University with a B.A.H. in Computer Science and Economics.

### Social Procurement - Case Study Overview

DAY 1  
1:00 PM

The City of Toronto are known leaders in the area of Social Procurement. Mike Pacholok will take us through a recent project and provide an overview of the process and the positive outcomes for the project stakeholders.

# INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES



**Register now to guarantee  
your fun box on your doorstep  
in time for the Conference!**



# CONSULTING INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE PANEL

DISCUSSION WITH OWNERS, ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERING COMPANIES AND THE ONTARIO GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

This session does a deep dive into the relationship between Owners, Consultants and General Contractors and the impact that a Quality Based Selection process has on the ultimate success of public procurement construction projects.

PRESENTED BY **Torkin|Manes**  
Barristers & Solicitors



PRESIDENT AND COO  
**ONTARIO GENERAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (OGCA)**

**GIOVANNI CAUTILLO** OGCA

Giovanni Cautillo's passion for the construction industry has driven his 20-year career in the construction industry. After working in the aerospace and hospitality sectors, Giovanni transitioned back to the construction industry as a small general contractor where he gained a profound understanding of the issues contractors face daily. In 2006, he brought this experience to the Executive Managing Director for the Residential Framing Contractors Association (RFCA), where he focused on building strong partnerships in the industry. After eight years in the residential sector, he transitioned to heavy civil and infrastructure at the Ontario Sewer and Watermain Construction Association (OSWCA). As the OGCA continues to grow, Giovanni is focused on long-term initiatives facing the general contractors in Ontario. These efforts include ensuring members' health and safety, equitable contract language provisions, the expansion of innovation and technology in construction, and investment in ICI infrastructure projects of all sizes in Ontario.

DAY 2  
9:05 AM

Consulting Industry Perspective Panel  
Discussion with Owners, Association of Consulting Engineering Companies and the Ontario General Contractors Association

PARTNER  
DILLION CONSULTING

**BILL  
ALLISON** P.ENG.

Bill is a partner with Dillon Consulting Limited, based in Kitchener, where he has been for 32 years. Dillon is an employee-owned, national consulting firm with over 1000 staff and 20 offices delivering engineering, planning and natural and environmental science consulting services to both public and private sector clients. Bill is also the 2020-2021 Chair of the Board for the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Ontario. Throughout his career at Dillon, Bill has managed large infrastructure projects including water and wastewater treatment, landfill expansions and remediation, transit, transportation, facilities and linear infrastructure. He has been involved in all aspects of these projects including planning, design and construction as well as serving as owner's engineer for design build projects. He has worked for a variety of large and small municipalities across Ontario as well as private sector companies.



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Association

PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL  
COUNTY OF SIMCOE

**CHRIS  
GINTY** CPPB, LSSWB

Chris recently retired after 34 years with the City of London as a Procurement Officer supporting Capital IRP and the Water / Storm Water / Wastewater / Regional Water Divisions. In addition, he also sustained day-to-day operations. He is perusing his CPPO and lean six sigma designation to master the continuous improvement frameworks, and management practices.



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DIRECTOR, RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES

# JESSICA JAREMCHUK

INTACT PUBLIC ENTITIES

PRESENTED BY  **public entities**

Jessica is the Director, Risk Management Services with expertise in Municipal & Public Administration risk management, risk consultations, contract and legal reviews. Jessica has been with Intact Public Entities since 2011, holding previous roles that included Regional Account Manager, Marketing and Manager, Risk Management Consulting Services.

Jessica has delivered many educational seminars on various risk issues in both Ontario and the Atlantic Provinces and has been a keynote speaker at various Association Conferences.

She has been involved in the development and implementation of the Company's Risk Management Centre of Excellence. Jessica has a B.A. from the University of Western Ontario and is also a graduate of the University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Law. Jessica sits on the Family and Children Services of Waterloo Region's Foundation Board of Directors.

## Changing Landscape of Risk Management

DAY 2  
9:50 AM

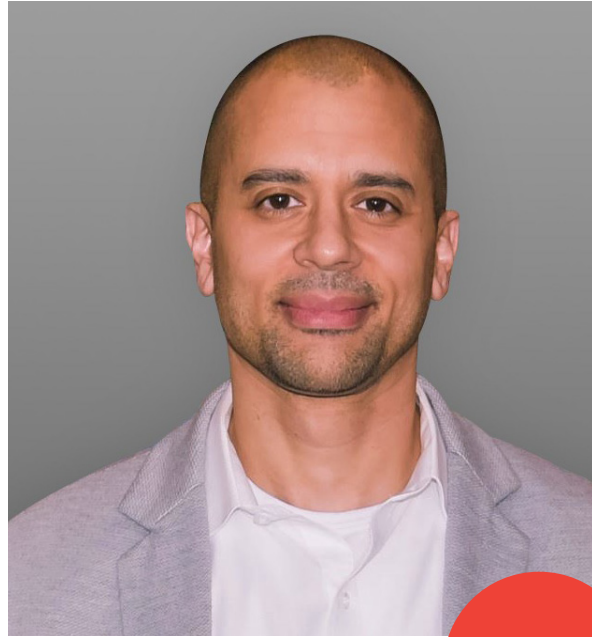
This session will highlight changes and challenges faced by public sector agencies in the current insurance market.



