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Outstanding **Leaders**

## Amrita **Banerjee**

Senior Project Manager—Highway Design

*Binnie*



Amrita Banerjee is a Senior Project Manager in Binnie’s Highway Design Division. Having joined Binnie in 2018, she brings over 20 years of design and project management experience from a wide variety of civil infrastructure projects including roads, highways, and municipal infrastructure and utilities. She works with a variety of clients, both public—municipalities, institutions, provincial agencies—and private. Amrita’s responsibilities include leading transportation design assignments as a Coordinating Professional Engineer (CPE)/Design Manager providing project and design management for various assignments. She also acts as an Engineer of Record (EOR) for highway and civil designs for various assignments.

She is currently the Deputy Design Manager on Highway 1 widening projects in Chase, BC, with significant infrastructure upgrades within the Village of Chase. She is also the transportation design lead on the concept design phase of TransLink’s R6 Rapid Bus Corridor through the Cities of Surrey and Delta. This project has significant interface with municipalities, TransLink, BC MOTI, and other stakeholders.

## Anne **Richards**

Senior Project Manager

*Tiree Facility Solutions Inc.*



Anne Richards is a Senior Project Manager with over 27 years in the Infrastructure Industry. She has a Degree in Interior Design and has obtained certification for National Council for Interior Design Qualifications (NCIDQ) and is a registered member of the Association for Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO). She is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and has also completed many other relevant workshops and certifications, in order to maintain her professional excellence as a Project Manager and Leader.

Anne began working in Infrastructure in 1992 and has been involved in all aspects of design development, facilities management and project management. She has successfully delivered major capital projects in both Senior Project Manager and Project Leader roles and leads a national team of project managers, interior designers, technical specialists and project administrators. She has a proven track record for her strategic thinking, program development and strong negotiation skills.

Anne possesses outstanding leadership and mentoring skills often taking on areas of responsibility that require rehabilitation or creation. Her approach to management is based on a more collaborative style enabling others to function at their full potential. She believes in working as a team and that each member has a vital role to play and contributes to the overall success of the team. She recognizes the importance of keeping up to date in continuing education and encourages others to do the same. She gives back to the industry by volunteering her time on various professional association committees.

**Arielle Kadoch**  
Sector Leader Transmission  
and Distribution Power Delivery  
Canada and North American export  
*Stantec Consulting Ltd.*



Ms. Arielle Kadoch serves as a Principal Sector Leader for Transmission and Distribution Power Delivery for Canada and North American export at Stantec. Ms Kadoch is responsible for leading and developing strategic opportunities and client relationships. She has over 20 years of experience as an electrical engineer.

In addition to her role as sector leader and account manager for several distribution and transmission utilities and other clients, Ms. Kadoch is also Project Director for Major projects.

Ms. Kadoch specializes in power systems, LV, MV, HV and EHV substation and has experience with transmission line designs and extensive multidisciplinary knowledge of wind and solar ground mount technologies. While Ms. Kadoch is known for her distinguished skills in project management as well as in market and business development strategies, some of her strong attributes include assistance with contract negotiations and client relationships.

Over her career, Ms. Kadoch has participated in the design and direction of several Major projects in many roles including EPC Designs, Owner Engineer roles related to substations, transmission or distribution, wind and solar ground mount projects in which she was responsible for the overall project direction, contract negotiations, coordination and integration of all disciplines, stakeholders and interaction with the contractors from preliminary to in servicing projects. Over time, she has developed working methods that have ensured the success of numerous projects and long-term client relationship.

## Cheryl **Nelms**

General Manager, Project Delivery

*Metro Vancouver*



Cheryl Nelms is the General Manager, Project Delivery for Metro Vancouver. She oversees a portfolio of major infrastructure projects worth over \$6 billion for BC's most populated regional district, serving 21 municipalities, one Electoral Area and one Treaty First Nation. Previously, Cheryl was the Deputy General Manager of Engineering Services at the City of Vancouver, a department of 2,200 employees, and oversaw \$800 million in annual budgets.

Cheryl is an accomplished leader and professional engineer with over 20 years of experience, including senior executive roles in the federal government. She has completed a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering (Project Management) and has a proven track record in project and financial management, leading strategic transformation initiatives, and world class operations in large professional organizations. Cheryl has deep experience in the implementation of major infrastructure projects, especially public private partnerships. She has demonstrated leadership in collaborating with industry, academia and across government and negotiating complex agreements. Cheryl is an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia, and is a frequently sought-after expert and speaker at conferences and inter-government committees of national interest.

# Godyne Sibay

Managing Partner

*McCarthy Tétrault*



Godyne Sibay is McCarthy Tétrault's Regional Managing Partner (Ontario), a Senior Partner in the firm's Real Property, Projects and Infrastructure Group and a former member of the Board of Partners. Godyne is a trusted legal and strategic advisor and has extensive experience in project development, public-private partnerships, public procurement and real estate including acquisition, disposition, leasing and construction matters. Significant landmark infrastructure and development projects across Canada include numerous PPP and other projects involving hospitals, power, transportation, universities, hotels, forensic facilities, police facilities, condominium, commercial, mixed use and professional sport facilities that contribute to and strengthen our cities and communities. Godyne is consistently recognized for her experience in leading legal directories including Chambers Global, Chambers Canada, Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, International Who's Who Legal, Legal 500-Canada, Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law, Martindale-Hubbell and Acritas Stars.

As passionate as she has been in her career in law, Godyne is equally passionate about making a difference in the business community and in the community at large. She is a board member of both Civic Action Leadership Foundation and the Toronto Region Board of Trade and a founding co-chair of both the WLI, ULI and the Women's Infrastructure Network (Toronto). In 2011, Godyne was selected as one of Canada's Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network. She is recognized as a Women's Leadership Champion by ULI and is a member of the CCPPP, ULI, WLI and TCREW. She was a member of Minister Mulroney's 2020 Transit Advisory Council and is a member on the Ontario Chamber of Commerce Advisory Council on Ontario's Economic Future.



Jennifer **MacLean**  
Director, Surrey Langley Skytrain Project  
*TransLink*



Jennifer MacLean is TransLink's Director for the \$3.1 billion Surrey Langley SkyTrain Project in Metro Vancouver, BC. She has led a dedicated team through project development and procurement preparation for this 16 km SkyTrain extension that includes 8 stations and 3 bus exchanges. The project is currently proceeding towards procurement and implementation.

As a successful woman and professional who has worked in a male-dominated industry for all her career, Jennifer continues to break new ground and pave the way for women in the infrastructure sector. She is recognized as a leader at TransLink through increased levels of responsibility with larger and more complex infrastructure projects.

Leading by example and through her mentorship of others, Jennifer is dedicated to developing the next generation of talent. Having navigated many of the professional and personal challenges and opportunities that women encounter, she provides support and examples of her own experiences to coach others through similar situations.

Jennifer is committed to professional growth and continued mentorship through involvement at the local and national scale, and is engaged with various professional organizations including the BC Construction Roundtable, the BC Women's Infrastructure Network, the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA), and the American Public Transit Association (APTA).

Jennifer **Stephenson**  
Manager, Buildings—Structures  
*WSP Canada Inc.*



Jennifer Stephenson, M.A.Sc, P.Eng, is a structural engineer with nearly 17 years of cumulative infrastructure experience obtaining her post graduate degree from Carleton University in 2006 and ultimately finding a home with WSP in 2017. She became a licensed Professional Engineer in the province of Ontario in 2008 and has since been licensed in 4 other provinces. Her experience is diverse, ranging from geotechnical to advanced structural analysis. Jennifer leads the WSP structures team for the most technically challenging projects involving seismic/blast evaluation and retrofit/implementation as well as complex underground civil works involving special foundations systems. She has served on National Building Code and Bridge Code technical committees for the design of structural systems.

She prides herself on working closely with clients to develop practical solutions for mitigating risk associated with extreme event situations (blast and seismic). Jennifer has extensive experience in traditional contract delivery as well alternative delivery methods for projects of all sizes, nationally and internationally. She is an advocate for women in STEM and has had speaking engagements internally and externally promoting women in technical and leadership roles. Outside of work, Jennifer maintains an active life balancing family with fitness.

