

# 2026 OCA CONSTRUCTION SYMPOSIUM & TRADE SHOW

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## Message from OCA 2026 Chair Dan Leduc

The Ottawa Construction Association, its board of directors, staff, together with our partner associations, is proud to host the sixth annual OCA Construction Symposium & Tradeshow on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at the EY Centre.

The symposium is designed to bring the industry together—to learn, to connect, and to reflect on the privilege of working in a sector that literally builds our city. Construction is challenging work, but it is also deeply rewarding, offering careers that leave a lasting legacy.

The full-day program features 12 educational sessions and a trade-show floor of more than 160 exhibitors. Registration includes complimentary parking, access to all sessions and the trade show, morning refreshments, lunch, and a complimentary beverage.

For the latest details and an interactive trade-show map, visit [www.oca.ca/symposium](http://www.oca.ca/symposium). A limited number of exhibitor booths remain available and can be reserved online or by contacting Stephanie Wallace, OCA's Assistant Executive Director, at [stephanie@oca.ca](mailto:stephanie@oca.ca) or 613-236-0488, ext. 15.

I look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be an engaging and valuable day for our industry.



### Partner Associations



**Dan Leduc**  
2026 OCA Chair

Partner  
Soloway Wright LLP



Ottawa Region Masonry  
Contractors Association

**8:00 a.m. Registration Desk at Entrance Reception Area Opens**

**9:00 a.m. Seminars Start in Meeting Rooms A, B, C, D**

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**9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Option 1 in Meeting Room A**

**Professional Presence and Networking with Purpose**

Networking doesn't have to feel awkward or transactional. This dynamic keynote helps participants reframe how they think about networking and shows them how to prepare with intention and confidence. Develop practical skills to engage others, make meaningful connections, and leave a strong impression—without feeling forced or inauthentic.



**Jennie West-Correia**  
West Reach  
Development Inc.

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**9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Option 2 in Meeting Room B**

**Evaluating Safety Software Tools  
- Finding the right fit**

This panel presentation of safety professionals will review the pros and cons of various safety software tools such as CORFIX, Hammertech, Salus and Site Docs and finding the right fit for your construction firm.



**Jordan Taylor**  
H & S Manager  
Lundy Construction



**Tyler Ciarroni**  
Solution Delivery Manager  
PCL Construction

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**9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Option 3 in Meeting Room C**

**Construction Law Update**

This session will provide a comprehensive update on the recent Construction Act amendments, including contract administration issues such as the new requirement for annual holdback release and changes to prompt payment requirements, as well as changes relevant to how disputes are managed including notice requirements for contract termination and key changes to the adjudication regime.

The panel will also explore the interplay between ODACC and CanDACC, including whether ODACC is available to subcontractors on federal projects and the practical impact on general contractors caused by subcontractors being able to bring a wide range of claims to ODACC while payment disputes can only be adjudicated at CanDACC.



**Nadia Authier**  
Partner  
Rasmussen Starr  
Ruddy LLP



**Meaghan Fougere**  
Partner  
Norton Rose  
Fulbright LLP

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### Architects & Engineers Roundtable

This panel of architects and engineers will discuss transformative trends, pressing challenges, and the opportunities facing the profession and society.

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**John Graf**  
Business Development  
JL Richards & Assoc



**Brent Weatherdon**  
Managing Director  
BPA



**Elaine Guenette**  
Principal  
Smith & Anderson



**James Chapman**  
Vice President  
HDR Architects



**Tracy Weatherdon**  
Mgr of Project, Delivery  
JL Richards & Assoc

### 10:30 a.m. Meeting Room Seminars Start

### Experience, Progress & Leadership: Women Shaping Construction's Future

Join us for an intergenerational panel discussion bringing together women from across Ottawa's construction industry—spanning the trades, general contractors, and consultants.

Through recorded reflections and live discussion, this session explores:

- The career decisions that shape long-term growth
- Where the industry has made real progress for women—and where it hasn't
- How strong performers build influence and prepare for senior leadership
- The role we all play in supporting the next generation

Honest perspectives. Practical insight.  
A conversation for everyone invested  
in the future of construction

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**Emily Thomas**  
EllisDon



**Haydee Bautista**  
Architecture49



**Kelly-Sun Maisonneuve  
Renaud**  
Plan Group

### General Contractors Leadership Panel

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**MODERATOR**



**Alessandro Guarna**  
Vice President  
McDonald Brothers  
Construction



**Chris Markell**  
President  
Bourgon Construction



**Shawn Berube**  
President  
HEIN



**Mat Baranowski**  
District Manager  
PCL Constructors

10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Option 3 in Meeting Room C

## Design by RFI: The Hidden Costs and Legal Risks of Delegated Design

Are you pricing work on drawings that are only 60-70% complete? You are not alone—and the consequences are far more serious than most contractors realize.

