

2025 OACA CONFERENCE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Last revised: March 7, 2025
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MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

Time	Workshop Name	Presenter	Room
9:00 – 10:15am	Keynote Speaker	Meg Soper	Huron I & II
10:30 – 11:45am	Granting a Consent	Alex Ciccone	Petun I & IV
10:30 – 11:45am	Survey Plans Demystified: A Practical Guide	Jeff Buisman	Petun II
10:30 – 11:45am	Ontario Land Use Planning: Hot Topics For 2025	Alexander Suriano and Laura Dean	Petun III
1:45 – 3:00pm	Ask an Expert: Lawyer Edition	Aaron Platt	Petun I & IV
1:45 – 3:00pm	Understanding Roles, Responsibilities, and Expectations: Tips and Guide for Chairs and Panel Members	Hena Kabir	Petun II
1:45 – 3:00pm	MDS: Planning for Compatibility in Prime Agricultural Areas and Rural Lands	John Liotta	Petun III
3:15 – 4:30pm	Networking Session for Committee Members		Petun I & IV
3:15 – 4:30pm	Ask an Expert: Secretary-Treasurer Edition	Jennifer Stong and Trista Di Lullo	Petun II
3:15 – 4:30pm	Wasaga Beach Beachfront and Downtown Redevelopment	Andrew McNeill	Petun III

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TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Time	Workshop Name	Presenter	Room
9:00 – 10:15am	Drafting Enforceable Conditions in Committee of Adjustment Decisions	Jenna Morley	Petun I & IV
9:00 – 10:15am	“Four Tests” vs. “Red Herrings”	Leo Longo and Ian Clendening	Petun II
9:00 – 10:15am	OPPI Reflect on Today’s Planning Framework and Priorities for 2025	Claire Basinski and Andria Leigh	Petun III
10:30 – 11:45am	Navigating Section 53: A Guide to the Consent Process	Denise Rundle, Ann Hamilton and Sean Kenney	Petun I & IV
10:30 – 11:45am	Five Ways to Boost Citizen Engagement	Rosalina Lin-Allen	Petun II
10:30 – 11:45am	Yes, You Can Streamline Your Development Review/Approval Process!	Rory Baksh	Petun III
1:15 – 2:30pm	Behind the Scenes: A Planner’s Role in the Committee of Adjustment Process	Edward John, Mariana Iglesias, and Sean Kenney	Petun I & IV
1:15 – 2:30pm	It’s a Committee of Adjustment not a Committee of Approval: Navigating through Difficult Hearings	James Smith	Petun II
1:15 – 2:30pm	Variances to Permitted Uses, When is a Proposed New Use “Minor”?	Matthew Rutledge	Petun III
2:45 – 4:00pm	Networking Session for Secretary-Treasurers		Petun I & IV
2:45 – 4:00pm	City of Hamilton's Reimagining Neighbourhoods Project and Other Housing Supportive Initiatives	Anita Fabac	Petun II
2:45 – 4:00pm	Beyond Zoning: The Role of Planning in Advancing Racial Equity in Housing	Cheryll Case	Petun III