## Jo Balmer

Associate—Programme  
and Project Manager

*Binnie*



A chemical engineer by training, Jo had a varied career before moving to Montreal in 2008 to take a leading role in the delivery of multiple high profile and critical infrastructure projects in Canada. This included leading the Highway 30 project west of Montreal, leading the Owner's Engineer team for the new Samuel de Champlain Bridge and now advising the Port of Montreal with the procurement of a new container terminal at Contrecoeur. Jo leads Arup's consulting practice in Quebec, advising on program and project management, contract delivery and the delivery of successful infrastructure projects in Canada.

As a leader and mentor in the arena of delivering complex infrastructure projects, Jo can draw upon a wealth of other experiences, having led process improvement initiatives to eliminate CFCs with manufacturing steering wheels. She also worked in the UK energy sector, first designing furnaces and then with the UK gas research and technology centre, developing ways of using natural gas to advance clean coal technologies, and lastly as a Corporate Auditor for National Grid. Jo's experience facilitates learning from other sectors, a desire to continuously improve, and a robust structured approach to project delivery.

**Jody Becker**  
Chief Strategy Officer,  
Executive Vice President, Infrastructure  
Services & Technology

*EllisDon*



After being called to the bar in 2001 Jody worked in construction litigation until she joined EllisDon in 2007 as Counsel. She was quickly promoted to General Counsel in 2010, and to SVP and General Counsel in 2011. In her role as SVP and General Counsel, Jody was responsible for all legal and risk matters regarding EllisDon's corporate operations, including all corporate legal and employment matters. She also notably led their legal bid teams and legal closing teams for all Alternative Financing and Procurement / Public-Private Partnerships projects.

More recently, Jody was appointed Chief Strategy Officer, Executive Vice President Infrastructure Services and Technology. Jody oversees strategic planning for EllisDon. She works directly with members of EllisDon's senior management and Board of Directors to forecast areas of growth and to develop execution plans. Working directly with the CEO, Jody prepares EllisDon's annual strategic planning report and works with all operational divisions to monitor progress on short-term and long-term objectives. Jody's current business mandate is to transform EllisDon into the most technologically-advanced, energy-efficient, and sustainable construction services company in the world. As part of this mandate, she leads the entirety of EllisDon's Services divisions responsible for delivering EllisDon's "Cradle to Grave" strategy.

Johanna **Navas**  
Executive Director, Commercial  
*Transportation Investment Corporation*



Johanna is currently the Executive Director, Commercial at Transportation Investment Corporation (TI Corp). TI Corp is the BC Crown Corporation responsible for delivering some of BC's largest infrastructure projects including the Pattullo Bridge and Broadway Subway SkyTrain extension. Johanna is responsible for developing and implementing commercial controls, processes, and procedures including procurement, contracts, claims, and risk management.

Johanna has over 20 years of experience in the development and delivery of major capital projects. Prior to joining TI Corp, Johanna served as KPMG's Major Capital Project Lead for their Infrastructure Advisory Canadian Practice. She is a Civil Engineer and holds a Master of Business Administration from Queens University and a Master of Applied Science in Project and Construction Management from the University of British Columbia.

Johanna has participated in some of the most complex and transformative projects in Canada providing a variety of services including: project set-up services; project risk, governance, and controls assessments; contract compliance analyses and cost investigations; as well as project support on complex and troubled projects. Her portfolio of projects includes: City of Calgary's Greenline Project, BC Hydro's Site C Clean Energy Project, Manitoba Hydro's Keeyask Project, and CRD's Waste Water Treatment Project, amongst others.

# Julia **Stefanishina**

Senior Vice President

*EY Canada*



Global perspective and international experience fuel Julia Stefanishina's work as a senior vice president in EY Canada's Infrastructure Advisory practice. Born in Ukraine, Julia's career is a vibrant story of international experiences honed at some of the world's leading professional services firms. From east to west, she's led and contributed to more than 100 unique infrastructure initiatives. Wherever she's working in the world, Julia leads with a distinctive spirit of innovation that sees her asking colleagues and clients alike: how can we do this differently, bolder, better? Case in point: she effectively built a net new infrastructure practice from the ground up for one of the leading Big Four professional services firms in just 18 short months.

Today, Julia channels that future-forward perspective into her work at EY; speaking engagements that span P3, infrastructure and real estate forums; as well as lectures at York University's Schulich School of Business, where she teaches in both the Sustainable Infrastructure Fellowship Program (G7 initiative) and the Master's in Real Estate and Infrastructure Program. Why? Because Julia fundamentally believes that the power of our work grows exponentially when shared among colleagues, peers, and the next generation.

## Kara **Schwaebe**

Chief Executive Officer

*Canacre Ltd.*



Kara Schwaebe is an accomplished industry leader with 19 years of experience in environment, land, regulatory compliance, and stakeholder engagement. Kara has led and managed the development of major pipeline, power transmission, and renewable energy projects across North America. She has a proven track record of successfully navigating projects through land acquisition, routing and siting, environmental assessment, regulatory approval, and construction phases. Kara is recognized for her decisive and progressive approach to risk management and project execution.

As Canacre's Chief Executive Officer, Kara is responsible for leading, developing, and maintaining all procedures, service standards, and quality management across the industries that Canacre services. She empowers Canacre's various service teams to create and implement internal operational strategies to ensure project deliverables are completed on time, within budget, and exceed our clients' expectations. Kara is dedicated to building a diverse team and creating opportunities for Canacre employees to grow and become leaders in their respective fields.

## Karen **Freund**

Vice President  
and Geographic Sales Manager, Canada

*Jacobs*



I am a civil engineer with 25 years' experience working in the infrastructure industry. During my early career as an engineer and project manager, I worked on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) designs around the world—3 years in the UK and 10 years in the USA. In my current role as Geographic Sales Manager for Jacobs in Canada, I am responsible for organic and strategic business development for our Buildings and Infrastructure business. I have always been passionate about leveraging the expertise of diverse groups. It is only through inclusion that we achieve the best results – whether in design, project leadership, quality, or value for money. As a young engineer, I benefited from valuable mentorship and sponsorship. To support the growth of others, I have developed formal mentorship programs at HDR and WTS (Toronto area chapter). I have also mentored younger professionals, including participation in the WIN 2020 mentorship program.

My professional interests include innovation, smart cities, sustainable design/resiliency, program management, design-build/P3, and transit. I have 2 teenage children and many pets. When not at work, I'm usually walking the dogs in the forest, chauffeuring kids, bottle feeding newborn foster kittens, or socializing with friends.



Karen **McMillan**  
Senior Manager,  
Infrastructure and Environmental Management  
*Hatfield Consultants*



Karen McMillan is a Senior Manager in the Infrastructure and Environmental Management group at Hatfield Consultants LLP, providing strategic regulatory advice and planning for navigating environmental assessment and permitting for projects in British Columbia (BC). Karen has been working in the industry for over 17 years on large infrastructure projects in the transportation, power, and oil & gas sectors in BC.

Prior to Hatfield, Karen was the Regulatory Lead for Woodfibre LNG, which was one of the first ever major infrastructure projects to receive an indigenous led environmental assessment approval from Squamish Nation, in addition to its federal and provincial environmental assessment certificates. Karen worked cooperatively with Squamish Nation and an established environmental working group towards meeting the commitments identified through the approval process in preparation for project construction.

## Karen **Mill**

Assistant Vice President, Legal

*Infrastructure BC*



Karen Mill joined Infrastructure BC in 2002. As Corporate Legal Counsel, she provides advice on corporate legal issues. In addition, Karen is responsible for providing project legal support primarily during the project procurement stage.

Karen articulated with the B.C. Ministry of Attorney General and was called to the B.C. Bar in September 1998. She has worked primarily in the B.C. public sector in the area of capital procurement and budgeting and also has a background in information and privacy and corporate law.

Prior to working with Infrastructure BC, Karen worked with Capital Division, Treasury Board Staff, B.C. Ministry of Finance, the BC Transportation Financing Authority and the Ministry of Employment and Investment.

Karen has a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Victoria. She is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia and the Canadian Society of Corporate Secretaries.

## Kerra **Mruss**

Manager, Transportation Planning

*WSP Canada Inc.*



Kerra is Manager of Transportation Planning and oversees six engineers, five of whom are women. She has worked in transportation engineering for over 20 years, and enjoys helping clients find innovative solutions to transportation problems. Kerra is on the Social Committee and started the office Employee Committee and Women's Network. She was the first female Manager in Winnipeg and serves as a role model and mentor to female engineers.

