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BIOGRAPHIES OF THE SESSION PRESENTERS



Matt Ainley is a construction executive with 36 years experience in the Canadian Institutional, Commercial and Industrial (ICI) general contracting market place and resides in Toronto, Ontario. Matt worked with Bird Construction as Senior Vice President, a publicly traded construction company from 2012 to June 2017. At Bird, he was a member of the senior executive team and had P&L responsibility for several business districts and was the executive in charge for several public private partnerships (P3's) for the company. Matt retired from fulltime work in 2017

Prior to Bird, Matt was the Executive Vice President of Carillion Canada's building division from 2009 to 2011. Carillion Canada is a subsidiary of Carillion plc, a publicly traded UK construction company. At Carillion, he had full P&L responsibility for Canada. Matt joined Carillion as a result of the sale of his company, Vanbots Construction Corporation in the fall of 2008.

Matt was the President & COO and a shareholder of Vanbots Construction Corporation, a privately held general contracting company with \$750 million in annual sales. Matt worked for the company for 23 years and held positions of Superintendent, Chief Estimator, Project Manager and Executive Vice President.

Currently, Matt represents the Ontario General Contractors Association(OGCA) on the Lien Reform Act Committee in Ontario for the new Construction Act, is a Director at Scarborough Rouge Hospital(SRH) and the Chair of the General Contractors Alliance of Canada (GCAC).



Alek Antoniuk has over 34 years of experience in building code development and design and is a recognized expert in the development of construction codes in Canada.

Alek Antoniuk gained a hands-on appreciation of the complexities of the building permit process as the principal of his own architectural design practice for 5 years and as the deputy chief building official for the former Borough of East York (now City of Toronto) for 5 years.

Although he is best known for co-ordinating and managing the technical development of the 2006 and the 2012 editions of the Ontario Building Code, Alek Antoniuk played a lead role in managing the code advisory services of the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing since 1989. He is also known for initiating the CodeNews e- bulletin service.

He has a dedicated interest in the sensible and practical application of codes and has been involved for many years in the development of codes and standards in Ontario and Canada. He has also participated extensively as an active member on numerous government and industry committees and panels.

Alek Antoniuk completed his Bachelor of Architecture degree at the University of Waterloo and has been a member of the OAA since 1980. He holds an Ontario BCIN for all OBC categories of qualifications.



Dara Bowser has been involved in residential HVAC systems and sustainable building as a consultant, manufacturer, researcher and trainer for more than almost 40 years.

Dara is the president of Bowser Technical Inc; a nationally recognized consultancy specializing in HVAC System Performance. Bowser Technical Inc also provides HVAC design and sustainability consulting services for small buildings in Ontario.

Dara is Co-Chair of the Brantford Brownfields Community Advisory Committee. This volunteer committee composed primary of citizens, advises council on matters concerning Brownfields in Brantford. The committee also undertakes activities around public education, community engagement, and is not beyond promotion and advocacy.

Dara studied Building Technology, Architecture and Building Science and Technology at Vanier College in Montreal from 1974 to 1978 and is also a member of the Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario and has been a member since 1981.

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Daniel Kroft. President & Co-Founder of Giant Container Inc.

Daniel was born in Toronto, Canada. His Family had a long and distinguished history in the transportation and logistics industry. His passion for business and marketing started in his early 20's when he joined the family business to assist with the growth and development of a shipping and container rental and sales venture.

The demand that was originally for standard shipping containers sales and rentals eventually became a demand of individuals and businesses seeking custom dwellings and enclosures built from new and used shipping containers. By 2014, with the help of a dedicated workforce, his company, Giant Containers has become globally recognized as a leading supplier and innovator of custom shipping container enclosures.



Lisa Reichardt, Design & Sales Consultant / AODA Specialist

Lisa has over 12 years experience with residential, retail & commercial design. Specializing in high end interior finishes, space planning, bathroom & kitchen renovations (including accessible, barrier-free design), furniture plans, perspective drawings, exterior finishes, etc., including servicing the A&D community in the GTA and beyond.

Lisa also has extensive experience and knowledge regarding AODA compliance and has conducted several built environment audits (accessibility) on Ontario based university campuses & continues to volunteer with the Design Ability program at March of Dimes Canada. All of the skills enable us to provide exemplary service to our clients and ensure all of the details have been considered when producing customized container structures.



Peter A Gabor, Architect OAA. MRAIC. Principal of P Gabor Associates.

Participated in management, business development, project management, and design for all kinds of housing, commercial, and institutional projects; mixed use, renovation, new, in form of all typologies and scale, from low rise to midrise to high-rise. Pioneered development of high density mid-rise stacked housing projects that achieved densities of high-rise projects on similar sized properties. Received awards from Governor General's Award to many consumer and industry design effectiveness, international urban design, and architectural design awards. Peter sat on the OAA Council from 2007 to 2009 and spearheaded the establishment of the New Intern Committee, he also worked on establishing a Business Association of Architects, and sat on various other committees of Council.

Peter studied at McGill University in Montreal from 1967 to 1973 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and Bachelor of Architecture.