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Environmental Assessment Primer

Environmental Law / Young Lawyers Division

Thursday, December 02, 2021 | 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm Date:

Location: Webinar

12:00 pm Webinar Commences Agenda:

2:00 pm Webinar Concludes





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minutes

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Are you relatively new to the practice of environmental assessment law? If so, this is a program designed just for you! Join our expert speakers to learn about environmental assessments ("EAs") under provincial and federal legislation. Hear best practices from senior practitioners about public consultation requirements and participate in the discussion! You will walk away with invaluable insights that seasoned practitioners have developed through their years in the field.

Register today to learn how environmental assessments are fundamental to protecting the environment and ensuring socio-economic benefits!

Anand Srivastava, Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP **Program Chairs:**

Alexander Steele, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

12:00 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

Environmental Assessments in Ontario under Provincial Legislation

> David S. McRobert, McRobert Law Joanna Rosengarten, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

- Understanding individual & comprehensive EAs
- Examining class EAs & streamlined EAs
- · Implementation status of Bill 197 changes to the **Environmental Assessment Act**

12:35 am The Federal Impact Assessment Act

Meinhard Doelle, Dalhousie University, Marine and Environmental Law Institute

Rodney Northey, Gowling WLG

- Overview of project-level impact assessments
- Which major projects are subject to the Act?
- Understanding the differences between project, regional, and strategic assessments

1:05 pm **Ensuring Meaningful Public & Indigenous Consultation**

> Charles J. Birchall, Willms & Shier Environmental Lawvers IIP

Samantha Craig-Curnow. Associate General Counsel. Legal, Chippewas of Rama First Nation

- Consultation requirements provincial versus federal
- Strategies for meaningful engagement with interested persons, stakeholders, and communities
- Free, prior, and informed consent in the context of Eas

1:30 pm Post-EA Approvals - What Happens Next?

Patricia Fitzpatrick, Faculty of Geography at the

University of Winnipeg

Richard Lindgren, Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law Association

- Mitigation, monitoring, reporting, and adaptive management
- Imposing and enforcing EA terms and conditions
- Contingency plans & corrective actions

2:00 pm **Program Concludes**

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