Kerra served on the CITE Manitoba Executive and Technical Liaison Committee. She was Chair of the 2012 CITE Conference and is Strategic Advisor for the 2022 CITE Conference Bid. Kerra is on the EGM Discipline Committee, and a member of the ACEC-MB Board of Directors and Transportation Committee. She was a featured speaker at the 2019 TWICE Annual Reception on work-life balance for women in consulting engineering.

Kerra coaches girls soccer, manages hockey teams, and served on the board of the Winnipeg Women's Volleyball League, including as President. Kerra plays soccer and volleyball, and has represented Manitoba at the over 30 National Soccer Championships several times. She loves spending time at the family cottage in Victoria Beach, and is the mother of two active daughters who love math like their mom.

## Kim **Clarke**

Director of Terminal Operations

*Nieuport Aviation Infrastructure Partners*



Kim is the Director of Terminal Operations at Nieuport Aviation Infrastructure, Owner and Operator of the Terminal at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

An experienced Aviation professional spanning over 30 years in the Aviation and Airport Infrastructure sector. Her knowledge and experience encompass a variety of roles in Airline and Airport Operations, focused on People Leadership and Operational Excellence.

Kim spent 25 of her 30-year career to date at Toronto Pearson, one of the country's most significant pieces of Transportation Infrastructure. Kim learned early on that she had a love for the fast-paced Airline and Airport Operations environment. Spending 20 years of dedicated service at Delta Air Lines, Kim led the merger between Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines as Station Manager in Toronto, the largest station in Canada. Kim retired from Delta and joined the Greater Toronto Airports Authority working Leadership roles Managing Terminal Operations, and frontline teams in a forever changing, dynamic environment.

Over the years, Kim led her teams through some of the most notable crisis and threats impacting local and global aviation and infrastructure including SAR's, Northeast Blackout, Air France Incident, 9/11, and now COVID.

# Lindsay **Lootsma**

## Claims Director—Mosaic Transit Constructors

*Binnie*



After graduating with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Ottawa, Lindsay began her career in the infrastructure field at Dufferin Construction Company. Her first role was as a Project Engineer, responsible for the management of construction crews, ordering of materials and assessing monthly quantities for purposes of payment applications. Lindsay quickly took on additional responsibilities assuming roles in safety and estimating, prior to taking on the challenge and complexity of Public Private Partnerships, where over the next ten years she would become Dufferin's lead Bid Director overseeing nine different major P3 bids (four awarded), as well as several other smaller design-build project pursuits. During this same period she also found the time to obtain her Masters of Business Administration degree (Richard Ivey School of Business—University of Western Ontario), and be a mother to four girls.

Throughout her career, Lindsay has consistently encouraged young women to consider infrastructure careers, hiring and overseeing several female engineering students through Dufferin's student coop program.

Today, Lindsay holds a Senior leadership position on an active P3 Project Joint Venture, responsible for the delivery of a multi-billion dollar LRT project in Toronto, Ontario.

Luba **Ebert**  
Director of Project Delivery  
*RAM Engineering Ltd.*



With over 30 years' experience in managing transmission and distribution projects, Luba currently sits as the Director of Project Delivery at RAM Engineering Ltd. She has experience in managing transmission and distribution projects for BC Hydro including the delivery of over \$200 million of engineering and construction work annually. Her past projects vary from strategic asset management to managing large multi-disciplinary design teams for transit and gas line facilities.

She currently leads the Electrical Engineering team at RAM, consisting of seven members ranging from Electrical Design Engineers to Designers and Draftspersons. Luba's progressive and interactive leadership style allows her to manage and mentor her diverse team in both pursuing clients and delivering projects.

Luba graduated from the University of British Columbia with a degree in Electrical Engineering. She is registered as a Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) with the Engineers and Geoscientist BC (EGBC) and as a Project Management Professional (PMP) with the Project Management Institute (PMI).

Sarah **Howard**  
Manager, Buildings—Structures  
*WSP Canada Inc.*



Sarah Howard, M.Sc., P.Eng, is an accomplished structural engineer with over 18 years of experience. Her background stems from growing up in the rural Ontario, discovering independent learning and a curiosity of how things work at an early age. She obtained both her Applied Science and post graduate degrees from Queen’s University in 2004 and 2006. Her determination to expand her skill set lead to engineering roles in Ireland and England early in her career, after which she has returned home to the Ottawa Valley and is now an established Manager at WSP. Sarah is a licensed professional engineer in both Ontario and the Northwest Territories.

Her most notable projects include the 2012 London Olympic Stadium, the new Science Technology Engineering Mathematics building at the University of Ottawa, and she is now leading the structural team for the largest building project at WSP, the Federal Government’s Energy Services Acquisition Program. While she thrives in large scale project environments, her success comes from her ability to establish trusted professional relationships and her reputation of being collaborative and solution oriented. Sarah also enjoys mountain biking and downhill skiing, and is a leader in the ski teaching industry.

Sima **Gupta**  
Partner, Infrastructure  
& Capital Projects Advisory  
*Deloitte*



Sima is an infrastructure capital projects and large project development professional with over 25 years of experience. She is an Aerospace Engineer by training, and worked in the industry before consulting. Today, she is a Partner in Deloitte's Capital Projects Advisory practice and is one of the firm's National Transportation Leaders and Next Gen Global Leaders. She focuses on bringing effective, practical, innovative and sustainable solutions to her clients.

She is a champion for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and is passionate about coaching/mentoring younger women in STEM.



## Sophie **Pickett**

Senior Project Manager

*Tiree Facility Solutions Inc.*



Sophie Pickett is a Senior Project Manager with over 20 years of experience in project and construction management and engineering. She holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering, a Masters of Science in Construction Engineering and Management and is a Professional Engineer (PEO P.Eng, OIQ, ing.), a Project Management Professional (PMP), a WELL Accredited Professional (WELL AP) and a LEED Accredited Professional.

Working in Infrastructure since 1997, Ms. Pickett has cultivated a dynamic approach to continual education, project management and team leadership and greets each new challenge as an opportunity for positive impact. Inspired by sustainability, Sophie aspires to integrate the most effective new practices in green design and personal wellness.

Ms. Pickett has led high-profile projects at Canadian embassies, government facilities, commercial developments and housing developments across Africa, the Middle East, the United States, in Europe, and in Canada. Leading multi-disciplinary teams to execute large scale building projects locally and internationally, Sophie is known for her personal brand of authenticity and her reputation for professional excellence. An integral member for the Tiree team since 2013, she is highly sought after by clients and teammates who appreciate her innovative insights, her expertise, and her collaborative spirit.

## Tamar **Nalbandian**

Manager, Mechanical  
and Electrical Engineering

*WSP Canada Inc.*



Tamar Nalbandian, P.Eng., LEED AP is the Manager of the Buildings Electrical Transportation group at WSP in Markham. With a background in Electrical Engineering, Tamar has spent 16 years in consulting engineering working on transportation projects, with a focus on electrical design, project management, and technical leadership.

Totaling upwards of 6 billion dollars, Tamar's projects have expanded light rail systems, connected communities to centralized transit hubs and modernized existing transportation infrastructure. Tamar considers this time an important era in Canadian transportation development and is honoured to play a part in expanding Canada's existing networks to reach world class status.

Tamar is an advocate for women in STEM and has participated in diversity workshops representing women in technical roles.

# Tamsin **Silvester**

## Director, Transportation Systems

*WSP Canada Inc.*



Tamsin Silvester is the Director of WSP's Rail and Transit team in Western Canada. With over 25 years' experience in technical, professional and engineering management roles, she is an accomplished and multi-disciplined leader known for her dedication, technical excellence, and leadership. Her expansive career has seen her leading design, technical, financial, and program management for projects of varying scale, value, forms of contract, complexity, and scope. Tamsin excels at leading complex multi-discipline design teams, liaising and coordinating between many different parties including external consultants, local municipalities, stakeholders and internal departments.

Much of Tamsin's experience has been in the UK where she gained specialized experience in engineering design and management, culminating in the preliminary design and legal approvals for two prestigious new LRT lines in Manchester. She was actively involved in STEM and informal mentorship programs, providing support and encouragement to women in the industry. Since moving to Canada in 2016 she has worked in 3 provinces and continues to grow her career and professional network. She remains keen to share her experiences, both formally through webinars and presentations and informally through mentorship, to encourage and support developing professionals, particularly women, to enable them to succeed in the industry.