MANAGER OF PURCHASING AND  
RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
**COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND**

# CARL BONITTO

Carl Bonitto has over 19 years of procurement experience and received his CSCMP designation through the Supply Chain Management Association of Canada in 2009. He currently is on the Ontario Public Buyers Association Certificate program advisory board as an instructor teaching courses since 2010. He also sits on the Supply Chain Management and Global Logistics advisory committee at Loyalist College and is currently a Chapter Ambassador and the Certification Commission Chair for the NIGP. He gained his procurement experience in a variety of business sectors including Automotive, Technology, Food, Sporting Goods and Municipal government. His current role as the Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management Services for the County of Northumberland allows him to procure a variety of goods, services and construction for their seven diverse departments. On the risk management side, he manages all legal matters and claims received by the County.



DAY 2  
11:25 AM

## NIGP Chapter Ambassador Update (Area 3)

Carl and Penny will bring you up to speed on the NIGP's latest initiatives and educational programs.

PURCHASING AGENT  
**CITY OF KNOXVILLE**

# PENNY OWENS

CPPO, NIGP-CPP

Penny has 30 years' experience in public procurement, with both local and federal government, covering nearly all aspects of procurement. She spent 16 years at the Oak Ridge National Lab in procurement and the past 13 years at the City of Knoxville, where she currently serves as the Purchasing Agent. Penny holds a bachelors' degree in Business, an NIGP-CPP certification, and a CPPO certification. Penny is a member of the East Tennessee Purchasing Association (ETPA), the Tennessee Association of Public Purchasing (TAPP), and NIGP, The Institute for Public Procurement. Penny serves as ETPA's Mentoring Chair and Social Media Chair, TAPP's Scholarship and Nominating Chair, is an NIGP Chapter Ambassador for Area 3, covering Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Ontario, serves on NIGP's Test Development Committee, and is also on NIGP's Consulting team, managed by Periscope.



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PARTNER - BLAKE, CASSELS & GRAYDON, LLP

# JUDY L. WILSON

PRESENTED BY *Blakes*



With over 30 years of experience dealing with commercial and procurement issues, Judy has advised clients across the globe on the full spectrum of infrastructure and public procurement issues. She has extensive experience in contracts to engage the private sector in the provision of traditional government services. She has also led a wide range of transactions to engage the private sector, including design-build-finance-maintain, operations and maintenance, and facilities management of public-sector facilities, as well as the provision of clinical services in the community-care sector.

Judy is a leading practitioner in the field of alternative finance and procurement projects and infrastructure development projects in industries such as health care, transit and transportation, nuclear

energy, and information technology systems. She has developed and implemented procurement and contract documentation to support a wide range of public-private partnerships (P3s) and has provided advice and legal opinions relating to procurement processes and evaluation, project risk management and mitigation strategies, project structuring, and agreements.

## Procurement Law Cases

Covid-19 certainly did not stop how we are doing business, nor did it stop the vast amount of procurement-related cases that flooded the Courts system. This year, Judy Wilson will provide us with updates on what she believes to be some of the most prominent Procurement Cases to hit the courts over the last 12 months.

DAY 2  
1:15 PM

# OPBA AWARDS



The Ontario Public Buyers Association Inc. offers an annual award to the author(s) of the favourite article or articles on Public Purchasing, published in the Caveat Emptor. The Dick Brimmel Award recognition is open to members of OPBA as well as any members of a public purchasing professional association in Canada.

We evaluate articles from our membership and select winner(s) using the following criteria and guidelines:

- The widest appeal and application in terms of both the types of public agencies and the levels of public purchasing that would find it useful.
- The most immediate appeal and application, in terms of how current it is and how quickly the members may use the information.
- The most potential for time and/or dollar savings for the members who choose to follow recommendations, which may be covered in the article.

**We look forward to presenting the winners at this year's Virtual Conference!**



# THE 63RD ANNUAL OPBA CONFERENCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## IMPLIED AGREEMENT

These are the terms and conditions (the “Agreement”) governing your participation in the OPBA Annual Conference (“Event”). By registering for the Conference, you agree to these terms. Your registration entitles you to access to the Virtual Event for which you have registered. Any and all other costs associated with your attendance shall be borne solely by you, and Virtual Event shall have no liability for such costs.