This session exposes how modern fast-track construction practices quietly shift design risk, cost overruns, and liability onto contractors and subcontractors—often without clear contractual compensation.

Drawing on real-world project experience, industry data, and current legal frameworks, this presentation explains how incomplete tender drawings, excessive RFIs, and evolving IFC documents create predictable cost escalation, schedule disruption, and margin erosion..



**Dan Leduc**  
Partner  
Soloway Wright LLP

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10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Option 4 in Meeting Room D

## Leading and managing - the two are different and you need to do both!

Scott will breakdown the difference between leading (working on the business) and managing (working in the business) and the importance of a balance in both.

He will unpack :

- The 5 levels of leadership and the 5 dysfunctions of a team
  - The value of building an intentional culture
  - The difference between leadership and management
  - Accountability and communication
- keeping the circles connected in your business



**Scott Morin**  
Certified EOS Implementer  
(Entrepreneurial  
Operating System)  
Bytown Ventures

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12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon on Trade Show Floor

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1:00 p.m. Feature Panel Presentation In Hall 4

# Ottawa in 2035

This blue-ribbon panel of industry leaders will be engaged in a visioning exercise as to how the next decade may evolve for Ottawa with respect to building a world class City.

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**MODERATOR**



**Bruce Thomas**  
President  
Ron Eastern  
Construction  
RECL



**Terry Young**  
President  
KRP Properties



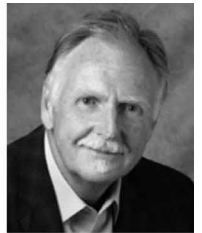
**Marcia Wallace**  
General Mgr  
Planning &  
Development  
City of Ottawa



**Adam Hendriks**  
Vice President  
Tomlinson  
Infrastructure



**Michael Waters**  
CEO  
Minto



**Barry Hobin**  
Founding Partner  
Hobin Architects

2:15 p.m. Meeting Room Seminars Start

2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Option 1 in Meeting Room A

## Young Construction Leaders Panel

This moderated panel session will be of interest those stepping into a leadership role early. Drawing on experiences across engineering, construction, and project teams, this Young Construction Leaders panel will talk about lessons learned, navigating generational differences on site and in the office, and figuring out how to build a sustainable career in a high-pressure industry.

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**Corey Jolliffe**  
Roof Tops Roofing



**Björn Fries**  
RECL Construction



**Adam Hosny**  
Capacity Engineering



**Nikita Persaud**  
Black & McDonald

2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Option 2 in Meeting Room B

### Demystifying AI: Your Five-Step Roadmap to Success

This talk is designed to demystify artificial intelligence for organizations that know they need to start but aren't sure how. The goal is to help business and operational leaders understand what AI can—and can't—do, where to begin within their own company, and how to create a practical plan to move from experimentation to measurable business results



**Martin McGarry**  
President  
Bronson.AI

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2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Option 3 in Meeting Room C

### Major Investments in Defense Spending!

The Government of Canada is making unprecedented defense investments. This session will detail upcoming infrastructure opportunities in Eastern Ontario and the National Capital Region. Explore ways to collaborate and find out how your business can engage with the next phase of strategic defense initiatives.



**Antoine am Rhyn**  
Regional Service Line  
Leader, Contract Services  
Defence Construction Canada

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2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Option 4 in Meeting Room D

### Modernizing HR Strategies

Modernizing HR in construction isn't about adding more policies and paperwork—it's about rethinking how we lead people on the jobsite and in the office. We will dig into no-nonsense HR strategies that cut the clutter and equip your supervisors and project leaders to build stronger teams, safer jobsites, and a workforce that wants to stick around.



**Josée Larocque-Patton**  
The HR ICU

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## 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Cocktail Networking Reception on Trade Show Floor

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Booth Size	Member Price	Non-Member Price	What's Included in your booth registration
10 X 10	\$1,100.00	\$1,600.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company listing on all promotional material</li> <li>• One 6' draped &amp; skirted table &amp; 2 chairs</li> <li>• Pipe &amp; Drape: 8' high back &amp; 3' side curtains</li> <li>• Smart badge lead retrieval</li> <li>• Forlift access for move-in &amp; move-out</li> <li>• Wi-Fi</li> </ul>
10 X 20	\$1,600.00	\$2,100.00	
20 X 20	\$2,200.00	\$2,700.00	
20 X 30	\$3,300.00	\$3,800.00	
20 X 40	\$4,400.00	\$4,900.00	
30 X 40	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	

## Show and Exhibiting Hours

8:00 AM	Registration Desk and Entrance Reception Area Opens
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Meeting Room Seminars
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Meeting Room Seminars
NOON – 1:00 PM	Buffet Lunch on Trade Show Floor
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Feature Presentation in Hall 4
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Meeting Room Seminars
3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Cocktail Networking Reception