Tara **Blasioli**  
Program Manager, Design  
& Construction—Municipal  
*City of Ottawa*



A graduate of the Department of Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics from McGill University, Tara Blasioli is a Program Manager in the Municipal Design and Construction Branch with the City of Ottawa. She started her career as an engineer in the private sector and transitioned to municipal public service 18 years ago.

Tara is an inspirational leader that has led the delivery of many important City-building infrastructure projects. Most recently, she was the driving force behind the complex, multi-year Elgin Street Renewal Project, a \$40 million initiative to renew the buried infrastructure in one of Ottawa's most historic downtown streets. The roadway was rebuilt in a significantly altered form that recognizes the importance of pedestrians and community to the fabric of the urban environment. Tara's leadership, and her innate ability to bring stakeholders together and to understand, empathize with and address their concerns, was a key element to the success of this high-profile project.

Tara leads and motivates a multidisciplinary team of engineers who deliver a broad range of infrastructure projects for the City of Ottawa. Although the technical demands of her work are considerable, her skills in driving collaboration, teamwork and communication set her apart.

# Tesha **Goodfellow**

Senior Project Manager

*Tiree Facility Solutions Inc.*



Tesha Goodfellow is a bilingual, Senior Project Manager/Associate Team Lead with over 20 years of experience in real property project and construction management. Tesha is a Project Management Professional (PMP), and Prince 2 Certified Practitioner. She has a diploma in Interior Design, and has obtained her National Council for Interior Design Qualifications (NCIDQ) Certification. As a project manager she has extensive experience driving projects from inception to delivery while leading multi-disciplinary teams. Tesha has demonstrated effective project management, leadership and mentoring skills throughout her career in infrastructure. She applies industry best practices and innovative approaches while delivering guidance and strategic advice to clients and team members. She is known for her strong leadership and communication skills, and the ability to remain calm during the execution of high-profile complex projects.

Theresa **Dekker**  
Vice President,  
Corporate Business Development & Strategy  
*Ontario Power Generation (OPG)*



Theresa Dekker is the Vice President of Corporate Business Development and Strategy at Ontario Power Generation (OPG), accountable for development of OPG's corporate strategy, as well as various elements of execution. This involves understanding how the energy industry is evolving and how OPG can continue to be a leader in that transformation to the benefit of all Ontarians. A key part of this work involves leveraging Ontario's low-emitting electricity to drive down transportation emissions. Ms. Dekker is proud to sit on the board of the Ivy Charging Network, as Co-President. Ivy is the result of a partnership between OPG and Hydro One to build and operate Ontario's largest and most reliable EV fast charging network.

Ms. Dekker joined OPG in 2004 and has held a variety of positions throughout the company, gaining experience in Nuclear Project Management, Organizational Design, and Enterprise Risk Management. In her most recent role as Director of Corporate Strategy and Planning, Ms. Dekker led the acquisitions of Eagle Creek Renewable Energy and Cube Hydro, expanding OPG's hydroelectric portfolio into the U.S. Ms. Dekker holds a chemical engineering degree from the University of Toronto and is a Professional Engineer.

# Emerging **Leaders**

## Abigail **Tulloch**

Senior Legal Counsel

*Infrastructure Ontario*



Abigail C. Tulloch is Senior Legal Counsel at Infrastructure Ontario (IO) acting as the lead lawyer on social and civil P3 and special projects since 2016.

Abigail is known for her expertise in structuring and negotiating complex transactions with unique financing features, leveraging her previous investment banking experience at CIBC World Markets and Export Development Canada. She has over 12 years of global transactional experience, with eight in Infrastructure. Abigail has provided strategic advice on a wide range of projects in Canada, U.S., Europe and the Middle East including rail, highways, hospitals, correctional facilities, satellites, wind, solar and hydroelectric plants totaling over \$24.3B in value.

Abigail is a champion of diversity, equity and inclusion and recently led a team of 70 employees in developing company-wide anti-racism initiatives. She enjoys mentoring young women at IO, and participating in mentorship programs at Ivey and at McCarthy Tétrault where she started her career. Inspired to promote work-life balance, in 2014 she founded PushPULL Dance Ottawa.

Abigail received her HBA and MBA degrees with distinction from the Ivey School of Business and her Juris Doctor from the University of Toronto. Abigail is called to the Ontario Bar and the New York Bar.



# Adrienne **Willoughby**

Process Engineer

*Jacobs*



Adrienne is a biochemical process engineer at Jacobs with a specialty in wastewater treatment technology. Her areas of technical expertise include wastewater treatment facility design and optimization, nutrient removal technologies, and advanced process simulation techniques. Much of her experience is focused on optimizing existing treatment plants to improve water quality and reduce carbon footprint.

Through many local and international projects over her ten years of experience, Adrienne has contributed to the advancement of wastewater treatment through several industry-leading and award-winning projects. She has led numerous projects to implement innovative technologies for early-adopter utilities, such as membrane aerated biofilm reactors, sludge granulation, and anammox. She also has practical, hands-on experience planning and executing field studies and pilot-scale demonstrations at operating plants. Adrienne contributes to the development of the industry by sharing lessons learned at specialty conferences and seminars each year.

Adrienne has actively engaged with the industry's young professional community throughout her career. Early on, Adrienne led Canada's Junior and Mid-Level Professionals network. Recently, Adrienne completed her tenure as chair of Jacobs' Network of Emerging Wastewater Technologists, whose mandate is to foster peer-to-peer mentorship and provide learning and development opportunities for young staff interested in wastewater technology.

Andrea **McLean**  
Vice President,  
Infrastructure Asset Management  
*Fengate Asset Management*



Andrea McLean, Vice President, Asset Management, is a senior member of Fengate's Infrastructure team and is responsible for overseeing the asset management of Fengate's Western public-private partnership (PPP) assets, including Surrey Memorial Hospital's Critical Care Tower, the Jim Pattison Outpatient Care and Surgery Centre, the Emily Carr University for Arts + Design, and the LAX Consolidated Rent-a-Car facility in Los Angeles.

Previously with Partnerships BC, and before that the Provincial Health Services Authority, Andrea has spent her career working in the PPP industry, both on the public and private side. She has held roles in all project phases across the sectors of health, transportation and education.

Andrea holds an MBA from the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia and an Honours Bachelor of Science from McGill University.

# Anita **Le**

Project Manager/Group Leader

*Jacobs*



Growing up, I wasn't one of those kids who knew exactly what they wanted to do in the future. I just knew I wanted to do something cool. Born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta, I found myself drawn towards quantitative things like math and sciences so without surprise, I ended up studying civil engineering. Following graduation, my path meandered from bridges, to energy distribution, to water systems, and sewer networks. In other words, all roads led to infrastructure. As the years rolled on, my passion for infrastructure grew. Good infrastructure connects people to their communities and to the things they care about.

When I'm not engineering critical infrastructure, I'm spending time on my skis or bike; both of which I couldn't do without the roads to get me there. As a local leader in Vancouver, BC for my organization, I've come to appreciate the value of a diverse and inclusive workplace. The best solutions are born when we are free to be ourselves and find inspiration in each other.

# Ann Clancy

Manager,

Infrastructure and Environmental Management

*Hatfield Consultants*



Ms. Ann Clancy is a Manager of Infrastructure and Environmental Management at Hatfield Consultants LLP. Ann holds a Master's in Town and Country Planning and a Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Management. Ann worked primarily on Environmental Impact Assessments for large infrastructure and extractive projects in Ireland for almost 7 years, prior to relocating to Canada. She joined Hatfield's Infrastructure Environmental Management group in 2014 and since then has provided environmental services on a variety of infrastructure projects in BC including clean energy projects, road and transportation development project, water supply projects and major construction projects at Vancouver International Airport (YVR). She is particularly adept at advising and counselling clients on practical and effective compliance with conditional approvals and contractual obligations for infrastructure development projects; and has played a key role on several large infrastructure projects throughout British Columbia (BC), Ireland and the UK.

Ann is currently the Environmental Manager for the Vancouver Airport Fuel Delivery Project, a new fuel receiving, storage and delivery system for YVR which features a new marine terminal, a fuel receiving facility and a 13-kilometre underground pipeline. This role has involved liaison with engineers, contractors, stakeholders and several regulatory bodies including BC Environmental Assessment Office, BC Oil and Gas Commission, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, City of Richmond, and DFO. She has developed a reputation for incorporating innovative and creative solutions to complex environmental problems. Ann is a Director-at-Large for the Environmental Managers Association of BC, sitting on the Education Committee which aims to deliver practical and forward-looking educational sessions for association members. Ann was also a Mentor in the inaugural WeWIN Mentorship Program and continues that mentorship relationship.

