

# 2025 OMAA Spring Workshop Program-at-a-Glance

Midterm Check-In: Pause, Reflect, Propel

JW Marriott The Rosseau Muskoka	
Wednesday 14 May 2025	
900—400	Exhibit Hall Setup
900—400	Commanding Presence <a href="#">Public Speaking Workshop</a> (separate event)
11am start	Golf at <b>The Rock</b> <i>Sponsored by PH&amp;N Institutional (Investment partner for ONE Investment).</i>
1:30 pm start	<b>Huckleberry Rock Lookout Trail Hike &amp; Port Carling Pitstop</b>
300—700	Registration <i>sponsored by KPMG</i>
430—830	Exhibit Hall
515—600	Aspiring CAOs and First Timers Meet Up
600—700	Mix and Mingle <i>Mocktails and Cocktails sponsored by</i>
700—800	Dinner (buffet)
800—900	Keynote: Stuart Knight, Rock it by Talking it <i>Sponsored by</i>
900	Hospitality Suite Sponsored by Intact Public Entities Cornhole Tournament Practise Round
Thursday 15 May 2025	
700—745	Hike Club Meet up in the lobby and walk the Fish Rock Loop together
730—830	Breakfast
830--840	Opening Remarks – Laurie Kennard
840—925	Rapid Fire and Inspire 1 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kingsley Bot &amp; AI Business Case, Daniel Kostopoulos, CAO Township of King</li> <li>2. Jakarto</li> <li>3. Rapid deployment of Accessory Dwelling Units, Sonya Skinner, CAO Collingwood</li> <li>4.</li> </ol>
925—940	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> – Laurie Kennard
940—1015	Coffee Break
1015—1115	Resilient Leadership <i>Rebecca Wilson</i> Deepen your understanding of how your mind and nervous system respond to stress and experience four evidence-informed resilience building practices.
1115—1200	
1200—100	Lunch <i>sponsored by MROO</i>

100—200	
<b>200—230</b>	<b>AMO Policy Update</b> <i>Lindsay Jones, Director of Policy</i>
230—315	<b>Coffee Break</b>
315—345	<b>From Lille to Waterloo: What can we learn from comparing local governance in France and Ontario</b> <i>Mathieu Goetzke, Acting CAO Region of Waterloo</i>
345—430	<b>Legal Update</b> <i>John Mascarin, AirdBerlis</i>
430	<b>Walk and Talk Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Govt Relations: How can municipalities establish positive working relationships with their MPP and MP offices?</li> <li>Mental Health: dealing with difficult people; policies for dealing with difficult people i.e. RZone and banning residents.</li> <li>Budget Pressures: strategies around resilience and dealing with service cuts or saving money via service reviews, etc.</li> <li>Rural Growth Pressures: How can small communities manage growth while avoiding being blamed for slow (resistant to) growth and development.</li> </ul>
700—900	<b>Awards Dinner and Social</b>
<b>900</b>	<b>Hospitality Suite</b> <i>Sponsored by Geoff Penal Group CIBC Wood Gundy</i> <b>Cornhole Tournament</b>
<b>Friday 16 May 2025</b>	
745—900	<b>Breakfast</b>
900—925	<b>Prize Draws – OMAA Chair Michael DiLullo</b> <b>Tournament Winners Trophy Presentation</b> <b>Walk and Talk Summaries</b>
925—955	<b><i>Changes to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process, and potential new Municipal Project Assessment Process (MPAP)</i></b> <i>Paul Knowles, MCEA Advisor, Municipal Engineers Association</i>
955—1010	<i>Break</i>
1010—1045	
1045—1120	
1120	<b>Wrap up and Final Prize Draws -- Michael DiLullo</b>