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Canadian Association of Government Finance Officers

2019 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER, BC

OCTOBER 2ND-4TH

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## RESPONDING TO DISRUPTION: OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCE

Welcome to our 2019 National Conference. We have been holding conferences since the 1970's, originally under the banner of GFOA of Western Canada. While we have gotten bigger and better than those early days, the world has also become more challenging, technology more complex and our delegates more demanding. Similar challenges face our members in their organizations. If any of us ever get comfortable, we find ourselves Responding to Disruption. That is why in 2019, we are bringing together amazing speakers and the best technical experts from the leading companies in our field to work with our delegates so that we can all be inspired to see disruption as an Opportunity for Finance.



We are a professional development conference providing the highest quality PD for Finance Officers working in the public sector. We have the head of PSAB to deliver his annual update. Leaders in the fields of budgeting, financial reporting, asset management and Information Technology will keep you informed about the latest developments in their fields. But real professional development is more than just being able to report 17 verifiable hours to your professional association. At the conference, you will get to debate hot-topic issues with your peers and participate in interactive discussion Forums that will ensure you can apply what you learned and return being more effective in your work.

Along with expanding our technical skills and networking with our colleagues, our conference is also an opportunity to have some fun! Tuesday evening's Welcome Reception will be held at the Richmond Olympic Oval, the iconic building which hosted the speed skating events at the 2010 Winter Olympics. Delegates will get to spend the evening at the Olympic Museum where they can do virtual bobsled runs, ski jumps, and other Olympic events. The Local Committee is planning special entertainment for our Thursday night Banquet at the Sheraton. If you can extend your stay, you could a walk along the seawall, go whale watching, or shop the high-end shopping district in downtown Vancouver.



This years conference event will be held at the beautiful Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. For information and updates visit the conference website at [www.cagfo.ca](http://www.cagfo.ca).

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Tuesday, October 1st

**Preconference Sessions**  
8:30am - 4:30pm



"Asset Management for Finance Officers"  
Jude Pillainayagam & Michelle Hunt

"Data Analytics & Dashboards"  
Jamie Black, Caseware



"Financial Policies and Planning: Going to the Next Level with the new GFOA Financial Foundations Framework"  
Shayne Kavanaugh, GFOA International

Each session is eligible for 7 verifiable PD hours  
Cost: \$400 plus GST

Register for a session and/or the conference  
<https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2019/CAGFO>

5:00pm - Delegate Registration on conference floor of Sheraton

7:00pm - Welcome Reception, hosted by Local Committee, will be held at the iconic Richmond Olympic Oval



## Wednesday, October 2nd

Morning starting at 8:30am



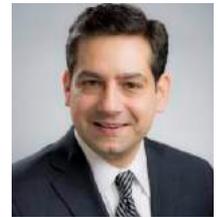
Opening Speaker  
"The Uber of Everything"  
Ted Graham,  
Head of Open Innovation at GM

PD sessions starting at 10:30am

"Smart Cities: Responding to disruption in a changing world" Chris Sainsbury, KPMG

"National Perspective on Asset Management" FCM

"Annual PSAB Update"  
Mike Puskaric, PSAB



"Getting Prepared for the Future of Finance"  
Jamie Black, Caseware

"Alternative Mobility" Chun Man, Urban Systems

"GFOA Without Borders" CESO

"Circular Procurement" Recycling Council of Ontario



"Improving Local Government Emergency Management"  
Gordon Ruth, Municipal AG

"Workforce of the Future in the Face of Disruption" PwC

"Accounting in the Cloud" Oracle Corporation

PD sessions end at 4:30pm

Free time for networking  
Sponsor hospitality suites

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Thursday, October 3rd

Morning starting at 8:30am



"CAO Perspective"  
Carol Mason, Metro Vancouver

PD sessions starting at 10:30am

"Budget Transparency and Citizen Engagement"  
Gerry McDonald and Chris Adams, Qwestica

"PSAB 101" Mike Puskaric, PSAB

"Financially Resilient Communities"  
Shayne Kavanaugh, GFOA International



"Explaining and Using Blockchain"  
Brian Beveridge, MNP

"PSAB Forum" Lorrie Schmallenberg

"Police Finance Forum"

"Dealing with Ransomware" speaker TBA

"Asset Retirement Obligations" BDO

"Employee Wellness" Chief Dubord, Delta P.D.

