



**2019**  
**Annual Conference**  
**PROGRAM GUIDE**



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# 2019 ASVA Conference Agenda

Thursday, October 17, 2019 - Lancaster Room		Speaker
7:30	<b>REGISTRATION &amp; BREAKFAST</b>	
8:30	Opening Remarks & Introduction of Minister	President Mike Pashak
8:45	<i>Minister of Environment &amp; Parks</i>	<i>Honorable Jason Nixon</i>
9:20	"Take it Off" - Ice Hut Removal on Sylvan Lake	Roger Defresny Mayor, SV of Birchcliff
9:50	<b>COFFEE BREAK &amp; TRADESHOW - Piper A &amp; B</b>	
10:15	Watershed Planning & Advisory Councils (WPACs)- What do these multi-stakeholder non-government organizations do?	Janet Pomeroy Athabasca Watershed Council
10:50	<i>Minister of Municipal Affairs</i>	<i>Honorable Kaycee Madu</i>
11:35	Boat Mooring & Docks - Temporary Field Authorizations	TBA
12:00	<b>LUNCH &amp; TRADESHOW- Lancaster &amp; Piper A &amp; B</b>	
1:00	Integrity Commissioner Services & Council Code of Conduct Complaint Investigations	Shari-Ann Doolaeye SAGE Analytics Inc.
1:35	Invasive Species	Delinda Ryerson Alberta Fish & Game Association
2:10	ASVA Advocacy - Panel Discussion	ASVA Board Executive
2:45	<b>COFFEE BREAK &amp; TRADESHOW - Piper A &amp; B</b>	
3:00	Lac Ste Anne Regional Emergency Management Approach	Shari Ives Onoway Regional Fire Services
	New Emergency Management Act	John Swist Municipal Affairs - AEMA
3:45	Quick Break - Set up for AGM	
4:00	<b>AGM</b>	
6:00	Cocktails	
6:30	Banquet - Awards - Entertainment	

Friday, October 18, 2019		
8:00	<b>BREAKFAST - Lancaster Room</b>	
9:00	Welcome Back Elected Members - <b>Concurrent Session for CAO's starts in Piper A &amp; B</b>	
9:15	Birchcliff Wastewater Experience	Thom Jewell
10:00	Municipal Climate Change Action Center Funding Programs	Hailey Gish
10:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK - Main Lobby</b>	
10:45	Accreditation and Lake Shoreline Changes	Jay White Aquality Environmental Consulting Ltd.
11:15	If You Can't Say Anything Nice: Responding to Online Anger and Misinformation	Kathryn Kolaczek Alchemy Communications Inc.
12:00	<b>LUNCH - Lancaster Room</b>	
	<b>Piper A &amp; B</b>	
	<b>CAO SESSION - Concurrent Workshop</b>	
9:00	The Summer Village MAP Experience, Meeting Procedures, Documentation, and Roles: Admin/Council Municipal Affairs Staff	Jeff Nixon & Jennifer Maskoske
10:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK - Main Lobby</b>	
10:45	Records Management: Retention & Destruction Reynold, Mirth, Richards, & Farmer LLP	Diana Young Heidi Besuijen
12:00	<b>LUNCH - Lancaster Room</b>	

# Presenter Bio's

## **Honourable Jason Nixon – Minister of Environment**

Minister Nixon was first elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for the constituency of Rimbey–Rocky Mountain House–Sundre on May 5, 2015. He was re-elected on April 16, 2019. Prior to serving in the Legislative Assembly, Nixon spent over 25 years volunteering and working for one of Alberta's most respected not-for-profit organizations, The Mustard Seed, including serving as Executive Director of the organization between 2006 and 2011. He has also been an entrepreneur, owning and operating a consulting business for several years. Nixon graduated with honours from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology's School of Business. He was born and raised in Alberta and lives in west-central Alberta with his wife Tiffany. They are the proud parents of Markus and twins Austin and Chyanne. Mr. Nixon had the privilege of serving as the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in the Alberta Legislative Assembly from October 2017 to January 2018. He has held other notable positions within the Assembly, including Official Opposition House Leader, Chief Opposition Whip, a variety of Shadow Minister roles, and he has served as a member of several legislative standing committees. Jason Nixon was appointed as Alberta's Minister of Environment and Parks as well as Government House Leader on April 30, 2019. He will bring his substantial legislative record to his portfolio, as he works to restore confidence in the consultation process.

