Building Trust in Government 2018

Public Sector Ethics Conference May 31st & June 1st, 2018



DAY 1 – May 31, 2018 – Kick off and reception

Location: Terrace Room, Gardiner Museum, 111 Queens Park, Toronto, ON M5S 2C7

Time	Topic	Speakers	
5:00 pm	Registration and networking		
5:30 to 5:45 pm	Welcome Remarks and Introduction of Keynote speaker	Sidney Linden, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, Ontario Ed Iacobucci, Dean, University of Toronto Law School	
5:45 to 6:15 pm	Keynote related to "The Future of Ethics"	Penny Collenette , Lawyer, Adjunct Professor, Common Law Faculty, University of Ottawa	
6:15	Reception		

DAY 2 - June 1, 2018 - Conference

Moot Court, U of T Law School, 78 Queens Park, Toronto, ON M5S 2C5

Time	Topic	Speakers
8:30 to 9:00 am	Registration and networking	
9:00 to 9:30 am	Welcome Remarks	Sidney Linden, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, Ontario
		Lorne Sossin, Dean, Osgoode Hall Law School Diane McArthur, Chief Talent Officer, OPS
9:30 to 10:30 am	Panel 1: Elected officials, public servants and investments	Moderator: <i>Valerie Jepson,</i> Integrity Commissioner, City of Toronto
	Personal trading policies, proactive public financial disclosure and conflicts of interest. A discussion about the implications and challenges for implementing personal securities trading	Panelists: - Mario Dion, Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner (Canada)
	restrictions for public servants, taking	 Sarah Neville, Legal Director, Ontario Financing Authority

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	stock of the Federal proactive financial disclosure system and a view from the private sector. This panel will inform attendees about a recent effort at a provincial agency to incorporate personal trading restrictions into the code of conduct and the breadth and scope of the Federal financial disclosure system.	
10:30 to 11:00 am	Networking Break	
11:00 am to 12:00 pm	Panel 2: Ethics & Law Reform This panel will analyze recent law reform efforts such as Ontario's modernization of the Municipal Act ("Bill 68") or Quebec's Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Act ("Bill 56") or the Federal government's national security overhaul ("Bill C-51") and the role (if any) accountability officers may play or may be asked to play in the legislative process. The panel will also discuss law reform that has not happened. For example, why has there been resistance to adding "apparent conflicts of interest" to codes of conduct?	Moderator: Bruce Elman, Professor of Law and Chair of the Board of Governors of the Law Commission of Ontario. Professor Elman also serves as the Integrity Commissioner for the City of Windsor. Panelists: - Nancy Bélanger, Commissioner of Lobbying (Canada) / former Deputy Information Commissioner (Canada) - Guy Giorno, Brampton Integrity Commissioner / former Chief of Staff to Ontario Premier and Canadian Prime Minister - Will McDowell, Partner, Lenczner Slaght / former Associate Deputy Minister of Justice (Canada)
12:00 to 12:30 pm	Lunch	
12:30 to 1:30 pm	Lunch Time – Facilitated Sessions in three breakout rooms	Facilitator: Valerie Jepson, Integrity Commissioner, City of Toronto 1. Court updates: What have we learned from the Courts through recent judicial reviews and trials? Facilitator: Hon. J. David Wake, Integrity Commissioner, Ontario 2. Other players regulating ethics: Apart from ethics officials, what is the role of other parties - the media, political parties, the public and advocacy groups - in regulating ethical behaviour in the public sector.

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		Facilitator: Mario Dion, Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner, Canada 3. Penalties: What are appropriate penalties for ethical breaches by public sector officials?
1:30 to 1:45 pm	Networking Break	
1:45 to 2:45 pm	Panel 3: Ethics of Diversity and the Diversity of Ethics Emerging Issues and Challenges in areas of inclusion, equity and diversity as they relate to public sector oversight, incorporating such principles as cultural competency of accountability officers, recruitment from a broad pool for appointees, etc.	Moderator: <i>Renu Mandhane,</i> Chair, Ontario Human Rights Commission Panelists: - <i>Karen Drake,</i> Osgoode, Part-Time Human Rights Commissioner - <i>Laverne Jacobs,</i> Windsor, former Human Rights Tribunal Member
2:45 to 3:00 pm	Networking Break	
3:00 to 4:00 pm	Panel 4: The relationship between elected officials and public servants This panel will explore the relationship between elected officials and public servants from the perspective of the relationship between ministers' staff, ministry officials and ministers as well as the ingredients for "maintaining good council-staff relations" at the municipal level.	Moderator: Hon. J. David Wake, Integrity Commissioner, Ontario Panelists: - Peter Wallace, Secretary of the Treasury Board (Canada) / former City Manager (Toronto) / former Secretary of the Cabinet (Ontario) - Michael Fenn, Author, Consultant and former Ontario DM
4:00 to 4:30 pm	Wrap up	Sidney Linden, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, Ontario