"Police Funding, Governance, and Oversight"  
Mary Collins

"Budget Forum"

"The Municipal Challenge –  
Budgeting Strategies for a Complex  
World" Tim Duhamel, Bloom Centre  
for Municipal Education



PD sessions end at 4:30pm

6:00pm No host bar

7:00pm Banquet and special entertainment at Sheraton

## Friday, October 4th

Morning starting at 8:30am



"From Refugee to Senate"  
Mobina Jaffer, Canadian Senate

"Disruption Panel"

Many of our sessions this year have been about *disruption*. A panel of experts will discuss how delegates can seize the opportunities that have opened up as a result of these discussions.

Annual General Meeting and Election of New Board

"Canadian Economic Update"  
Jean-François Perrault, Chief  
Economist at Scotiabank



Prize Draw and wrap up

Conference completes at 12 noon

**Notice of AGM to be held October 4th 2019**  
Vancouver Airport Sheraton Hotel  
Agenda includes:  
President's Report  
Financial statements  
Election of Board  
**Everyone welcome – only members can vote**



## KEY SPEAKER BIOS



### TED GRAHAM

**H**ead of Open Innovation at General Motors and author of 'The Uber of Everything', Ted works with outside partners to solve important issues that will shape the future of transportation. Previously, he was the Innovation Leader at PwC Canada where he helped to turn ideas into invoices. He is also founder of the South Core Innovation Hub, a collaborative group of innovation leaders from Toronto's unique waterfront area. Member organizations include large banks, startups, public transportation – all of whom are looking to make a substantial impact on their communities. Prior to PwC Ted was a McKinsey strategy consultant with a focus on understanding and leveraging people networks to influence the spread of ideas.

### SENATOR MOBINA S.B. JAFFER

**S**enator Mobina Jaffer represents the province of British Columbia in the Senate of Canada. Appointed to the Senate on June 13, 2001, she is the first Muslim senator, the first African-born senator, and the first senator of South Asian descent. Senator Jaffer is Deputy-Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance, and sits as a member of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs committee, National Security and Defence committee, and the Official Languages committee. Senator Jaffer also chaired the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights for 8 years.



### JEAN-FRANÇOIS PERRAULT

**J**ean-François Perrault joined Scotiabank in 2015 as Senior Vice President and Chief Economist. He leads a team of Economists to support Scotiabank's domestic and international business lines and clients from retail to capital markets, providing Scotiabank's senior executives, business lines and customers with perspectives, insights and forecasts on economic, financial market and policy developments. Prior to joining Scotiabank, Jean-François held prominent roles with the federal government, the Bank of Canada, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

### CAROL MASON

**C**arol Mason is retiring this year as the Chief Administrative Officer of Metro Vancouver. Since she started working in local government in 1991, Mason has held a variety of positions, including at the management level within the city and regional district of Nanaimo. She will speak about her experiences at the senior level of municipal government and the critical relationship between the CAO and the finance department.



### SHAYNE KAVANAGH

**S**hayne Kavanagh is the Senior Manager of Research for GFOA and has been a leader in developing the practice and technique of long-term financial planning and policies for local government. He started GFOA's long-term financial planning and policy line of research in 2002 and has been working with governments on financial planning and policies ever since. He is the author of a number of influential books on financial planning in city government. His forthcoming book, Financial Foundations for Thriving Communities, takes a Nobel Prize winning body of work about how to sustain commonly owned natural resources and applies it to a community's commonly owned financial resources: the public budget.



## HOW TO REGISTER

### DELEGATE REGISTRATION

\$700 until July 15, 2019 (Early Bird)

Note: Includes meals and socials.

\$750 after July 15, 2019.

There is a choice of 3 optional preconference session on October 1st at an additional cost of \$400 each.

[LINK TO DELEGATE REGISTRATION HERE](#)



#### **Guest Room Registration**

Don't miss the opportunity to book your accommodations at our host hotel the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel

[LINK TO BOOKING HERE](#)

### TRADE SHOW

The cost per booth is \$2,400 and includes 2 full registrations for all events, meals and socials, 8x8 pipe and draped exhibit space with 6ft clothed table, two chairs, power and wi-fi.

Sponsors receive a discount on exhibit booths!

[LINK TO APPLY AS EXHIBITOR HERE](#)

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