

Supporting Accountability—Meet Our Oversight Agents

February 12, 2019 | 8:00 am to 11:15 am
Sutton Place Hotel—10235 101 Street, Edmonton, AB
(Ballroom—2nd floor)

Overview

Public spending and decision making is highly scrutinized by the taxpayers and the media. Fortunately, civil servants are not alone in ensuring strong controls to enhance accountability in government reports and transparent decision making. These supporting roles take on different positions in the organization from legislative officers to internal audit departments. In this session, FMI is pleased to bring together these important civil servants to discuss their roles in your organization, opportunities to work in a more collaborative fashion, and glimpse into their future initiatives.



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Agenda

Time	Activity
08:30–08:35	FMI Welcome—Chapter President, Jeanette Stead
08:35–08:40	Welcome Message—Moderator, Jeanette Stead
08:40–09:05	Doug Wylie , Auditor General of Alberta—FCPA, FCMA, ICD.D
09:05–09:25	Marianne Ryan , Alberta Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner
09:25–09:45	Barry Horan —Associate Vice President, Internal Audit and Risk Management, Grand MacEwan University
09:45–10:05	Coffee Break
10:05–10:25	Michael Hocken —Chief Internal Auditor, Alberta Treasury Board and Finance
10:25–10:45	Alex Muchortow —Chief Audit Executive, Worker’s Compensation Board
10:45–11:00	Q & A Panel Discussion
11:00–11:05	Chapter President closing comments and prize draws
11:05	Session ends

Speaker Biographies

Doug Wylie



W. Doug Wylie is the 11th Auditor General of Alberta in the 113-year history of Alberta.

Appointed to the role effective April 29, 2018, Doug's tenure with Alberta's Office of the Auditor General (OAG) spans over 28 years. Joining the office in 1989, and a professional accountant since 1991, Doug has served as an Assistant Auditor General for the past 14 years. In that role, he has oversight on the financial audits and non-financial performance audits for the following current portfolios: Executive Council; the Legislative Assembly and Officers of the Assembly; and the ministries of Health (including Alberta Health Services and the Health Quality Council of Alberta), Children Services, Community and Social Services, and Seniors and Housing. He has also represented the

OAG at the national level as a member and past chair of the Strategic Management Committee of the Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors.

Committed to the continued advancement of his profession, Doug is the past chair of the Chartered Professional Accountants Education Foundation (CPAEF) of Alberta, and also served as chair of its Strategy Development Committee, and as a member of its Nominating Committee.

In 2016, he was awarded a Fellowship Chartered Professional Accountant, a designation granted to exceptional members whose achievements in their careers, the community or in the profession have earned them distinction and brought honour to their profession.

Doug is also a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors, the Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta and the Canadian Audit and Accountability Foundation.

His high ethical standards and dedication to the improvement of the office's performance helps ensure the OAG continues to work towards making a difference in the lives of Albertans.

The Auditor General is a nonpartisan Officer of the Legislature, responsible for conducting independent audits of every Government of Alberta ministry, department, regulated fund and agency. The Office of the Auditor General operates in accordance with the Auditor General Act.

Speaker Biographies

Marianne Ryan



Marianne Ryan was sworn in as Alberta's ninth Ombudsman and second Public Interest Commissioner in the Alberta Legislature on July 4, 2017.

Prior to this appointment, Ms. Ryan served as Commanding Officer for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in Alberta, the culmination of a 35-year career in leadership with the RCMP. There she worked extensively alongside Indigenous Communities, building bridges and discussing best practices and improvements to the partnership with the RCMP. Over the course of her first year as an independent Officer of the Legislature, Marianne has led operational changes to prepare for and execute the expansion of the Ombudsman's jurisdiction to include Alberta's approximately 350 municipalities.

On March 1, 2018, amendments to the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act came into force, and included new definitions that expanded the jurisdiction of the Public Interest Commissioner and protection for whistleblowers. Marianne spoke publicly about the significance of the legislation and her position in favour of a workplace culture where the reporting of wrongdoing is encouraged and supported.

Marianne holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario and resides with her partner and their family in Edmonton.

Barry Horan



Barry Horan, CA, CIA, CRMA is the Associate Vice President Internal Audit and Risk Management at MacEwan University, located in downtown Edmonton, Alberta. He has been at MacEwan University for six years. Prior to that he was the Director of Internal Audit Services in Winnipeg for 15 years at the Canadian Wheat Board, which was the largest wheat and barley marketer in the world at the time. Prior to that, Barry worked with Deloitte in Winnipeg and Sydney, Australia. Barry is happily married, with two children, one who recently graduated from MacEwan University.

Speaker Biographies

Michael Hocken



Michael Hocken is the Chief Internal Auditor at the Government of Alberta. He has previously held executive management roles at both Treasury Board and Finance and Service Alberta. Prior to working at the Government of Alberta, Michael worked for Bell, Eastlink and TELUS in several different capacity including senior management roles. Michael graduated from University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science with Distinction in Electrical Engineering and has been a Professional Engineering for more than 20 years. In his spare time, Michael likes spending time with his three children and wife and is an avid supporter of Special Olympics Edmonton.

Alex Muchortow



Alex Muchortow, CIA CRMA, is the Chief Audit Executive for the Workers' Compensation Board-Alberta and has been with the company since 2001. In his 40+ year career, he has worked in a variety of positions in multiple industries both in Canada and the US. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Wayne State University.

Alex has been involved with both the Edmonton IIA & ISACA Chapters. He currently holds the position of Immediate Past President of Edmonton IIA Chapter. In his spare time Alex enjoys jogging, biking and watching his 5 grandchildren.