



## ***COTTAGE COUNTRY SEMINAR SERIES***

### ***PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES***

Waterloo Summit Centre, Huntsville

APRIL 12, 2016

# **AGENDA**

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
9:00 – 9:55 am	<i>Wetland Evaluation and Conservation Planning Policy in Ontario: Past, Present and Future</i>	Ron Huizer
<b>9:55 – 10:05 am</b>	<b>Break</b>	
10:05 to 11:00 am	<i>Roads In Cottage Country from a Surveyor's Perspective</i>	John Hiley
11:00 to 12:00 pm	<i>Ontario Municipal Board: Past, Present, and Future</i>	Dennis Trinaistich
<b>12:00 – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<i>Environmental Impacts of Shoreline Structures.</i>	Brent Parsons
2:00 – 3:55 pm	<i>Septic System Technologies</i>	Rick Esselment
<b>2:55 – 3:05 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>	
3:05 – 4:00 pm	<i>Zoning Bylaw Provision Comparison - How Do The Bylaws Stack Up?</i>	Stephen Fahner

# PRESENTATION

## SYNOPSIS

2016

### **Wetland Evaluation and Conservation Planning Policy in Ontario**

#### **Past, Present and Future**

Ontario's first public discussions regarding wetland conservations occurred 30 years ago when the government released a discussion paper titled 'Towards a Wetland Policy for Ontario'. Wetland protection in Ontario from land development through the planning approvals process has been on going and changing ever since. Mr. Ron Huizer with Beacon Environmental will provide an over view of the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System (OWES) and provincial wetland policy as it relates to land use planning in southern and northern Ontario. Current wetland protection polices of Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) under the Planning Act as well as other Act and Regulations will be discussed as well as a discussion on recent and potential future changes in wetland evaluation and conservation.

#### **Roads in Cottage Country From A Surveyor's Perspective**

Colonization Roads, Road Allowances, Deviations Roads, By-law Roads, and Private Roads: they all present challenges to the Surveyor. Some history and some practical insights into roads, their status and their boundaries will be presented.



## **Ontario Municipal Board: Past, Present, and Future**

Some of us remember the days when O.M.B. decisions could be appealed to Cabinet. There have been numerous legislative changes since then including a greater ability to dismiss appeals, referring matters back to Council if there is new information, timelines for municipal decisions amongst others. What impact has this had on the Board? Is there a movement towards mediation?

## **Environmental Impacts of Shoreline Structures**

Construction and use of docks and boathouses directly and indirectly impact the surrounding environment. Impacts are most commonly assessed through evaluation of water quality, fish and fish habitat, as part of Environmental Impact Studies. These studies characterize the study area, assess potential impacts and recommend mitigation measures which reduce potential impacts to acceptable levels, in accordance with relevant policies such as the amended Fisheries Act. The presentation will include a discussion of the various components of an Environmental Impact Study, with a focus on aspects of the process which are often poorly understood. Participants will gain an improved understanding of policy and science as they relate to the development of shoreline structures in Ontario.



## Septic System Technologies

Septic system technology has changed significantly over the years. Tertiary systems with the potential to remove phosphorus are now becoming more common. These systems, however, do require maintenance. Find out about these new technologies and what is the legislated requirements for such systems including maintenance. In addition, what does the future hold for septic systems and their acceptance in the Ontario Building Code?

## Zoning Bylaw Provision Comparison – How Do The Bylaws Stack Up?

One would think that Zoning Bylaw provisions from one cottage country municipality to another would be very similar – not so! Lot coverage, front yard setbacks, shoreline vegetative buffer, shoreline structure provisions are compared in a number of Zoning Bylaws. Never shy about making passing comments, who has some of the best provisions and who needs to tighten it up!



## **SPEAKER BIOS**

### **RON HUIZER**

Mr. Huizer is a Senior Ecologist/EA Specialist with Beacon Environmental and has been involved with the Provincial Wetland Evacuation System (OWES) and wetland planning policy for 30 years. Over the years Ron has completed over 250 wetland evaluations in various MNR Districts across Ontario. He was a technical advisor to the MNR for the development of the 3rd Edition of the Southern Ontario Wetland Evaluation Manual and the 1st edition of the Northern Ontario Wetland Evaluation Manual. Also on behalf of the MNR, from 1995 to 2010 he was the primary instructor for the 5-day wetland evaluation-training course. In addition, based on his extensive experience with the OWES and conducting wetland evaluations across Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has retained him on a number of occasions to be their expert witness for wetland development issues before the Ontario Municipal Board.

### **JOHN HILEY B.Sc., O.L.S., O.L.I.P.**

John is the President of Coote, Hiley, Jemmett Limited, a highly regarded surveying firm in Bracebridge. John grew up in a survey environment having spent many summers working as an assistant to his father John R. Hiley, O.L.S. During his later high school years and while at university, John was employed as a summer student by the firm of Annis, O'Sullivan and Goltz O.L.S. where he was involved in both urban and rural work in the Ottawa area.

John obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Survey Science from the University of Toronto in 1977, articulated to Maurice W. Fitzmaurice, O.L.S., in Bracebridge, and received his commission as an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1979. John moved on to work for both George H. Bell, O.L.S., in Huntsville and N.P. Lyndon, O.L.S., in Bracebridge before joining the firm of Coote and Jackson Limited as a partner upon their purchasing the records of M.W. Fitzmaurice, O.L.S., in 1982. John became president of Coote, Jackson, Hiley and Jemmett Limited in 1995 and carries on in that capacity with Coote, Hiley, Jemmett Limited.

