2026 CPTA Valuation and Legal Symposium

May 11th & 12th, 2026

The annual Canadian Property Tax Association Ontario Valuation and Legal Symposium is one of Canada's premiere property tax and assessment conferences. Held this year at the Double Tree by Hilton, the event promises to provide a comprehensive programme full of topical and skill building presentations.

DAY 1 SCHEDULE - MONDAY MAY 11th

Morning

8:00 am	**Registration and Breakfast**
8:45 am	**Opening Remarks** Welcome to the 2026 CPTA Ontario Valuation Symposium **Dan Rosman -** CPTA Ontario Chapter Vice Chair
9:00 am	**Kris King -Senior Executive Vice President of Hockey Operations for NHL** Kris King is a Canadian former professional ice hockey player best known for his physical style of play and role as an enforcer in the NHL. Born on February 18, 1966, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, King played as a left winger and built a reputation for his toughness, racking up over 1,900 penalty minutes during his career. He spent most of his time in the league with the New York Islanders, where he became a fan favorite for his gritty presence and willingness to stand up for teammates. King also had stints with teams like the Winnipeg Jets, Phoenix Coyotes, and Toronto Maple Leafs. After retiring from professional hockey, he transitioned into a role with the NHL Department of Player Safety, where he has been involved in reviewing on-ice incidents and helping enforce league discipline.
10:15 am	**REFRESHMENT BREAK**
10:30 am	**Ethical Use of AI in our field** As AI tools become increasingly integrated into assessment and property tax advocacy, the focus is shifting from adoption to responsible and defensible use. This session explores how AI intersects with core professional obligations, including accuracy, transparency, objectivity, and confidentiality. It highlights key risks, such as hallucinations, bias, confidentiality breaches, and emerging concerns around evidence integrity, and situates them within existing ethical frameworks and professional expectations. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of how to approach AI use thoughtfully and responsibly in their practice. Approved for 1 hour of professionalism credit by the Law Society of Ontario. **Soussanna Karas –** Associate General Counsel MPAC
11:30 am	**MPAC Update** As Ontario's property market and landscape continue to evolve, MPAC remains focused on maintaining accurate property inventories, conducting ongoing sector analysis, and collecting essential property data. In this session, Greg Martino will share insights into MPAC's current activities and priorities. **Greg Martino –** MPAC
12:00 pm	**LUNCH**

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1:00 pm	**Case Law Update** As Ontario undergoes the 10th year of its current assessment cycle, there continues to be a number of significant developments in assessment law jurisprudence. The Ontario legal panel will provide a summary of recent cases and decisions before the Assessment Review Board and Ontario Courts and offer key insights and takeaways. **Frank Shea -** MPAC **Cynthia Kuehi –** Lerners LLP
2:15 pm	**REFRESHMENT BREAK**
2:30 pm	**Innovation & Collaboration in the Interim** Ontario's extended reassessment pause has created a unique moment for the property tax industry. In this moderated discussion, leaders from across the sector will reflect on how the profession is adapting in the interim, from maintaining data quality and valuation readiness to managing client expectations and preparing for the next assessment cycle. The session will also explore opportunities for greater collaboration across the property tax community. **Drew Samuels –** DMA **Matt Kanter -** MPAC
3:30 pm	**Changes in Ontario Property Tax Policy** This session will review recent changes to Ontario's property tax system. Key topics include a summary of feedback that was received as part of the government's assessment and taxation review, recent changes to tax classes and subclasses, as well as updates on education property tax and municipal funding. **Andrea Chow -**Director of Property Tax and Assessment Policy Ministry of Finance
5:00 pm	**COCKTAIL RECEPTION** | Hilton Hotel in Victoria Foyer Join us for this fun social and networking opportunity.

