



Annual Conference May 11th to May 13th, 2016
Best Western Plus Chocolate Lake Hotel, Halifax, NS

Wednesday, May 11th, 2016

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am -10:30 am Kathie Day, Manager of Operation Centre (Land)
Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

Topic: Registry Process, Common entries in the LRO that may affect Development Control, Q&A about the registry system

10:30 am – 10:45 am Nutrition Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm Leah Boutilier, P. Eng., Ph D, Program Coordinator
Steve Conway, B Comm., BES, Program Coordinator
Nova Scotia Environment

Topic: NS Environment has made changes to the on-site sewage approval process an update on the process will be given. Additionally amendments to NSE's role in reviewing subdivision applications are approaching, an update on this process and timelines will be discussed.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch Break (Provided)

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm: Julie Bailey, P. Eng., P Ag.
Agricultural Marshland Conservation Act

Topic: Presentation on the protection and conservation of Marshlands and Dykelands in Nova Scotia: Including a review of the legislation and permit process.

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm: Nutrition Break

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm: Josh Judah, Solicitor
HRM, Legal Services

Topic: Preparing for Trial, presentation will cover tips on how to properly prepare for a trial for a Land Use Bylaw Violation. The common long form enforcement approach to compliance will also be discussed.



Thursday, May 12th, 2016

Round Tables:

9:00 am – 12:00 pm (Nutrition Break 10:20-10:40)

Session 1:	Topic:	Variances
	Presenter(s):	Andrew Faulkner, HRM
Session 2:	Topic:	Amending Plans
	Presenter(s):	Rosemary MacNeil, HRM
Session 3:	Topic:	Repeals of Subdivision
	Presenter(s):	Paul Boucher, HRM
Session 4:	Topic:	Purpose of Land Use Bylaw Planner and DO Relationship
	Presenter(s):	Albert Dunphy, Annapolis County
12:00 – 1:30 pm:	Lunch (Provided) and AGM	
1:30 – 4:30 pm:	Presenter:	Dane Berringer

Topic: *Response in Situations of Conflict - the RISC course teaches professionals, who find themselves in a conflict situation, how to safely and effectively deal with individuals who are upset with regulations or mandatory procedures. Having the proper mental mind set before a conflict begins is the starting point of the course. Participants move on to learn how to assess the potential danger in the conflict, understand the "Lizard brain" of people in conflict and deal with the different types of attitudes that emerge in a conflict. The final aspect of the seminar is basic communication skills to safely resolve the conflict situation. The RISC course is based on communication skills courses from the Atlantic Police Academy, from Verbal Judo training and also from the communications course offered by the Nova Scotia Department of Labour Advanced Workplace Education.*



Friday, May 13th, 2016

9:00 am – 10:30 am: Catherine Tully
Information and Privacy Commissioner

***Topic:** Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy – review of the FOIPOP Act and Part XX of the Municipal Government Act. Specific focus on, the application process, timelines for response to request, the documents which can be shared through a request and information available without a request.*

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Nutrition Break

10:45 am – 11:30 am Jason Bond, PhD., PEng., Coordinate Control Officer
Geographic Information Services

***Topic:** Protecting the Nova Scotia Coordinate Referencing System through Development Planning - The Nova Scotia Coordinate Referencing System (NSCRS) is the foundation for all spatial data within the Province. The NSCRS is realized on the ground by Nova Scotia Control Monuments (NSCMs). It has been estimated that in recent years, two NSCMs are destroyed every week during the construction season. In many cases, the NSCMs could have been preserved by making minor revisions to the proposed development or by adding a collar to the top of the monument to allow for continued access. The value of each monument is estimated at approximately \$7500. By collaborating with planners, it is believed that a simple check during the development proposal stage could save thousands of dollars in damages every year and would help to protect the boundary fabric of the Province.*

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Agenda subject to change

***Important Notes:**

- 1) Hospitality Suite open from 6:00 pm – Midnight (Wednesday & Thursday evening)