## **Honourable Kaycee Madu – Minister of Municipal Affairs**

Minister Madu was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on April 16, 2019, as the MLA for Edmonton-South West. A loving husband and father of three, Madu was born and raised in the Southeastern part of Nigeria. There, he attended the University of Lagos and graduated with a Bachelor of Laws Honours degree. He was subsequently called to the Bar in Nigeria. In 2005, he and his wife migrated to Canada. Madu has been a lawyer for sixteen years, practicing in both Nigeria and Alberta. In addition to running Tisel Law Office with his wife, Emem, he has worked for Legal Aid Alberta, and volunteered with the Edmonton Community Legal Centre and the Lawyer Referral Program of the Law Society of Alberta. Madu also has extensive public service experience, having worked as a senior technical advisor for the Government of Alberta with a focus on legislative and regulatory reviews, operational and strategic public policies, issues management and stakeholder consultation. In 2009, alongside a team he worked with in the public service, Madu was awarded the Premier's Award of Excellence in the bronze medal category. He continues to volunteer with Alberta's Nigerian and Igbo communities. Kelechi (Kaycee) Madu was appointed as Alberta's Municipal Affairs Minister on April 30, 2019. As a Nigerian immigrant, Madu has lived the Alberta dream. Now, he's committed to ensuring that dream is alive and well for others, and will work with Alberta's municipalities to deliver the services that they rely on to develop and grow as world-class communities.

## **Roger Defresne – Mayor, Summer Village of Birchcliff**

Roger joined Council for the Summer Village of Birchcliff in 2017 after spending 37 years in private sector retail serving in senior executive leadership positions implementing cultural change focused on improving results through innovation, as a transition into retirement. Roger now serves as Mayor for the village, participates on the Sylvan Lake Management Committee, Waste Water Commission and IDP Steering Committee not only to give back to community but because of his love for nature, his summer village way of life and its preservation. Building his retirement home on Sylvan Lake with my wife Tammy, he hopes to relax and enjoy the change in seasons.

## **Janet Pomeroy, CMA, CPA, CAE – Executive Director, Athabasca Watershed Council**

Janet took the helm at the Athabasca Watershed Council, one of the 11 Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils for Alberta, in May of 2018. She then completed the Alliance for Watershed Stewardship's International Water Stewardship Standard audit course. With over 20 years of organizational management experience including Director of Corporate Services at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Manager of Finance for AB/NWT for the CNIB, and CAO for Barrhead and District Social Housing Association. She firmly believes that a collaborative effort is required to make lasting and effective results on meeting the goals of Alberta's *Water for Life Strategy*.

## **Shari-Anne Doolaage, MPA, Q.Arb, CLGM - President, Sage Analytics Inc.**

Shari-Anne serves on the roster of Integrity Commissioners for the ASVA. She has years of municipal administration experience along with training in public administration and dispute resolution. Shari-Anne understands the demands and dynamics of local service delivery in small urban communities, and the importance of intermunicipal collaboration. Shari-Anne has served as a provincially appointed municipal inspector to evaluate the activities and conduct of officials in several Alberta municipalities. She believes that municipal officials need accurate information and healthy interactions to effectively fulfill their governance roles.

## **Delinda Ryerson – Executive Director, Alberta Fish and Game Association**

Delinda has been managing natural resources, environmental projects, and people for more than 20 years. As an Environmental Project Manager and Biologist, she has worked on projects to evaluate the ecological recovery of reclaimed oil and gas well sites and to determine the effects of forest harvest on biodiversity in the aspen mixed-wood forests of Alberta. She developed and implemented monitoring and management plans for park wildlife and invasive species, as the Manager of the Resource Conservation Section at Elk Island National Park. As a Fisheries Biologist with Alberta Fish and Wildlife, she assisted with changes to provincial-level fish harvest regulations, environmental impact assessments relating to the oil spill at Lake Wabamun, and several TransAlta projects. She was the Executive Director of the Alberta Invasive Species Council for the past almost three years and she has just joined the Alberta Fish and Game Association as their Executive Director on October 1, 2019.

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## **Shari Ives – Onoway Regional Fire Services**

Shari has been married for 26 years and has 3 grown children who are all members of the fire service. She is a medic as well as an accountability officer for their fire department. Shari also works behind the scenes as an administrator in the fire service, working closely with the Fire Chief who also happens to be her husband. Her and her husband are passionate about helping people. Community and family mean everything. Because of her background in the fire service she was asked to become the Regional Director of Emergency Management for the summer villages in the Onoway area.

