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Speaker Profiles



Jonathan Burbee
Director of Business Development
Canada for Gordian

Jon's experience as a public sector executive and leader has primarily focused on real property management and strategic transformation. During his 23 years as a construction engineering officer in Canada's Armed Forces he led the facilities functions during international deployments and in Canada. The following eleven years were spent as a public servant in executive roles with the federal and provincial governments. Jon is a Designated Real Estate Professional (RI) with the Real Estate Institute of British Columbia and serves on the REIBC Board of Governors.



Iana Ciatti
Program Manager
Horizant Inc.

A Horizant Employee since 2013, Iana has over 25 years in industry experience and ten years of experience building her own brand. Iana delivers more than technical solutions – she provides care, organization, communication, and the ability to patiently nurture client needs to every person she works

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with. A trusted point of contact with several Government of Canada departments, Iana has developed strong relationships and workplace solutions in the Government of Canada and beyond in her career.



Katharine Cornfield
President
Change Group Ltd.

Katharine Cornfield is owner and President of Change Group Ltd., a boutique management consultancy focused on change leadership, organizational development, and integrated resource management in public sector corporate real estate, infrastructure, and asset management organizations. Drawing on a multidisciplinary background in public policymaking, human capital management, and impact real estate, Katharine acts as a knowledgeable partner to forward-looking senior leaders seeking to improve organizational effectiveness in the face of complexity and change.



James Docker
Manager, Space Planning
City of Mississauga

James Docker is a dynamic municipal leader with a wealth of experience in continuous improvement, strategy development, and project management. As a project management expert with a track record of building strong partnerships, James is known for his ability to assess organizational needs, devise comprehensive plans, and execute them with precision.

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In his role at the City of Mississauga, James has played a key role in developing provincial and federal pre-budget submissions, designing programs and metrics, and leading intergovernmental analysis and large-scale projects. He has also established effective governance frameworks for managing cross-departmental teams and implemented best practices across the organization.

In addition, James has served as manager of space planning, where he was responsible for the design, planning, construction, and implementation of new spaces. His innovative approach in this area has contributed to creating functional and efficient environments that support operational and strategic objectives.

James holds an MBA from the University of Windsor and is currently a Public Leadership Credential candidate at Harvard Kennedy School of Government. His extensive background includes certifications in Lean Green Belt, Program and Portfolio management, Change Management, and more. His skills in people leadership, business strategy, and policy development have made him a sought-after expert in the field.

James is passionate about sharing his insights and expertise on Job Order Contracting and Space Planning. He looks forward to engaging with conference attendees to discuss innovative approaches to achieving strategic outcomes in the public sector.



Jennifer Eberts
Senior Director of Workplace Strategy and Interior Design
Public Services and Procurement Canada

Jennifer Eberts is the Senior Director of Workplace Strategy and Interior Design within PSPC's Real Property Services branch. With over 15 years at Public Services and Procurement Canada, Jennifer is known for her fearless leadership and unwavering commitment to innovation within the public service. Her tenure as Director of People and Culture, prior to her current role, underscores her dedication to advancing key priorities such as workforce management, workplace well-being, and learning and development to support RPS employees. Through her leadership in People and Culture as well as Accessibility, Jennifer has demonstrated a remarkable ability to promote innovation and lead change during times of transition and complexity. Her adeptness in understanding new environments and providing big-picture guidance, along

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with her talent for leveraging the skills and expertise of diverse teams, has been instrumental in championing accessibility and inclusivity. Today, Jennifer continues to drive the future of work and evolution of the workplace with passion, integrity, and a bold leadership style that empowers others to excel and embrace change.



Mathieu Leduc
Vice President of Security and Smart Technologies
Tiree

Mathieu Leduc, Vice President of Security and Smart Technologies at Tiree, brings a wealth of experience to security management and technological innovation, particularly within the real property sector. With over twenty years of experience, Mathieu's role involves the strategic integration of physical security systems with advanced smart technologies, significantly enhancing operational efficiencies and organizational resilience.

Mathieu's expertise extends to the visionary leadership of digital transformations in real property portfolios. He champions the use of data as a strategic asset, pushing the boundaries of traditional management to harness the full potential of digital innovations.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mathieu has led numerous high-profile complex projects. His extensive collaborations with Canadian Federal Government departments have deepened his knowledge of governmental security protocols, establishing him as a crucial strategist in security and real property digitalization strategies.



Pratish Mahtani
Vice President, Digital & Technology
CBRE

Pratish Mahtani is Vice President, Digital & Technology for CBRE and is dedicated to leading technology for our Infrastructure, Defence & Public Enterprise practice. He has a wealth of experience in developing and executing comprehensive technology strategies for government clients.