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8:00 am	**Breakfast**
9:00 am	**Legal Panel Discussion on Section 34** This panel will offer the latest insights into the Board's interpretation of the valuation dates applicable to section 33 and 34 assessments as well as whether and to what extent a distinction may exist between the concepts of "general reassessment" and "assessment". **Rick Minster –** Minster Rosman **Jeff Feiner -** Corman Feiner LLP **Karina Wong –** Nixon Poole Lackie LLP
10:15 am	**First Nations: Improving First Nation Access to Property Assessment** Implementing taxation policies in First Nation jurisdictions nationally. Dealing with issues effecting Ontario and clearing up the misconceptions of taxation with Frist Nations Jurisdictions. **Chief Commissioner Manny Jules -** First Nations Tax Commission **Chief Derek Epp's -** First Nations Tax Commission
10:45 am	**REFRESHMENT BREAK**
11:00 am	**Section 357 of the Municipal Act: A Municipal-Centric Perspective on Interpretation and Administration** This session will provide an overview of the tax adjustment and relief provisions under Sections 357 and 358 of Ontario's *Municipal Act, 2001*. The material will be presented in the same manner typically used in municipal training and advisory settings. The session will focus on interpreting statutory eligibility, separating eligibility from the determination of relief, and application of structured approaches to support sound administration. Peter will be presenting the material as he would to a municipal audience, with the intent of bringing what may be a somewhat different perspective to the discussion. **Peter Frise –** Frise Policy & Finance Inc.
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1.00 PM	**Assessment Review Board Update** Representatives from the Assessment Review Board will present an update on the status of current appeals, outline recent and upcoming rule considerations, and provide insights into the Board's operations. This session will give attendees a clearer understanding of procedural developments and the ARB's direction as it moves into the next phase of the assessment cycle. **Kelly Triantafilou-** Registrar Assessment Review Board **Dirk Vander bent –** ARB Vice Chair Assessment Review Board
1.45 pm	**Ontario Market update** This session will deliver a focused update on the evolving Ontario market with direct relevance to property tax professionals. We will examine key economic and real estate trends influencing property values across asset classes, including commercial, industrial, and multi-residential sectors. Participants will gain insight into factors shaping assessment levels, such as interest rate movements, inflation, shifting demand patterns, and transaction activity. **Raymond Wong –** Newmark Canada
2.30 pm	**Ontario Tax Rates** This presentation explores how property values across asset classes have shifted since the current 2016 assessment base date and how those changes compare to today's market conditions. By analyzing these movements, we can identify which property types have benefited from the ongoing postponement of reassessment and which have been disadvantaged. Understanding these dynamics not only highlights the current "winners and losers," but also provides insight into how tax burdens and municipal tax rates may adjust once a province-wide reassessment is eventually implemented. **Andrew Prior –** Ryan ULC
3.30 pm	**Closing Remarks** Thank you for coming!

GENERAL INFORMATION

What You Get:

- ✓ Two-day Symposium
- ✓ Hot Breakfast, morning / afternoon coffee breaks
- ✓ Lunch on both days
- ✓ Monday Night Social Gathering– Networking Opportunity
- ✓ CPD Accreditation: Credits AIC Pending | IMA Pending | LSO pending

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Registration

Members:	**$ 655.00 (plus HST)**
Non-Members:	**$ 695.00 (plus HST)**
Early Bird Members:	**$ 575.00 (plus HST)**
Early Bird Non-Members:	**$ 645.00 (plus HST)**
One Day Registration:	**$ 350.00 (plus HST)**

Early Bird Deadline is April 25, 2026. Registration Deadline: May 8, 2026

Payment and registration online at https://cpta.org/chapter-news-events/ontario/ontario-chapter-symposium or by cheque payable to "CANADIAN PROPERTY TAX ASSOCIATION ONTARIO CHAPTER".

Provide cheque and registration information to:

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Accommodations:

Rooms are available at Double Tree by Hilton Toronto Downtown for daily rate of $289 per night plus tax.
108 Chestnut Street, Toronto, ON, M5G 1R3

Attendees can make a reservation by calling 1-800-445-8667 or the hotel directly at 416-977-5000. Please mention the group code CDT92A along with your intended dates of stay to secure the group rate.

Room block is available until April 18th ,2026