## Annie **Batsaikhan**

Senior Cost Consultant

*Turner & Townsend*



Annie is a cost management professional with 10+ years of global experience delivering complex, multi-disciplinary programs in Infrastructure Development. Currently Annie is engaged as Cost Lead at Metrolinx—Union Station Rail Corridor (USRC) where the first Alliance contract model in Ontario is being implemented.

Annie's responsibilities and roles have grown in depth and complexity across a variety of industries and sectors due to her commitment to continuous improvement and growth. Throughout her career she has worked in Oil and Gas, Renewable Energy and Transportation industries. Annie is an active member of Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering (AACE), where she contributes to the broader cost engineering community of Toronto.

# Bailey **Arnott**

## Structural Engineer

*WSP Canada Inc.*



Bailey Arnott, P.Eng, is a structural engineer with nearly 7 years of cumulative relevant infrastructure experience obtaining her degree from the University of Ottawa in 2015 and finding a home with WSP in 2019. She became a licensed Professional Engineer in the province of Ontario in 2020. Bailey is leading the structural team for some of WSP's most complex building projects including Tunney's Heating and Cooling Plant (as part of ESAP) as well as CMHC's Workplace Transformation. Her experience includes public and private facilities ranging from new construction, renovations, additions, restoration and adaptive reuse. She has developed experience in modest traditional contract delivery (design-bid-build) as well as enormous alternative delivery methods (design-build, construction management and P3). Her ability to seamlessly pivot between an office environment to thriving on a construction site has garnered the respect of both clients and contractors alike.

Bailey is driven to deliver solutions which are constructible and meet client expectation. She prides herself on being solution oriented. She is an advocate for women in STEM assuming an active role in WSP's Gender Balance Committee and Developing Professional Network. Outside of work, Bailey maintains a focus on fitness and mental well being.

Brooke **Thiessen**  
Director,  
Infrastructure & Capital Projects  
*Deloitte LLP*



Brooke is Director in the Infrastructure & Capital Projects Financial Advisory practice and specializes in mergers and acquisition. Since joining in September 2020, she has become a valuable member of Deloitte's leadership team. She demonstrated her leadership on financial diligence engagements and, most notably, expanded her leadership role to help advance climate and ESG, a top priority for Deloitte. Brooke is taking an active role in bringing organization to how our Global Financial Advisory practice approaches the market to offer solutions that address Environmental, Social, Governance ("ESG") issues for clients.

Brooke joined Deloitte from Brookfield Infrastructure Partners, where she started her career as a Manager on the Portfolio Management team and quickly excelled to Vice President in five years. Brooke took a leadership role in formalizing and continuing to advance Brookfield Infrastructure's ESG initiatives and participated on Brookfield Asset Management's ESG Committee. She also led the implementation of an enhanced ESG diligence approach tailored to the risk profile of the infrastructure sector, including leading Anti-Bribery and Corruption diligence. She also worked with portfolio companies, including in India and South America, to oversee operational risk.

Brooke holds her CPA, CA designation and is currently pursuing her CBV.

# Catherine **Humphrey**

Senior Project Manager

*BGIS*



I consider myself a professional juggler;

A senior project manager, whose key talent is leadership; building relationships and teams which I leverage for the best possible business outcomes. I attribute my success to my ability to form strong bonds with people, and do business in an emotionally intelligent way.

A professional writer, with my first book published (a fiction, and roller coaster of human drama and crime, punctuated with construction site humour and corporate frustration), and the sequel coming soon. Also a copywriter, undertaking jobs for clients in the UK and Canada, and often contributing to presentation decks, etcetera, for my colleagues.

A single mum to a 10 year old mini-me.

My significant leadership challenge of 2020 has been motivating a young extroverted team through the test of isolated working during COVID, however we are stronger than ever, with demonstrations of loyalty, perseverance and exceptional engagement during a time when 'personal cracking' has been almost unavoidable.

The saying goes that money makes the world go round, but really, its people...

People are in control, and it's the soft-skilled leaders, through relationships and trust, who will ultimately build the teams and the circumstances to deliver and achieve.



Chloe **Ho**  
Senior Manager,  
Transaction Services  
*PwC LLP*



Chloe has been a trusted advisor at PwC with over 7 years of experience. Chloe's experience in infrastructure sector started in audit and accounting, and transitioned into financial and deal advisory. Her sector experience is primarily in the power and utilities sector, as well as renewable energy generation. Her knowledge spans from buy-side and sell-side financial due diligence experience supporting +\$1bn transactions, to in-depth understanding of financial accounting implications, governance and control frameworks.

Chloe worked with industry leaders both as an auditor and as a financial advisor on regulated public energy companies with over \$10bn market cap and as a deal advisor over the last 3 years with a total transaction value of over \$7bn. She has global experience across North America, Europe, Central and South America. As an everyday role model, Chloe leads her teams to leverage technology and data analytical tools to uncover meaningful deal considerations. She is skilled at providing important insights into key business drivers, historical performance trends, working capital requirements and other factors impacting deal value.

Chloe is passionate about making a social impact, having co-founded a non-profit organization for people with developmental disabilities in 2016, establishing a free tax clinic bringing together her professional and personal networks in support of the cause.

Chloe received a Bachelor of Accounting and Financial Management and a Masters of Accounting from the University of Waterloo. She was a Fellow in her program which recognized her academic performance, leadership qualities and involvement in extracurriculars. She holds a Chartered Professional Accountant and Chartered Accountant designation.

# Christina **Addoriso**

Associate Director

*Turner & Townsend*



Christina has an overall 15 years of experience, with the last 4 years being within Infrastructure, in Rail and Aviation. As an Associate Director at Turner & Townsend, Christina has an excellent track record and commitment to leadership and quality of work. Her achievements are based on a combination of technical expertise, problem solving and an exceptional talent for building strong, trusting relationships across the whole project spectrum. Christina always makes herself available to provide support, coaching and mentorship to her fellow colleagues as a way of giving back to the organization and the people she works with. This includes last year initiating the discussions for the need of an internal Mentorship Program that is now starting to be rolled out within the Canadian business.

While working at Turner & Townsend, Christina was selected as a participant in the Global Talent Program, an internal program of driven individuals within the organization. Christina is a member of the Project Management Institute, as well as a participant at many of The Canadian Association of Women In Construction (CAWIC) seminars and events. She also has a Bachelor of Architectural Science in Project Management, from Ryerson University.

# Christina **Fletcher**

Advisor

*Collings Johnston Inc.*



Christina is a proven and accredited project manager, who successfully works with public and private sector clients to meet their infrastructure delivery goals.

Christina specializes in supporting clients to manage multi-disciplinary projects at various points in the project lifecycle. She has an extensive background in feasibility and planning studies, consultation, regulatory approvals, risk management, technical integration, procurement, and project management advisory roles on a variety of transport and infrastructure projects across the globe.

As an Advisor with Collings Johnston Inc. in Vancouver, Christina is currently seconded into the Infrastructure Division of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) as Integration Lead on one of the Greater Vancouver Gateway projects. In this role she is constantly looking at ways to drive efficient reporting, resolve project issues, mitigate risks and find cost and schedule optimization opportunities.

Prior to her role with VFPA, Christina worked for over 10 years with international consultancy Steer on projects including: Gastown Complete Streets with City of Vancouver, TransLink's 2050 Plan, the Surrey LRT scheme, and Denver Great Hall Renovation P3. She also project managed a major capital Bus Rapid Transit project, now fully operational, and a planning application for a 6000+ house community development in the UK.

# Christine **Tschetter**

Director of Project Services

*RAM Engineering Ltd.*



Christine is a Contracts and Construction Management professional with over twelve (12) years of industry experience with ten (10) of those years in a direct leadership role.

Christine graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Biological Sciences and joined URS Corporation (now known as AECOM) as a Supply Chain Administrator.

In 2018, RAM successfully recruited Christine to join their organization as a Contracts Manager for the Vancouver Airport Fuel Delivery project, valued at \$350M. In the delivery of this project, Christine was instrumental in the development and execution of the project Contracting Plan, and directly negotiated and executed over \$150M in construction contracts, as part of the project team.

