



ONTARIO CHAPTER OPEN FORUM

Property Tax as a pathway to Happiness



February 13th and 14th, 2017

1 KING WEST HOTEL TORONTO



The Institute of Municipal Assessors is expected to grant CPD Credits toward the Continuing Professional Development program upon completion of this forum – www.theima.ca



Application has been made to the LSUC for CPD credit hours.



CONFIRMED SPEAKERS & SESSIONS

8:30-9:00 **Breakfast**

9:00-9:15 **Opening Remarks**

Ken West,
Chapter Chair
Walker West



9:30-10:30 **Happiness: Why it matters to you and your practice**
Jennifer Moss is the cofounder of Plasticity Labs. Jennifer and her Cofounders built technology that leverages neuroplasticity and psychological sciences to improve workplace sentiment and happiness and productivity. She will focus on mapping sentiment and happiness to drive the metrics that matter to improving happiness at work..

Jennifer Moss
Plasticity Labs



10:30 **BREAK**

10:45-11:45 **Getting the Most out of MPAC's E-Offerings**
Assessment technology and how it can be used to make life in the assessment practice more effective and enjoyable.

Chris Fusco,
MPAC



11:45-1:00 **Sales Approach and Equity Tests: How many Comps are enough?**
The panel will examine the sales approach and equity and will discuss what makes a comp and how many are enough. Is ASR the only way to go?

Charles Johnstone
AEC
Dave Gibson
Yeoman and Company
Malcolm Stadig, MPAC



Lunch **A selection of fine eats from the One King West Kitchen**

2:00-3:00 **Disclosure Roundtable**
The subject of disclosure has been a major focal point in the proeprty tax world for the last several years but there remains a sharp contrast between views. When to disclose and what to disclose remain points of contention. Proportionality is the key but is there more to it than that?

Paul Campbell MPAC
Jim Derbyshire, Altus
Patrick Belisle, Eacom
Peter Arbour, Ford



3:00 **Break**

3:15-4:15 **Administative Law, what makes it different and why we should care**
Understanding what makes adminstrative law unique is critical to practising as either an expert or an advocate at the Assessment Review Board. Special attention will be paid to the Standard of Review.

Megan Peck
ELTO
Jeff Cowan
WeirFoulds



4:00-4:45 **Global Property Tax Management**
Looking at Property Tax on a global level and establishing ways to manage effectively. How can global practises help on a local level?

David Wilkes
Huff Wilkes LLC



5:00 **Cocktail Party**

The Vault



DAY TWO

8:30 Breakfast – Continental Buffet

9:00-11:00

Legal Update

This panel will provide participants with recent developments from across Canada and the USA to keep you informed about how other jurisdictions are deciding cases and the important issues that may arise. It is critical to be aware of assessment trends so that we can make informed decisions about matters here in Ontario. This panel of the top lawyers is always interesting and informative. One third of this session is dedicated to how different jurisdictions are dealing with best practices and ethical advocacy in assessment tribunals.



Jim Fraser

Lawson Lundell LLP

Brian Dell

Wilson Laycraft LLP

Bob Brazzell

Altus Group

Michael Crosbie

McInnes Cooper LLP

Hugo Beaulieu

Joli-Cœur Lacasse S.E.N.C.R.L.

Mark Murphy

Mark Murphy Law Offices, MA, USA

11:00

Break

11:15-12:00

Ontario Legal Panel

The latest developments in the case law, rules and statutes in Ontario from 3 perspectives. This session will provide an in depth review of the changes to the property tax law in the past year and a view of the things to watch for in 2016. The panel will address best practices for counsel appearing before the Board.

Kathleen Poole

Nixon Fleet Poole LLP

Angus MacKay

City of Toronto

Marc McLaren-Caux

Conway Davis Gryski



12:00-1:00

Hot Tub Time Machine

A hot tub demonstration to teach concepts of presentation and civility

Robert Butterworth QC

Walker West Longo LLP

Scott McAnsh ARB

Jack Jamieson, Carrell

Terry Bishop, Altus

Blake Brown, MPAC

John Hughes, Hemson

John O'Kane, O'Kane Law



1:00

Lunch

2:00-2:30

Buried Alive

Author Geoff Weinstein will address the struggles with the fast pace of modern business and electronic communication. Geoff explains how we can come out from under an increasingly burdensome pile of paper.

Geoff Weinstein

Author,
Buried Alive



2:30

BREAK

3:00-3:30

Ontario Ministry of Finance and Assessment Review Board

An update from MOF on various consultation endeavours. What is on the horizon from the Government?

TBD

Paul Muldoon

Associate Chair

Ministry of Finance ARB

3:30-4:00

The Inside Out at MPAC: a 2016 Update

The 2016 Roll is out. Reviewing MPACs big changes and next steps.

Kent Emerson

Associate Vice President,
MPAC





EARLY BIRD DEADLINE:

DECEMBER 31, 2016

Registration includes:

- › Two day seminar
- › Conference materials
- › Breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks each day (with cookies)
- › Evening Cocktail Reception

Pricing: Early Bird Member \$475 incl tax

Member \$525 incl tax

Non-Member \$595 incl tax

Sponsorship Opportunities:

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Keynote \$100

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