## USE OF LIKENESS

By participating in the 63rd Annual OPBA Conference, you acknowledge and agree to grant the OPBA the right to record, film, live stream, photograph, or capture your likeness in any media now available or hereafter developed and to distribute, broadcast, use, or otherwise globally to disseminate, such media without any further approval from you or any payment to you. This grant to the OPBA includes, but is not limited to, the right to edit such media, the right to use the media alone or together with other information, and the right to allow others to use or disseminate the media.

## EVENT CONTENT

You acknowledge and agree that the OPBA, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to change any and all aspects of the Conference, including but not limited to, the Conference name, theme, content, program, speakers, performers, hosts, moderators, venue, and time.

## USE OF REGISTRANT CONTACT INFORMATION

By registering for this Conference, registrants give permission for their contact information to be shared with other registrants (limited), the Conference organizers, sponsors and be included in the Virtual Attendee List. If a registrant would like to opt-out, a written request must be sent to OPBA. The Attendee List may not be reproduced, copied or disseminated, entered into a computer database, used as part of or in conjunction with a mailing list, or otherwise utilized except for your individual, personal and confidential reference. Use of the data in the Attendee List to send unsolicited marketing e-mails (“spam”) is not permitted. Infractions are policed and may result in legal or disciplinary action, which may include cancellation of membership and/or future OPBA virtual and live events.

# THE 63RD ANNUAL OPBA CONFERENCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## PROHIBITED CONDUCT LIMITATIONS ON USE

By registering for a Virtual Event, you agree not to sell, trade, transfer, or share your complimentary access link. If OPBA determines that you have violated this policy, OPBA may cancel your access, retain any payments made by you, cancel your membership, and ban you from future OPBA virtual and live events.

## DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

You acknowledge and agree that OPBA reserves the right to remove you from the Virtual Event if OPBA, in its sole discretion, determines that your participation or behaviour creates a disruption or hinders the Virtual Event or the enjoyment of the Virtual Event content by other participants.

## RECORDING & BROADCASTING

Participants may not record or broadcast audio or video of sessions of the OPBA Annual Conference. Participants may not record any one-on-one meetings, group discussions, virtual networking, or any other activity with other Participants without prior written consent from all other Participants in the conversation.

## ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY INFORMATION

OPBA is dedicated to providing a harassment-free Virtual Event experience for everyone. OPBA does not tolerate harassment of any form.

## RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

OPBA and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and successors shall not be liable for, and are hereby released from, any claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs or expenses relating to or arising out of any injury to any other person or any loss of or damage to any property of registrants or any other property where such injury, loss or damage is incident to, arises out of or is in any way connected with the registrant's participation in the Virtual Event, and the registrant shall be responsible for any such injury, loss or damage or any expenses relating thereto, and the registrant hereby agrees to protect, indemnify, hold harmless and defend OPBA and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and successors against all such claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of litigation; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to injury, loss or damage caused by or resulting from the sole negligence of OPBA and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and successors. In addition to the foregoing, the registrant agrees that it will make no claim of any kind against OPBA and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and successors for any injury, loss, cost or damage of any nature or character whatsoever, including without limiting the foregoing, any claim for damage to the registrant's business by reason of the failure to hold the Virtual Event or for any action of OPBA and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and successors in relation to the Virtual Event.

# REGISTRATION INFO

## OPBA MEMBER

### CONFERENCE PACKAGE

Access to all education sessions  
Conference Attendee Package (to be shipped prior to event)  
Lunch – Day 1  
Conference T-shirt  
Access to OPBA Awards  
Annual General Meeting (voting access for VOTING OPBA members only)

#### EARLY BIRD

**\$395**

**(INCLUDING HST)**

#### AFTER SEP 1

**\$495**

**(INCLUDING HST)**

## NIGP, SCMA OR OTHER

### PUBLIC AGENCY MEMBER

Access to all education sessions  
Conference Attendee Package (to be shipped prior to event)  
Lunch – Day 1  
Conference T-shirt  
Access to OPBA Awards  
Annual General Meeting (voting access for VOTING OPBA members only)

#### EARLY BIRD

**\$495**

**(INCLUDING HST)**

#### AFTER SEP 1

**\$595**

**(INCLUDING HST)**

## NON-MEMBER

### CONFERENCE PACKAGE

Access to all education sessions  
Conference Attendee Package (to be shipped prior to event)  
Lunch – Day 1  
Conference T-shirt  
Access to OPBA Awards  
Annual General Meeting (non-voting access)

#### EARLY BIRD

**\$625**

**(INCLUDING HST)**

#### AFTER SEP 1

**\$725**

**(INCLUDING HST)**

**Register by September 1 to receive your  
Conference Attendee Gift Package!**

**Price increases on September 2, 2021.  
Registration closes on September 22, 2021.**





# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **64th Annual OPBA Professional Development Conference**

September 28-30, 2022

### **HOSTED BY**

County of Grey

County of Bruce

Town of The Blue Mountains

Town of Collingwood

The City of Owen Sound

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