Christine is one of the founders of RAM's mentorship program for women and is always willing to make herself available to any team member for guidance, advice, or general support. She is extremely dedicated and driven in her goal of inviting and encouraging more women into the infrastructure industry, and by bringing this awareness to RAM has consistently improved gender diversity, year over year.

## Daina **Makarenko**

Vice President,  
Operations & Engineering

*Apex Utilities Inc.*



Daina Makarenko, P.Eng. is the VP, Operations & Engineering at Apex Utilities Inc. (AUI) a natural gas utility in Leduc, Alberta. She got her first exposure to AUI as a Mechanical Engineering Co-op student in 2008. After graduating from the University of Alberta in 2011 she started full time in the Engineering System Planning and Design group working on hydraulic modeling, standards, operational support, new business and replacement projects. In 2013 she was promoted to District Supervisor, Distribution Operations in the Central Region where she managed a team of 13 Technicians working to operate and maintain the Leduc district gas system. In late 2017 she became Director, Engineering Services which encompasses, Project Planning, Engineering, Business Development and GIS groups.

In January 2021 she was appointed to her current position, and has hit the ground running. Daina enjoys learning, mentoring and leading both in the technical environment and other areas of AUI.

In her free time she used to enjoy traveling, socializing and being active, but due to COVID that now means traveling to the Edmonton river valley, zoom chats and walking around the neighbourhood. Daina is looking forward to vaccines and putting the hospitality and service industries back in business!

# Dayna **Peloquin**

## Structural Engineer

*WSP Canada Inc.*



Dayna Peloquin, P.Eng, is a structural engineer with over 7 years of cumulative relevant infrastructure experience obtaining her degree from Carleton University in 2013 and ultimately finding a home with WSP in 2017. She obtained her P.Eng. designation in the province of Ontario in 2019. The breadth of Dayna's experience includes projects in public and private facilities ranging from new construction, renovations, additions, restoration and adaptive reuse. Her design versatility includes conventional materials as well as evaluating unique structural assemblies. She has developed experience in modest traditional contract delivery (design-bid-build) as well as enormous alternative delivery methods (design-build, construction management and P3). She prefers projects which focus on bringing communities together; schools, daycares, and community/recreation centres.

The early part of her career in infrastructure was shaped by her role as an Engineering Outreach Officer for Carleton University where she promoted STEM to prospective students with a particular emphasis on advocating for women in engineering. Dayna's passion for social justice, environmentally responsible and inclusivity shapes her approach to her career. Outside of work, Dayna can be found tending to the plants in her home or cycling, hiking, and camping in the great outdoors.

Grace **Pan**  
Director, Redevelopment  
*Humber River Hospital*



Grace started her career in infrastructure working in a venture capital firm to develop co-gen power plants in China. Her subsequent experience was on the legal side, focusing on foreign investment projects in China. In Canada, Grace started her journey with Infrastructure Ontario. While at Infrastructure Ontario, her most exciting experience was leading the transaction process to design, build, finance and maintain the \$1.75B new acute care facility for Humber River Hospital. Her focus was to act as the central control for the various teams to ensure a successful tender process. The project achieved Financial Close in a record period of time. Subsequent to Infrastructure Ontario, Grace joined Brookfield Multiplex as a business development and bid manager, mainly responsible for pursuing PPP projects. This experience gave her a first hand understanding of infrastructure projects' risk profile from the construction perspective.

Currently, Grace is Director, Redevelopment at Humber River Hospital, responsible for various contractual and financial matters under the Project Agreement. She is also responsible for managing additional projects in response to the hospital's ever-changing operational requirements including COVID-19 related projects. Grace is also overseeing the energy performance which is a key element of the hospital's Green, Lean, Digital aspirations.

## Harminder **Kaur**

Associate Director

*Turner & Townsend*



Harminder is a fully bilingual Associate Director with over thirteen years of experience in infrastructure program & project management, engineering consulting, business development and team management. Harminder presently leads the Ottawa project delivery team for Turner & Townsend. Harminder was born and raised in Montreal, QC and graduated from McGill University in 2007 with a Bachelors in Engineering and is a Professional Engineer (P.Eng) registered in Ontario. Additionally, Harminder holds a Project Management Professional (PMP) designation.

In her free time, Harminder volunteers with the Women's Business Network of the National Capital Region (WBN) and is on the organization's 2020/21 Board of Directors in the leadership role of Chair of Events. In 2019/20 Harminder participated in the WBN mentorship program and the Business woman of the Year Gala committee.

In 2021, Harminder was awarded Best Project Manager for the Ottawa Faces Magazine awards in the Business Professionals category.



# Jenna **Wood**

Principal

*Colliers Project Leaders*



Jenna Wood is a Principal at Colliers Project Leaders, Canada's leading independent project management advisory firm, with 30 offices and 700 professionals across Canada and the Middle East.

Jenna has been leading projects and teams, primarily in Eastern Ontario, for over five years, with a special focus on municipal and community infrastructure in the Ottawa area. She is experienced in leading teams through complex private sector, provincial and municipal public sector projects, including an extensive program of work with the Ottawa Police Service, Export Development Canada, MD Financial, and Telesat Canada.

Jenna has spent most of her career with Colliers Project Leaders, where she was quickly identified as having leadership potential. Since her promotion to Principal in December 2019, she has continued her commitment to supporting women in the industry; often looking to celebrate her female peers' accomplishments and also providing mentorship and encouragement as they build their own leadership style.

In addition to her professional work, Jenna is a mother of two, and is involved with the the Carleton University Alumni Association, including participation in the Alumni mentorship program. She supports soon-to-be and recent graduates, providing advice and career guidance as they prepare to embark on their careers.

Jessica **Wheatley**  
Project Engineer, Infrastructure  
*WSP Canada Inc.*



Jessica is an experienced Project Engineer and Project Manager, based in the Bow Valley in WSP's Infrastructure group. She provides services to support a wide range of infrastructure development across the Bow Valley to a mix of public and private sector clients.

Jessica is passionate about providing technical and management services, with a special interest in Active Transportation. She supports many local initiatives to nourish a strong cycling culture through her work as Engineer and Project Manager and volunteering on the board of a local non-profit. She is highly engaged and takes great pride in working on projects that make a difference in the lives of people within her community no matter how big or small.

# Jillian Beaton

Vice President

*EY Canada*



Jillian Beaton is all about turning challenging infrastructure projects into compelling opportunities to innovate and lead. With nearly a decade of experience working across complex feasibility studies, infrastructure procurements, and a host of strategic projects, Jillian's known for her ability to dig deep into issues and uncover new possibilities. What stands out? From driving the City of Calgary's cost-benefit analysis of its 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games bid, to managing EY's advisory team on a \$1.7B light-rail transit project even as the COVID-19 pandemic introduced new and complex challenges, Jillian continuously fosters diverse thinking, and true collaboration, to build the best possible outcomes.

Jillian carries that perspective into the not-for-profit contributions she's making across the profession. Inspired by EY's ambition of continuously working to build a better working world, Jillian is a founding board member of the Infrastructure Professionals Association. She also serves as a board member of a women-led not-for-profit dedicated to empowering women and gender non-binary people with the tools and support they need to serve on boards. Enabling others to succeed both within the industry, and more broadly in business, isn't just something Jillian does—it's at the core of who she is professionally and personally.

## Katie **Allan**

### Commercial Manager

*Peter Kiewit Sons ULC*



Katie Allan joined Kiewit shortly after graduating from McGill University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. She started with Kiewit's specialized underground group and relocated to Iowa. After a short stay there, she transferred to western Canada to work on a remote hydroelectric project as a field engineer. In her 13 years with the company, Katie has worked on four hydroelectric projects, two highway projects and an industrial project. With diverse experience playing key roles on critical projects across the

country, Katie is an integral member of the Kiewit team. Since joining Kiewit, Katie has held roles of increasing responsibility including as one of the first female Project Managers for the organization in western Canada.

Katie takes an active role in inspiring, encouraging and mentoring other women in the organization to undertake key roles in field operations. She is a Corporate Sponsor for Women In Kiewit and has participated in Kiewit's Women in Construction Leadership Seminar, Future Women in Kiewit Summit, the UBC Women in Engineer Mentorship Panel, and a WIN Panel on Mentorship. With her diverse expertise, Katie is a leader in the infrastructure industry, working with team members to motivate them to bring their best to each project.