Noteworthy accomplishments include:

- Ph.D. Electrical Engineering, University of Toronto
- 10 Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications with over 200+ citations
- Global product leader for sustainability technology platform
- Designed integrated Measurement & Verification framework for Smart Buildings Program for Canadian Public Sector Client



Rory Mauricio
IWMS Lead
Edmonton Public Schools

Rory leads the Division's IWMS roadmap work of integrating its facilities planning, property management, project management, building operations and security operations. He has extensive and progressive

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industry experience in project, portfolio, information technology and change management. As a Certified Excellence Professional and Certified Organizational Development Professional, Rory successfully led numerous initiatives to create, drive and sustain a culture that embraces excellence, innovation and wellness by engaging staff toward a common vision and goal. Despite all the accomplishments, he ranks his ability to fold a fitted sheet as his most satisfying.



Mathieu Primeau
Senior Customer Success Manager
Esri Canada

Mathieu Primeau is Esri Canada's Senior Customer Success Manager for the Canadian Federal Government in the National Capital Region. He brings 20 years of experience in engineering, Geographic Information Services, and expertise in design thinking facilitation. He has helped multiple organizations around the world learn and develop their strategic skills. Prior to joining Esri Canada, Mat has served as Commanding Officer of the Mapping and Charting Establishment and Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister of National Defense.



Matti Siemiatycki
NEFPP Academic Advisor, Director of the Infrastructure Institute at the School of Cities, and
Professor in the Department of Geography & Planning
University of Toronto

Matti Siemiatycki is the Director of the Infrastructure Institute at the School of Cities, University of Toronto, and Professor in the Department of Geography & Planning. Matti's work focuses on delivering

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large-scale infrastructure projects, evidence based infrastructure investment decisions, and the effective integration of infrastructure into the fabric of cities. His recent studies explore transit policy decisions, the value for money of public-private partnerships, the development of innovative mixed-use buildings as a form of place based infrastructure policy, and the diversity gap in the infrastructure industry workforce. Matti consults widely on infrastructure policy and is a frequent media commentator on infrastructure and city planning.



Melayna Simister
Manager, Interior Design National Centre of Expertise
Public Services and Procurement Canada

Melayna Simister leads the Interior Design National Centre of Expertise within PSPC's Real Property Services Branch. As a registered design professional with a background in psychology and social theory, her unique perspective on the evolving dynamics of workplace environments led her to develop the GCworkplace design standards, now the guiding framework for Federal Government workplace designs. With over 15 years of experience creating collaborative and innovative workspaces for organizations ranging from Shopify to the National Gallery of Canada, she advocates for an evidence-based and user-centric approach to workplace design, continually exploring how design and theory converge to positively impact employee engagement and contribute to an inclusive workplace experience.



The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi
Mayor
City of Edmonton

Mayor Amarjeet Sohi came to Canada when he was just 18 years old and had little to his name. But he was lucky. He wasn't in just any city. He was in Edmonton.

He learned to speak English in schools and public libraries and found friendship and community by playing sports and performing in the arts. He got to discover the city through the windows of city buses—until one day he got a job driving one.

Eventually his bus stopped at City Hall when he was elected as city councillor where he served for two terms. He worked hard for a city that invested in him through public services. His passion for Edmonton took him all the way to Ottawa where he served as the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and the Minister of Natural Resources, overseeing billions in investments in our economic future.

From bus driver to city councillor to member of parliament and now Mayor of Edmonton, his experiences have shown him what it takes to bring people together—and build a thriving city for all.



Ram Srinivasan
Managing Director
JLL

Current Responsibilities

Ram is the Americas Future of Work Practice and AI Strategy Leader in JLL's Americas management consulting practice. Ram is an Executive Management Consultant with 18+ years' experience enabling "The Future of Work" for leading global organizations and Fortune 500 companies.

Ram plays a pivotal role in areas such as Future of Work Strategy, Digital Transformation, Artificial Intelligence Strategy, Emerging Technologies Strategy, Generative AI Strategy, Human + Machine Strategies, Workplace Technology Strategy and Technology Road Mapping, Digital Employee Experience.

Experience

Ram has served clients across a broad spectrum of industries including technology, healthcare, logistics, life sciences, and financial services. Ram was previously a leader with Deloitte Financial Advisory Practice managing strategic advisory engagements for public and private sector clients.

Prior to his role at Deloitte, Ram helped build and lead Consulting teams for JLL in Canada and Asia Pacific. He has also led Consulting teams at Cushman & Wakefield, advising clients on corporate real estate strategy and at a management consulting boutique acquired by KPMG where he advised clients in the areas of Mergers & Acquisition and Post Merger Integration.

As a recognized future of work thought leader, Ram is a regular contributor to both JLL's and Real Estate Industry publications. He is also a sought-after keynote speaker and panelist on Future of Work and Exponential Technologies.



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