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APPI 2025 Conference Complimentary Live Stream Opportunities for Members Only

Join us Monday, October 20th for the complimentary livestream of both the Keynote Speaker Devon Clunis and the session When Planning Meets Law - Tips for facing potentially litigious planning matters.

Keynote: Devon Clunis - "Fresh Focus: Imagining Unity in Diversity"

9:00 AM to 10:15 AM

This event qualifies as 1.25 Structured Learning Units (LUs)

Devon has a reputation for professionalism, integrity, and problem-solving. Skilled in evaluating and enhancing community safety systems, he has inspired change and implemented best practices in policing both in Canada and the United States of America. He currently works across Canada and the U.S. assisting policing in meeting the merging needs of community safety and well-being in the 21st century, in addition to speaking extensively on leadership, organizational development, and the need for unity in diversity.

When Planning Meets Law - Tips for facing potentially litigious planning matters - Brownlee LLP

10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

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- Jeneane Grundberg, KC - Partner, Brownlee Law LLP
- Jana Jedlic, RPP, MCIP - Manager of Permitting, Inspections and Customer Service, Strathcona County
- Stephen Raitz, RPP, MCIP - Student-at-Law, Brownlee Law LLP

The law provides the authority for planners to plan and facilitate development. Not every development permit, subdivision application, or area structure plan requires formal legal advice though. Planners may not feel they explicitly engage with these legal foundations while engaging in everyday planning exercises. But, as planning frameworks are implemented and evolve, planners may face increasingly complex legal issues. How should planners best protect planning decisions from legal challenges?

This presentation will underscore the inter-disciplinary relationship between planning and the law. Panelists will share candid case studies, as well as strategies to mitigate against successful legal challenges, and will provide specific tips on how to place your organization in the best position as planning issues become growingly litigious. The presentation will emphasize “best practice” approaches in both rural and urban environments and how growth pressures may give rise to legal issues at the municipal and regional levels. Tips will include: protocols for public input; proper public hearings; and appropriate staff reports.

Registration to access both of these livestreams is complimentary for APPI members, however registration is required.

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