

TODAY'S DECISIONS - TOMORROW'S FUTURE

2024 AMBC CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 5 - 7, 2024 | RICHMOND RADISSON VANCOUVER AIRPORT HOTEL



Welcome to the 2024 Asset Management BC Annual Conference! We're excited to bring together industry leaders, local government officials, and experts to explore innovative solutions for sustainable asset management. This year's theme, *Today's Decisions - Tomorrow's Future*, promises insightful discussions, practical strategies, and opportunities to connect with peers as we shape the future of our communities. For more info, visit www.assetmanagementbc.ca/conference

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Michael Blackstock | November 6

Blue Ecology, A Collaborative Framework for BC

Michael Blackstock is an Indigenous Scholar and Founder of the Blue Ecology™. Blue Ecology is a means to bridge Indigenous wisdom and Western Science. Michael Blackstock will present how Blue Ecology was developed, and then how it can be implemented to address climate change.



Chris Barlow | November 7

When it Comes to Asset Management, Money isn't Everything – But it's Close

The City of Castlegar undertook the asset management journey several years ago recognizing the value of the process to assist Council with decision making and ultimately sustainable service delivery. Chris will walk us through the journey to date, including communications with Council and the plans forward.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

November 5

Long Term Financial Planning for Asset Management

With Christopher Paine
Location: Richmond Room

November 5

Working with Levels of Service for Asset Management

With Colwyn Sunderland
Location: Cambie Room

DAY ONE - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024

Morning – Plenary Location: President Ballroom

TIME	EVENT	ABOUT
7:30 – 8:30	Registration & Breakfast	Registration Sponsored by Urban Systems Breakfast Sponsored by WSP
8:30 – 9:00	Conference Opening & First Nations Welcome	Andy Wardell, Co-chair AMBC Community of Practice Alec Dan, Knowledge Keeper and Cultural Advisor
9:00 – 10:00	Day 1 Keynote Blue Ecology, A Collaborative Framework for BC	Michael Blackstock, Co-Founder/Director, Blue Ecology Institute Foundation
10:00 – 10:45	Growing the Practice: Natural Asset Management Practices Advances by Local Governments	Michelle Lewis, Town of Gibsons & Roy Brooke, Natural Assets Initiative
10:45 – 11:15	Refreshment Break	Sponsored by JW Infrastructure Planning Ltd.
11:15 – 12:00	The Renewed Canada Community Building Fund & Asset Management - What you Need to Know	Brant Felker, Union of BC Municipalities & Brian Bedford, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
12:00 – 12:15	#OurAssetsMatter Awards Ceremony	Master of Ceremonies: Wally Wells, Asset Management Master, Mentor & Coach, Asset Management BC
12:15 – 1:30	Lunch	Sponsored by Lidstone & Company

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DAY ONE - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 - CONTINUED

Afternoon – Concurrent Sessions

SESSION 1 – UNDERSTANDING THE TRENDS AND INNOVATIONS IN THE AM SPACE

Location: President Ballroom A

1:30 – 2:05	Towards Natural Asset Management in Saanich: Results of an Enhanced Natural Assets Inventory	Jacqueline Weston, District of Saanich & Roy Brooke, Natural Assets Initiative
2:05 – 2:40	The Case for Maintenance Management Readiness	Jeff Bonnell, PEMAC Asset Management Association of Canada
2:40 – 3:10	Refreshment Break	Sponsored by icInfrastructure
3:10 – 3:45	Building the Capacity of Asset Management – Results from a Nationwide Staffing Survey	Jacqueline Weston, District of Saanich & Rowan Holyer, icInfrastructure
3:45 – 4:20	District of Sechelt's Asset Management Report Cards	Kevin Durkee, District of Sechelt