Louise **Curran**  
Senior Cost Consultant  
*Turner & Townsend*



Louise is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and has worked in the infrastructure sector since 2013. Louise is currently based in Turner & Townsend's Vancouver office as a Senior Cost Consultant working with the Vancouver Airport Authority and the Greater Toronto Airports Authority in Cost Manager and Portfolio Controls roles respectively. She also Chairs Turner & Townsend's The Bridge Committee in Canada which is focused on addressing the gender gap at Turner & Townsend and in the construction industry. Prior to working in Canada, Louise worked for Turner & Townsend in the infrastructure and real estate sectors in Brazil, where she was also Corporate Responsibility Lead for Brazil, and before that in the infrastructure sector in the UK working with clients such as Transport for London, Heathrow Airport and Network Rail.

Louise has previously led Corporate Responsibility initiatives that focus on addressing the skills shortage in the construction sector such as leading Turner & Townsend's involvement in the Class of Your Own initiative in London and coordinating the resulting partnership with a local school. Louise has a master's degree in Quantity Surveying and a bachelor's degree in Economics and Politics.

Marie-Eve **Belzile**  
Infrastructure Maintenance Manager  
*SNC-Lavalin*



Marie-Eve is a Professional Engineer whose project portfolio entails the full lifecycle of complex infrastructure projects, such as bridges, tunnels, transmission lines and transit systems. She makes a remarkable impression on her projects by entrusting colleagues, mentoring freshmen and promoting each team members' personal talents and listening to clients' needs from Vancouver on the Canada Line, to Calgary on the WATL to Ottawa on two major transits systems.

She gives back to the community by mentoring as part of the Project Management Institute mentoring program, by teaching at Algonquin College and by volunteering as part of the SNC-Lavalin's Diversity and Inclusion committee to ensure diversity and inclusion are at the heart of the growth of the infrastructure industry.

## Marie-Pier **Charbonneau**

Senior Legal Counsel

*SNC-Lavalin*



Marie-Pier joined SNC-Lavalin's legal team in August 2012, where she now works as Senior Legal Counsel. As part of her role, she supports the Engineering, Design and Project Management leadership team in Canada, as well as major project operations, during both the projects' preliminary stages and their execution. She is presently acting as the legal lead on the Réseau express métropolitain (REM) project, a major transit project in the Greater Montréal area. In addition to her work with the REM team, she also supports the commercial teams in risk management and contract negotiations. Admitted to the Quebec Bar in 2008, she completed her Law studies at the University of Quebec in Montréal, where she obtained a Bachelor of Laws in 2007.

Mayna **Vancaillie**  
Manager, Infrastructure Delivery  
*Vancouver Fraser Port Authority*



Mayna Vancaillie is a results-oriented project leader who manages cross-functional teams to deliver complex, high value civil infrastructure. In her current role with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, Mayna is delivering a program of road and rail infrastructure projects that will advance national trade objectives and support Canada's post-COVID economic recovery.

Prior to joining the port authority Mayna served as TransLink's project lead for the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project, and delivered road, utility and flood management projects to advance the City of Vancouver's climate change and transportation agendas.

Before her career in infrastructure delivery, Mayna worked as an urban planner with a focus on infrastructure planning and development finance. She has held positions in both local and regional government agencies in Greater Vancouver, as well as in state-level government agencies in the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. Mayna holds a Master's of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of British Columbia.



Megan **Breitner**  
Director, Project Delivery  
*Canacre Ltd.*



Megan Breitner is a Registered Professional Planner with over 10 years of experience leading project teams. Megan has successfully fulfilled mandates on dozens of projects of various sizes, including complex, multimillion-dollar assignments requiring the organization of large teams of technical specialists across a variety of disciplines, including real estate, engineering, planning, and environmental science. She also has a background in data management, permitting, environmental assessments, and consultation activities. Megan has comprehensive knowledge of planning processes and regulatory frameworks in all levels of government, and has successfully completed permitting processes in accordance with federal, state/provincial, and local governments, ministries, municipalities, and private agencies.

Megan is a respected and skilled leader at Canacre and has built a reputation in the industry as a trusted advisor who is passionate about motivating her teams toward successful project execution. Her experience, knowledge, diverse background, vast network of consultants, and municipal and utility contacts have been a significant asset internally and to Canacre's partners.

## Meghan **Mulligan**

Commercial Director,  
Eglinton Crosstown West Extension  
and Commercial Director, Scarborough  
Subway Extension—Advance Tunnel

*Infrastructure Ontario*



Meghan Mulligan is an infrastructure professional with over 13 years' experience in delivering complex infrastructure projects from early planning through implementation and into operations. Meghan is currently a Director within the Light Rail Transit portfolio at Infrastructure Ontario, where she is the Commercial Director for the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension project. Prior to joining Infrastructure Ontario, Meghan worked in consulting on large and small municipal, provincial and international infrastructure projects—including the development of a new 700KM rail line in Guinea, West Africa where she was part of the environment and communities team.

For the past year, Meghan has been leading the accelerated procurement of the Advanced Tunnel contracts for the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension and the Scarborough Subway Extension – both of which will enter construction in 2021, a year after being in the pre-planning phases. Prior to this she was Deputy Program Lead for the GO Transit New Stations and Off-Corridor Program, as well as the project manager on several early GO expansion projects and the Whitby Rail Maintenance Facility project.

Meghan **Wong**  
Vice President (A)  
Development New Stations  
*Metrolinx*



Meghan Wong is a Vice President (A), Development, Heavy Rail (New Stations) in Metrolinx's Transit Oriented Communities team with over 10 years of experience. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from McMaster University, a Diploma in GIS and Urban Planning from Fanshawe College, and Master of Science in Planning and Regeneration (Real Estate) from the University of Glasgow. Meghan's current role focuses on leveraging Metrolinx transit service and assets, through a fair exchange value with qualified third-parties, to increase transit ridership, improve the customer experience and ultimately create more complete and connected communities. Previously, Meghan was part of Metrolinx's Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (ECLRT) project team, supporting the delivery of a new 19-kilometer transit line within the City of Toronto, and has worked extensively as a planning consultant leading the development approvals for mixed-use communities within Alberta and Ontario.

As an active member of the Urban Land Institute (ULI), Meghan serves as a Co-Chair for the Women's Leadership (WLI) Committee. Through this role Meghan actively works towards promoting the career advancement of women within ULI and fosters an inclusive environment that increases the visibility of women leaders within real estate.

Michelle **Babiuk**  
Senior Manager, Transit Planning  
*TransLink*  
*(South Coast BC Transportation Authority)*



Michelle Babiuk is a planning professional with experience in transportation and infrastructure planning, design, implementation and operations. She is currently TransLink's Senior Manager of Transit Planning where she leads a team developing transit service, fleet and infrastructure plans. Over the past twelve years at TransLink she has also provided leadership to bus exchange and rail station design, transit oriented development planning, street design and environmental assessments.

This work has resulted in the implementation of transportation infrastructure across the region that provides an excellent customer experience and integrates well with surrounding neighbourhoods. Michelle's work has been consistently informed by her experience as a daily transit user and her passion for and her passion for improving people's experiences walking, cycling, taking transit and living in transit oriented neighbourhoods. Michelle received an M.A. in Community and Regional Planning and B.A. (Hon) in English from the University of British Columbia.

**Michelle Saumure**  
Structural Engineer/Project Manager  
*WSP Canada Inc.*



Michelle Saumure, P.Eng, is a structural engineer with nearly 7 years of infrastructure experience. After obtaining her degree from Carleton University in 2015, she became a licensed Professional Engineer in the province of Ontario in 2018 and joined WSP in 2019. Michelle takes an active role in some of WSP's most complex building projects in the National Capital Region. She is the Station Structural Design Lead for two stations forming part of Ottawa's Light Rail Transit Extension and is a Structural Engineer for a new heating and cooling plant included in the Energy Services Acquisition Program (ESAP). She has experience in public and private facilities ranging from new construction, renovations, additions and restoration. Her design versatility includes conventional materials as well as evaluating unique structural assemblies.

Michelle is driven by continuous improvement preferring technically challenging projects with extensive client interaction and collaboration. She has helped manage teams on modest and large-scale projects ensuring quality deliverables are produced. She prides herself on being able to keep focus on issues to arrive at mutually beneficial solutions. Her accountability and dedication to her projects and teams also help promote a positive work environment.