## **John Swist – Alberta Emergency Management Agency**

John is one of 12 regional Field Officer working across the province since 2014 with the Government of Alberta. John has been to a number of emergencies such as the Fort MacMurray, Waterton and High Level fires, to name a few. Prior to joining the Government of Alberta, he completed a career in Law Enforcement, working with the Edmonton Police Service.

## **Thom Jewell**

Thom was born and raised in Red Deer, attended public schools and one year at the Red Deer Junior College before transferring to the University of Alberta. He graduated with a BSc specializing in geophysics. Thom joined the oil and gas industry in Calgary learning the trade and being exposed to the rich geology of the Alberta basin. He transferred to an international company and for the next 25 years, with his family, traveled the world. His technical scope evolved from simple subsurface mapping through the intricacies of drilling and evaluation of subsurface reservoirs. In time, his focus broadened to include project and manpower management, negotiations and large-scale economic assessment. Thom and his wife returned to Canada in 2016 and renovated their Birchcliff cabin. On completion, they were informed that they could no longer use their tank and field septic treatment system and would need to connect to the non-existent municipal gathering system. This was the start of his political and infrastructure planning and development career.

## **Hailey Gish – Municipal Climate Change Action Center (MCCAC)**

Hailey joined the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre in January 2019 and has a degree from the University of Calgary with a Double Major in Communications and Urban Studies. Before joining the MCCAC as the Outreach and Communications Coordinator, she was part of the Municipal Internship Program, and worked as the Municipal Intern/Communications Coordinator at the County of St. Paul. She is now excited to bring her passion for sustainability, education, and interest in municipal government together in this role, and is here to tell you how you could see real savings and, make real change in your communities.

## **Jay White – Aquality Environmental Consulting Ltd.**

Jay is a Professional Biologist, Authenticating Professional, and owner of *Aquality* Environmental Consulting Ltd. in Edmonton. He has considerable experience in water and wetland policy, environmental regulations, law, consultation, project management and consensus decision making. Jay is currently the President of the Alberta Society of Professional Biologists and for the past 10 years, has been an Alberta Water Council representative for the Lake Environment Conservation Sector.

## **Kathryn Kolaczek – Alchemy Communications Inc.**

Kathryn brings a wealth of experience in communications, media, and public relations to her role as CEO of Alchemy Communications. Going beyond the foundations of traditional communications, Kathryn works with clients to tackle important challenges in crisis communications and media training. As CEO, Kathryn leads both business development and strategy, using her experience to identify risks and opportunities for a diverse client roster. Kathryn creates and executes on thoughtful communications strategy and marketing plans, ensuring all projects are completed to a high standard of quality and efficiency. An engaging speaker, Kathryn can often be found leading discussions in crisis communications and sharing her knowledge with other entrepreneurs and communications professionals.

## **Jeff Nixon – Alberta Municipal Affairs**

Jeff is a Municipal Advisor with the Capacity Building Unit with Alberta Municipal Affairs. Jeff is part of the Municipal Accountability Program (MAP) team and also provides advice to council(s), administration and the public via workshops and advisory visits. For 15 years before joining Municipal Affairs, Jeff assisted local governments, not-for-profits and the private sector in the areas of branding, executive search, marketing communications, and management consulting.

## **Jennifer Maskoske, CLGM – Alberta Municipal Affairs**

Jennifer is a Municipal Advisor with the Capacity Building Unit with Alberta Municipal Affairs. In her role as an advisor, Jennifer supports the Improvement Districts as well as provides advice to council(s), administration and the public via workshops and advisory visits. She has over 10 years of municipal experience as a Legislative Officer. Jennifer has her Certificate in Local Government Management and is working on completing a degree in Professional Arts with a focus on Governance, Law and Management.

## **Daina Young – Reynold, Mirth, Richards & Farmer LLP**

Diana is a partner with RMRF LLP. She holds a BA and an LLB from the University of Alberta and is a key member of the firm's Municipal Law team. She has appeared before all levels of Alberta courts and the Supreme Court of Canada, and regularly appears before and acts as counsel for administrative tribunals. Daina is a frequent speaker on many topics related to municipal law.

## **Heidi Besuijen – Reynolds, Mirth, Richards & Farmer LLP**

Heidi is a senior associate with RMRF LLP whose practice is focused on civil litigation. She holds a BA from Mount Allison University and a JD from the University of Alberta. Heidi has worked with the firm's municipal clients since joining RMRF as an articling student in 2014. She has appeared before various administrative boards and tribunals, as well as the Provincial Court of Alberta and the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.