SESSION 2 – BUILDING BLOCKS FOR SUCCESSFUL ASSET MANAGEMENT

Location: President Ballroom B/C

1:30 – 2:05	Lessons Learned for Building Asset Management Programs	Gracelyn, City of Abbotsford
2:05 – 2:40	Utilizing Digital Data Collection to Improve Asset Condition Reporting at Indigenous Communities	Denelle Bushie, Shawano Consulting representing SERDC tribal council & Saher Ghanem, Dillon Consulting
2:40 – 3:10	Refreshment Break	Sponsored by icInfrastructure
3:10 – 3:45	How Do You Manage Your Assets if You Don't Have the Data?	Andrew Walther, Municipal Master Construction Documents Association
3:45 – 4:20	Integrating Risk Assessment and Resiliency, Flexibility and Affordability into Asset Replacement Financial Planning	Mark Boysen, North Saltspring Waterworks District, Paul Murray, Brentwood Advisory Group & YourCity
4:30 – 7:00	Networking Reception - Ballroom Foyer	Sponsored by Young Anderson

DAY TWO - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

Morning – Plenary Location: President Ballroom

TIME	EVENT	ABOUT
7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Sponsored by T2SR
8:00 – 8:30	Day 2 Opening Remarks & AMBC Update	Gracelyn, Co-chair AMBC Community of Practice Arnold Schwabe, Executive Director, AMBC
8:30 – 9:15	Day 2 Keynote When it Comes to Asset Management, Money isn't Everything – But it's Close	Chris Barlow, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Castlegar
9:15 – 10:00	Panel Operationalizing AM in a Siloed Environment	Moderator: Arnold Schwabe, AMBC Executive Director Panel: Emanuel Machado, Town of Gibsons; Khalie Genereaux, City of Terrace; Laura Hardiman, Capital Regional District; Bill Sims, City of Nanaimo
10:00 – 10:30	Refreshment Break	Sponsored by Associated Engineering

Morning – Concurrent Sessions

SESSION 1 – ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION – LEARNING FROM PRACTICE

Location: President Ballroom A

10:30 - 11:05	Cultural Evolution of Asset Management in Cranbrook	Mike Matejka, City of Cranbrook & Curtis Mummery, City of Cranbrook
11:05 - 11:40	Future-proof Your Projects with Asset Data Standards – Lessons from Lake Babine Nation	Rick Dobbs, Lake Babine Nation, Glynis Fleming, Egov Solutions & Ian Gerritsen, Associated Engineering
11:40 - 12:15	The Death and Life of Great Asset Stewardship	Rory Tooke, Trina Buhler, Nina Sutic-Bata, City of Victoria & Brittney Dawney, Urban Systems



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DAY TWO - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024 - CONTINUED

Morning – Concurrent Sessions Continued

SESSION 2 – ASSET MANAGEMENT CASE STUDIES

Location: President Ballroom B/C

10:30 – 11:05	Steering the Urban Ship: How Prince George Leverages Asset Management to Move Towards Sustainable Services	Kristy Bobbie, City of Prince George & Nicole Allen, NAMS Canada
11:05 – 11:40	After the AMP: Sewer AMP Implementation & Strategic Momentum at the City of New Westminster	Kwaku Agyare-Manu, City of New Westminster & Jaimie Sokalski, Associated Engineering
11:40 – 12:15	Asset Management Planning Challenges in the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	James Chandler, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary & Bill Hart, AECOM

Afternoon – Plenary

Location: President Ballroom

12:15 - 1:00	Lunch	Sponsored by GEI Consultants
1:00 – 1:45	Data-Driven Decisions for Asset and Risk Management	Nedia Vanderelst, Municipal Insurance Association of BC & Devin Baker, Suncorp Valuations
1:45 – 2:45	Enhancing Resilience through One Water System Risk Management	Allison Ashcroft, MFABC, Harshan Radhakrishnan, EGBC, Aline Bennet, WSP & Colwyn Sunderland, KWL
2:45 – 3:15	Refreshment Break	Sponsored by Dillon Consulting
3:15 – 4:00	Municipal Infrastructure Costs for Housing	Eric Aderneck, Metro Vancouver
4:00 – 4:30	Closing Remarks, Invitation & Draw for 2025!	Andy Wardell, Co-chair AMBC Community of Practice Gracelyn, Co-chair AMBC Community of Practice

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