# Natalia **Mykhaylova**

CEO

*WeavAir*



Natalia Mykhaylova has a background in engineering, chemistry and design. She is a graduate of Etobicoke School of Arts, has a B. Sc. In Pharmaceutical Chemistry and a PhD degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Toronto. Her PhD work involved the development of novel devices and adaptable wireless networks for air pollution monitoring and targets a major unmet need—access to a reliable, low-cost and high time resolution device for measuring the air we breathe. She developed and set up air quality sensor networks during Pan American games. The data generated by this technology would promote more effective evidence-based public policy interventions. More recently, she founded WeavAir, which develops sensor modules which improve indoor air quality and energy efficiency of HVAC systems. Previously, she founded other companies (Cleanopy Inc) as well as developed and licenced technology. Her work has been recognised by UofT Magazine, Phys.org, UofT News, Metro News, CTV News. She has been named Corporate Knights Top 30 Under 30 in Sustainability and is a Lieutenant Governor's Visionaries Prize finalist as well as a recipient of several awards for her research work and leadership (Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award, Professor Douglas Reeve Leaders of Tomorrow Award, Eco-Tec Founder's Fellowship Award).

## Natasha **Smilovic**

Structural Superintendent

*Peace River Hydro Partners*



Natasha Smilovic is a structural superintendent on the Site C Clean Energy project in British Columbia, where she began working in March 2017.

Natasha started at Peace River Hydro Partners as a structural field engineer and was later promoted, making her the project's first and youngest woman of industry to become superintendent.

She received her Certified Engineering Technician certification from the Association of Science & Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta in 2015. While committing to working full time on the project, Natasha obtained her Project Management Professional certification from the Project Management Institute in December 2020.

Natasha shared her experience and tips of success as a woman in construction in keynote speeches at the Women in Trades and the Youth Changing Tomorrow conferences. Natasha has been a strong advocate for encouraging young women to consider and pursue careers in infrastructure.

## Sherena **Hussain**

Academic Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Fellowship Program, and Instructor Schulich School of Business

*York University*



Passionate about advancing smart and sustainable infrastructure development in Canada and abroad, Sherena Hussain is an academic involved in the creation, development and delivery of infrastructure curriculum at the Brookfield Centre for Real Estate and Infrastructure at the Schulich School of Business, York University, and the University of Toronto. Sherena is also the Academic Director of the Sustainable Infrastructure Fellowship Program, a pioneering G7 initiative that brings together 14 institutional investors from the G7 countries (with over US\$5 Trillion AUM) and senior government officials from emerging markets to enable the sustainable development and financing of critically important infrastructure projects around the world.

Seeking to expand actionable academic research in the field, Sherena is simultaneously working on a PhD at University of Toronto with a focus on the influence of infrastructure development and financing models on the built environment. Sherena has practiced law at McCarthy Tetrault LLP, and has also worked at Infrastructure Ontario and in several North American cities where she was actively involved in the execution of new business models. Sherena is frequently invited to provide expert insights as a media guest on news outlets such as the CBC, CTV, National Post, TVO The Agenda, and The Canadian Press.

In addition to her research in infrastructure financing and transaction models, Sherena is a contributor to forums such as World Economic Forum's work group on sustainable infrastructure, and the Global Infrastructure Hub's academic advisory group. Sherena strongly believes in drawing forward a diverse range of voices and perspectives in infrastructure development and actively seeks opportunities within academic and industry spheres for women's introduction to, and advancement in, the field.



# Sherry Larjani

President

*Spotlight Development Inc.*



Sherry Larjani is an experienced real estate developer and entrepreneur that has made a name for herself in a male-dominated industry as Managing Director and President of her own real estate development firm, Spotlight Development Inc. The boutique firm specializes in the acquisition of properties for redevelopment into high density residential and mixed-use projects in Toronto and surrounding areas. It's important to Sherry that all Spotlight Development projects have a focus on affordable and healthy living, providing support for local communities.

Sherry began her career by working as a designer at a luxury Toronto architecture. She soon developed a passion for transforming underdeveloped land into liveable spaces and was most comfortable standing on construction sites. By building relationships with top developers in the city, Sherry has laid the groundwork for future partnerships and collaborations. Current projects include a mixed-use building with Liberty Development and various residential redevelopment projects in Toronto, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, Newmarket and Ajax. Recently, Sherry joined forces with other female entrepreneurs to create Toronto's first all-female real estate development team and bring Reina Condos to life. Their goal is to create a truly inclusive industry open to all individuals with a passion for real estate and development.

# Tiffany Wong

## Acting Project Director

*Public Services and Procurement Canada*



Ms. Tiffany Wong, A/ Project Director with Public Services and Procurement Canada currently leads multiple teams to bring about large-scale construction projects across the 400 km stretch of the Trent Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal systems. She spearheads significant heavy-civil infrastructure projects including the reconstruction and rehabilitation of essential bridges, locks, canals and dams. The federal infrastructure work that Tiffany oversees, is not only part of our nation's treasured places designated as national historic and UNESCO world heritage sites, but the infrastructure is vital for transportation, managing water to provide for navigation, hydro-electric production, and also critically important for surrounding community flood protection and maintenance of public safety. Ms. Tiffany Wong enjoys working hands-on with her teams of staff to manage this substantial collection of important infrastructure work. The Waterways Infrastructure Investment program is a large part of the Government of Canada's \$3 billion investment into Parks Canada infrastructure—the largest in history. As an ambassador for multiple Women in Engineering and Women in STEM outreach and engagement initiatives across various secondary school and university networks, Tiffany is proud to serve as a role model for more junior women entering the fields of engineering and infrastructure.

## Valerie **Blinch**

Director, Infrastructure Investments

*Fengate Asset Management*



Valerie is a Director on Fengate Asset Management's Infrastructure Investment team with over 13 years of experience in the infrastructure sector. She is responsible for leading transaction execution, commercial structuring and risk management. Additionally, Valerie provides support for business development and fundraising activities of the team. Prior to joining Fengate in 2014, Valerie practiced as a commercial lawyer specializing in infrastructure and project finance with one of Canada's leading legal firms.

Valerie has worked across all sectors of the infrastructure space (e.g. social, transportation, energy) and has completed projects in both Canada and the U.S. She regularly works with various public-sector stakeholders, as well as most of the industry's leading construction and service firms, in addition to coordinating with third party advisors.

Valerie was also one of the founding Executive Committee members of the Young Leaders in Infrastructure from 2011-2016 and helped to expand the organization to chapters in Vancouver, Montreal and Ottawa.

Valerie received an Honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto with distinction and a Bachelor of Law degree from Queen's University.

Vernita **Tsang**  
Vice President, Legal  
*Fengate Asset Management*



Vernita Tsang provides general legal advice to all aspects of the infrastructure division with a focus on funds and asset management. She has extensive expertise in analyzing, drafting and negotiating complex, project-financed infrastructure transactions. Vernita is involved in corporate initiatives such as the ESG and also serves as a director on several project boards.

Prior to joining Fengate in 2016, Vernita was a director in the Transaction Legal group at Infrastructure Ontario. She spent eight years there in progressively more senior roles advising authority clients on all aspects of major civil, social and transit infrastructure projects delivered through public-private partnership models. Vernita also has strong legal experience in procurement, construction and commercial real estate from her past positions at Infrastructure Ontario and McCarthy Tétrault LLP.

Vernita earned her Hon. B.Sc. from the University of Toronto, her J.D. from the University of Ottawa and was called to the Ontario bar in 2005.

Yvonne **Yeung**  
Manager of Urban Design  
*City of Brampton*



A landscape architecture, urban design, planning, project management, business administration and sustainability professional, Yvonne founded and leads the “Getting To Transit-Oriented Communities Initiative” for the Urban Land Institute, the world largest non-profit providing thought-leadership to integrate transit and social infrastructures in healthy, walkable, transit-oriented communities.

Yvonne is also key member of the Our Urban Futures GTHA Advisory Board for Evergreen’s Future Cities Canada, a national non-profit providing thought-leadership in infrastructure investments through strategic foresights that accelerate innovation to transform cities.

With passion in sharing knowledge and advancing infrastructure innovation with the future generation of city-builders, Yvonne regularly serve as speaker and critic at university design studios at University of Toronto, Waterloo, Ryerson, Guelph, Oklahoma and York.

Yvonne is applying this passion in her current leadership role at the City of Brampton through leading the advancement of Urban Community Hub framework in collaboration with Peel District School Board, Peel Region Public Health and Social Services, City of Brampton, Sheridan College and the Province of Ontario.

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