

2026 Annual Fall Conference



Conference

October 23 & 24, 2026

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*Terminal City Club
837 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC*

The British Columbia Expropriation Association invites you to our 34th Annual Fall Conference. Enlightening presenters and panelists will offer practical guidance and continuing professional education on a variety of topics related to expropriation. You will also have opportunities to network with other professionals who are involved with the acquisition and expropriation of land for public purposes.

Accreditation

Continuing Professional Development program credits are expected from the Appraisal Institute of Canada and the Law Society of British Columbia.

**Friday,
October 23rd, 2026**

8:00 AM

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00 AM

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

Emily Mak, Southern Railway of British Columbia Ltd.

9:10 AM - 10:10 AM

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Andrew Ramlo, Urban Futures Incorporated

What's next for the market? Andrew Ramlo returns to the Annual Conference with a data-driven look at the economic, demographic, and market forces shaping the landscape today. Drawing on more than a decade of expertise with Urban Futures, Andrew will explore emerging trends, key market shifts, and the opportunities and challenges ahead.

10:10 AM - 10:30 AM

NETWORKING BREAK

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

EXPROPRIATION LAW THROUGH THE APPRAISAL LENS

Brett Garnett, Garnett Wilson Realty Advisors Ltd., & Phong Phan, BC Ministry of Attorney General

A body of case law has developed in BC about the conduct of appraisers and/or their opinions in various contexts. Messrs. Garnett and Phan will identify and unpack seminal expropriation cases that are critical for every appraiser to know and understand.

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

CITY OF SURREY ON THE RISE

Bill Aujla, President & CEO, Surrey City Development Corporation

The City of Surrey is one of Canada's fastest-growing cities and the Surrey City Development Corporation (SCDC) has a central role in shaping its future. Mr. Aujla will provide an overview of SCDC, its mandate, and unique development approach through strategic partnerships with the private sector. Mr. Aujla will discuss how SCDC is helping to accelerate Surrey's vision of vibrant, sustainable, and transit-oriented communities, and he will share insights into the key development opportunities that will transform Surrey's urban landscape.

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

LUNCH

1:15 PM - 1:30 PM

34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

WHAT GIS CAN DO FOR YOU

Scott Piet, GIS Manager, LandSolutions

With over a decade of experience supporting land acquisition, infrastructure, and right-of-way projects, Mr. Piet will demonstrate how geographic information systems (GIS) help keep project teams, landowners, and stakeholders informed and aligned. Using examples from land acquisition and expropriation projects, Mr. Piet will highlight how GIS technology supports faster decision making, improves project delivery, and adds greater transparency throughout the project lifecycle.

Friday, October 23rd, 2026, Continued

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

"WHOSE LAND IS IT ANYWAY?" – RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ABORIGINAL TITLE OVER PRIVATE LAND IN CANADA

**Roy Millen & Graham Fulton,
Partners, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP**

Aboriginal title law has primarily developed in the context of Crown (government-owned) land. Recent court decisions have considered whether and how Aboriginal title applies to privately held lands, prompting broader discussions about the scope of Aboriginal rights and how to effect reconciliation properly. Msrs. Millen and Fulton will provide insights into the legal implications of these cases and also grapple with the implications of these developments for landowners, developers, lenders and other interested parties.

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

NETWORKING BREAK

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

AN INCOMPARABLE CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND IMPACT

Glen Clark, BC Hydro

Born and raised in BC, Glen Clark's decades-long career – including first as the 31st Premier of BC and then as President of Jim Pattison Group – has made him a unique leader with insights only he could have about the operation of this province. Do not miss this fireside-style Q&A during which Mr. Clark will share glimpses of his career from public servant to private industry and more.

4:30 PM

COCKTAILS & NETWORKING

6:00 PM

BANQUET

Our networking banquet is a highlight of the conference and is included in the conference fee.

**Saturday,
October 24th, 2026**

8:00 AM

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:05 AM - 9:10 AM

OPENING REMARKS

9:10 AM - 9:55 AM

THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE COURTROOM "BOX"

George Macintosh, K.C., McEwan Partners

Drawing on his extensive experience as general counsel, a judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, mediator and arbitrator, George Macintosh, K.C. will share his perspectives on options for resolving claims outside of the courtroom. His discussion will focus on practical tips, including in negotiation and mediation.

9:55 AM - 10:15 AM

NETWORKING BREAK

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

ANNUAL CASE LAW REVIEW

**Evan Cooke Eyford Partners &
Luke Dineley, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP**

Messrs. Cooke and Dineley will conduct an in-depth review of the year of expropriation-related jurisprudence.

11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF LAND – CASE STUDIES

**David Chan, BC Hydro &
Nancy Skeels, City of Nanaimo**

Acquiring and disposing of land as public agencies often requires years of vision and perseverance. Mr. Chan will highlight a complex transfer of land to a First Nation while securing rights for BC Hydro's critical electrical infrastructure. Ms. Skeels will share the City of Nanaimo's efforts to create and expand park lands, including Loudon and Westwood Lake.

12:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

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