John is a past chairperson of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors' Academic & Experience Requirements Committee and served for several years as a member of the Discipline Committee. John has extensive experience working in the Muskoka Parry Sound area, has previously appeared before the Ontario Municipal Board, tribunals held under the Boundaries Act and the Land Titles Act, and has also given expert evidence at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

## Dennis Trinaistich

Dennis has been practising municipal and land use planning law since 1982. After a number of years with a large law firm in Toronto, he decided to start his own practise in Parry Sound. Dennis has extensive experience in front of the Ontario Municipal Board and is very conversant on the Board's operations and procedures. In addition to representing a number of private sector clients, he also provides legal advice to a number of municipalities in cottage country.

## Brent Parsons

Brent Parsons of Hutchinson Environmental, has eight years of experience as an environmental consultant with a focus on water quality and fisheries issues related to waterfront and infrastructure development, wastewater assimilation, hydropower and mining. Brent's experience has been balanced between guiding private parties through the regulatory environment and providing regulating agencies with expertise through third party reviews and the establishment of science-based policies. He has developed a variety of technical skills such as water quality monitoring through the assessment of chemical and biological data, lakeshore capacity modelling, benthic invertebrate, fish and fish habitat evaluations, and erosion and sediment control. Brent uses his technical skills to collect accurate information, statistical knowledge to interpret data and familiarization with environmental policies to assess the impacts of a wide variety of stressors on aquatic ecosystems.

## Rick Esselment

Rick has a degree in Microbiology from the University of Guelph and a degree in Applied Science from Ryerson University, Rick is the President and Founder of ESSE, a *water resource management firm* providing solutions through the operation, maintenance, design and management services for drinking water and wastewater treatment systems throughout the province of Ontario.

Rick is an entrepreneur and has worked as a public health inspector, former building official and Provincial Offenses Officer. He is an advocate for local water resource management in Ontario, in particular for the protection of environmental public health through sustainable *onsite and* decentralized wastewater management and source water protection.

Rock is currently the President of the Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association and is working closely with the Provincial government on septic system matters.

Stephen Fahner, B.A.(Hon.), A.M.C.T., C.M.M.III, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.

Stephen Fahner, has over 32 years of experience in the public sector, the last 24.5 years with the Township of Muskoka Lakes. Stephen oversaw the review of approximately 300 – 400 planning applications per year, in the position of Director of Planning, which resulted in extensive experience from major resort redevelopment to minor variances. Stephen has extensive knowledge of the Planning processes in the Province and has pioneered numerous planning policies in Cottage Country including: Waterfront Landings, Commercial Downzoning Guidelines, Classification of Lakes, Shoreline Vegetative Buffers, Waterfront Density, Tree Preservation Bylaw, and Site Alteration Bylaw. During this tenure, he was also the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment. Stephen has routinely appeared in front of the Ontario Municipal Board, being involved in approximately 250 Hearings in his career with the Township.

With the establishment of Northern Vision Planning Ltd. in the fall of 2012, Stephen has obtained a number of clients involved in waterfront residential lot creation, waterfront single lot development, a gravel pit, an industrial park, marinas, resorts, a trailer park, waterfront residential structures, boutique apartment building, commercial/industrial developments, and the review of Comprehensive Zoning Bylaws and Official Plans.

Stephen has also assisted Planning Departments with operations, document reviews, and training. His firm hosts an annual Cottage Country Planning and Environmental Issues seminar. He recently co-authored an article in the OPPI Journal with Dirk Janas of Beacon Environmental on Long Term Site Monitoring. In 2004 he also authored an article on Shoreline Vegetative Buffers for the Journal.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Participant Information**

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Please complete the Registration Form and return to: Stephen Fahner, Northern Vision Planning Ltd. [stephen@nvplanning.ca](mailto:stephen@nvplanning.ca). For additional inquiries regarding the course or payment details please contact Stephen Fahner at 705-645-6420, [stephen@nvplanning.ca](mailto:stephen@nvplanning.ca).

**Seminar Date**

The seminar will be held on April 12, 2016 at Waterloo Summit Centre in Huntsville. This will be a full day seminar starting at 9:00 am and concluding at 4:00 pm.

The cost of the seminar is \$125, which includes participation in the full day event and lunch. The cost of accommodations is not provided; there is a variety of accommodation in Huntsville which can be viewed and reserved online.

Cost of full day Seminar	\$125.00
HST (13%)	\$16.25
<b>TOTAL (please fill in applicable total)</b>	<b>\$141.25</b>

**Payment**

Make full payment by cheque only, payable to Northern Vision Planning Ltd. Please write the name of registrant on the cheque. Mail or courier to: Stephen Fahner 109 Meadow Heights Drive, Bracebridge, Ont. P1L 1A4. Payment must be received by April 8, 2016.

**Cancellation Policy** Cancellation must be received by email ([stephen@nvplanning.ca](mailto:stephen@nvplanning.ca)). Half (50%) of the payment will be refunded with one week notice and no refund with less than one week notice.