



CALL FOR PRESENTERS

**OACA 2020 Annual Conference – Niagara Falls, ON
May 10 -13, 2020**

OACA is inviting proposals for education sessions to be offered at its **Annual Conference taking place May 10-13, 2020 in Niagara Falls, Ontario.**

OACA is a not for profit volunteer Association consisting of Secretary-Treasurers of Committees of Adjustment and Land Division Committees, Appointed Members who sit on these Committees and some associate members who work in the area of consents and minor variances. Members of the Committees can be locally appointed residents, Members of Council or a combination of both who have the responsibility to provide fair and sensitive adjudication on applications for relief from municipal Zoning By-laws or applications for various types of consents.

Each year OACA hosts its annual AGM/Conference; a 4-day event including 2 full days of hands-on practical workshops and speakers. During this time, 24 workshop sessions on a broad range of topics are offered.

At this time, OACA would like to welcome your submission to present on any subjects pertinent to the field of Committees of Adjustment / Consent Authorities. Our focus is to offer conference sessions that provide practical insights and takeaways that can be implemented by attendees upon their return to their jobs. We also welcome submissions that think outside the box, encouraging innovation and interactive formats.

Workshops can cover a broad range of subjects, including but not limited to:

Committee of Adjustment training (ethics, code of conduct, other relevant topics), The Minor Variance, Rezoning and Consent Process, The importance of pre-consultation, Easements, How to Read a Survey, Conflict of Interest, Validation of Title, Dealing with Difficult People, LPAT Process, Bill 108, Committee Transparency and Integrity, Legal Non-Conforming Uses, Site Plan, Running a Successful Hearing, Committee member considerations, Cannabis, Green Energy, Use Variances, Enforcement of Zoning and Consent Conditions, Community Improvement Plans, Committee Discussion and Deliberation, How to Hear Evidence (Adjudication), Structure of Decisions and Reasons, Understanding the Land Registry Process, Updates on Provincial Policy, Conservation Authority Review Process & Impact on Development, New & Innovative By-laws (i.e. Secondary Suites & Short Term Rentals, Backyard Chickens etc.), Drafting a Committee of Adjustment Procedural By-law, Comprehensive Zoning By-law Reviews, Boundary Trees and Impact on Development Proposals, Severance of Surplus Farm Dwellings, MDS, Source Water Protection...

If you, or a recommended professional are interested in presenting on any of the above topics OR on a new and innovative topic related to Committee of Adjustment we invite you to complete the **Presenter Submission Form**. Presenters can be current or past municipal practitioners, current or past government staff, municipal or government consultants, or representatives from organizations that serve the municipal sector.

Please note that while OACA welcomes all relevant organizations to participate in our educational events, excessive promotion and endorsement of corporate products and/or services is not permitted during workshop sessions to ensure an optimal learning environment for participants.



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Please type all information and use one form for each proposed presentation.

Workshop Presenter's Name/s and Titles:

Presenter Title(s):

Organization/Municipality:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Telephone:

Email:

Fax:

Referred by:

Email:

1. Please provide a brief description of the proposed presentation including key points to be covered and proposed workshop title.
2. Please attach a brief bio for each presenter and describe how the presenter/s experience relates to the specific topic area.
3. Please outline the proposed format for your workshop – panel, single presenter, interactive, etc.
4. After your workshop session what topic outcomes do you hope attendees will bring back to their offices?
5. Have you presented this session before? Where? Can you provide any references?

Note: Only presenters of sessions that are selected for further investigation will be contacted. OACA may request references be provided by potential presenters. By agreeing to present at the OACA conference, presenters also agree to adhere to all OACA processes and policies regarding conference coordination and timeframes.

*Email the completed form to Allison Goodwin (goodwina.oaca@gmail.com) or Tonia Bennett (tbennett@marmoraandlake.ca) **on or before November 29, 2019**