

## Navigating Municipal Rights and Obligations Respecting Telecommunication Carriers

### *Municipal Law*

**Webcast****Date:** Wednesday, May 21, 2025 | 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**Location:** Webcast Only**Agenda:** 12:00 pm Program Commences  
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Telecommunications carriers operate under a distinct federal statutory and regulatory regime respecting their rights of entry on to public property (i.e. public highways) to construct, install, maintain, and operate their transmission lines, subject to their obligations to obtain municipal consent. Whether you represent municipalities or telecom providers, you must be equipped to effectively navigate this complex legal and regulatory landscape, particularly in the context of infrastructure deployment, rights-of-way access, and compliance with municipal by-laws.

Our distinguished faculty, representing both private and public sector perspectives, will unravel the complexities and get you up-to-speed on what you need to know, including:

- Key provisions of the Telecommunications Act (Canada)
- Essentials of Municipal Access Agreements (MAAs)
- Municipal by-laws and the scope of municipal consent under the Telecommunications Act

During this program, you will also learn of key Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) rulings affecting carriers and municipalities.

Join your colleagues for an insightful discussion. Register today!

**Program Chair:** **Peter Voltsinis**, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

12:00 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

#### **12:05 pm Fundamentals of Telecommunications Law**

**Maurizio Artale**, City of Mississauga

- Development of telecommunications law in Canada
- Municipalities and carriers' rights and obligations under the Act
- Role of the CRTC under the Act

#### **12:40 pm Update on CRTC Decisions**

**Katherine Frankl**, City of Toronto

- Review of key CRTC decisions on access to public highways
  - Impact on negotiating MAAs

#### **1:10 pm Active Litigation Issues in Telecommunications Law**

**Stéphane Émard-Chabot**, Sicotte Guilbault LLP

- Enforceability of municipal bylaws against telecommunications carriers
  - Constitutional and practical considerations
- Exclusion of projects undertaken for beautification purposes
- Third-party colocations
  - Carrier shares a supporting structure
- Transfer of assets between carriers
- Sub-utilities
  - New players in the industry and implications of their emergence

1:50 pm Questions and Answers

2:00 pm Program Concludes

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