

Agenda



Calgary River Communities
Action Group

2025 CRCAG Annual General Meeting Monday, June 16, 2025 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Topic/ Speaker	CRCAG speaker	Time (minutes)	Schedule
Welcome	Brenda Leeds Binder	5	6:30-6:35
CRCAG Co-Presidents' Report	Tony Morris	15	6:35-6:50
Words from representatives and acknowledgements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Jyoti Gondek • MLA Calgary-Elbow: Samir Kayande • Cam Lane, Executive Director, Watershed Resilience and Predictions, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas • Kate Rich, Assistant Deputy Minister, Water and Circular Economy, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas • Tom Loo, Assistant Deputy Minister, Construction and Maintenance Division, Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors 	<i>Speaker introduction by:</i> Tony Morris	15	6:50-7:05
CRCAG Association Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial update • Board resignations & role changes • Committee members 	Tony Morris and Greg Johnson	10	7:05-7:15
Introduction of Speaker Panel	Brenda Leeds Binder	5	7:15-7:20
M. Javid Iqbal , P.Eng., Executive Director, Water Infrastructure and Operations Branch, Primary Agriculture Division, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation (AGI) John Conrad , MSM, CD, Assistant Deputy Minister, Primary Agriculture, AGI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About the AGI ministry and why the operation of SR1 falls within its mandate • Transition of SR1 from Transportation to the Water Infrastructure and Operations Branch (WIOB) of AGI, and how SR1 will be managed in the future 	<i>Speaker introduction by:</i> Brenda Leeds Binder	10	7:20-7:30
Charlie Lund, CRCAG Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRCAG Position Statement on Bow River options 	<i>Speaker introduction by:</i> David Chalack	10	7:30-7:40
Frank Frigo , Water Resources Engineer, City of Calgary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status on local mitigation projects • City's role in stewardship of upstream projects • Updated Flood Hazard Maps - how the new maps will be used by the City, particularly concerning local Land Use Bylaws and regulations 	<i>Speaker introduction by:</i> Charlie Lund	10	7:40-7:50
Q&A Speaker Panel	Brenda Leeds Binder (moderator)	20	7:50-8:10
Wrap-up Comments	Tony Morris & Brenda Leeds Binder	5	8:10-8:15

Speaker bios

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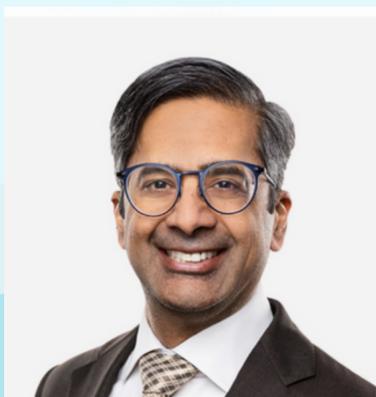


Mayor Jyoti Gondek

Jyoti Gondek was sworn in as Calgary's 37th mayor and the first woman to be elected to this role on October 25, 2021.

Prior to being elected as mayor, she served as city councillor for Ward 3 from 2017 to 2021. She holds a Ph.D. in urban sociology, and an M.A. in organizational sociology.

Mayor Gondek's professional background includes leading the Westman Centre for Real Estate Studies at the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business where she examined the challenges facing Calgary's commercial sector as property values in the core plummeted. She knew then that this issue would be a big one for Calgary. She also ran a successful consulting practice for 12 years helping clients in the energy and city-building sectors evolve their business models to fit a changing regulatory and economic environment.



MLA Samir Kayande, Calgary-Elbow

Prior to being elected as the MLA for Calgary-Elbow and being named the NDP Deputy Assistant Whip and Official Opposition Critic for Finance (Fiscal Responsibility), Samir created software tools to help large institutions invest in energy, helped build a billion-dollar fossil fuel research company, and sat on the board of the Pembina Institute. Originally from Fort McMurray, Samir has lived in Calgary since 2004 with his wife JJ, and their two children.



Javid Iqbal, P.Eng. Executive Director, Water Infrastructure and Operations Branch, Primary Agriculture, AGI

Javid is a professional engineer with specialization in geomechanics and is senior manager with Government of Alberta. He is currently Executive Director of Water Infrastructure and Operations Branch, responsible for operation and maintenance of water management infrastructure owned by Agriculture and Irrigation as well as regulation of dams and canals in the province. *Continued...*

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Prior to beginning his career with the Alberta Public Service in 2011, he was involved with design, construction and safety assessments of major dams and canals in Pakistan, US and Canada.

Javid possesses 30 years of extensive professional experience and led major upgrading of Dam and Canal Safety Regulatory Framework in Alberta including Water (Ministerial) Regulation-Parts 6 and new Alberta Dam and Canal Safety Directive; the framework has influenced many national and international jurisdictions.

Javid is also currently serving as vice president of Canadian Dam Association, only national association in Canada that provides for the exchange of ideas and experience in the field of dam safety, public safety and protection of the environment.



John Conrad, MSM, CD
Assistant Deputy Minister, Primary Agriculture, AGI

John Conrad is a professional author and senior executive with the Government of Alberta. He is currently the Assistant Deputy Minister of Primary Agriculture, a regulatory and policy development arm serving the crop and animal health assurance, irrigations sectors, and water infrastructure and operations at Agriculture and Irrigation. He has served as a Canadian Army officer as well as an official in the Ontario Government prior to beginning his career with the Alberta Public Service in 2011.

John holds a Masters in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. He was commissioned as a Canadian naval officer in 1987 and he went on to serve some 34 years in the Canadian Army with operational experience in Cambodia, North West Bosnia (Former Yugoslavia) and Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom). He was the regulatory ADM in Alberta Environment and Parks for 3 years prior to taking up responsibilities in Agriculture.

John has completed two secondments comprising over a year of service on Alberta's Covid-19 Planning Response Team as well as the Community Engagement Task Force which stood up in Municipal Affairs in early December 2020 to counter the numerous collateral challenges presented to Albertans by the pandemic. He has a lifelong passion for history, literature and civic duty.



Charlie Lund
CRCAG Board of Directors

Charlie Lund has lived in Sunnyside since 2005 and was impacted by the 2013 flood. Representing the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association he has led their advocacy for improved local flood mitigation infrastructure in the communities of Hillhurst and Sunnyside. Charlie has joined the CRCAG board as its focus shifts to emphasize flood mitigation upstream on the Bow River. He is now retired after a long career in the petroleum products industry.



Frank Frigo
**Manager Environmental Management, Climate and Environment,
Planning and Development Services, City of Calgary**

Frank Frigo is a Water Resources Engineer with a 28+ year career focused on environmental management, hydrology, river hydraulics, water control structures design and construction. Frank has been involved with the City of Calgary's water supply, flood resilience, and watershed health programs since 2008.

A warm welcome to our additional guests:

- **Cam Lane**, Executive Director, Watershed Resilience and Predictions, Environment and Protected Areas
- **Kate Rich**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Water and Circular Economy, Environment and Protected Areas

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CRCAG Position Statement on Bow River flood mitigation

In April 2025, CRCAG shared its latest [position statement](#) focused on Bow River flood mitigation, which outlined its stance on current policies, projects in motion, and the need for further action.



After the Flood - Our Journey

This [5-minute video](#) documents the devastation of the 2013 flood, as told through the story of the Allen family's destroyed home. Video created by David Allen.



Who is CRCAG?

Two-page [overview](#) of CRCAG, our mandate, board members, contact information and a snapshot of initiatives we've worked on.