

# Speaker bios

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## 2023 CRCAG Annual General Meeting



### **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.



### **Minister Rebecca Schulz, Environment and Protected Areas of Alberta** (via video message)

Rebecca Schulz was first elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Calgary-Shaw on April 16, 2019 and was re-elected on May 29, 2023. She was sworn in as Minister of Environment and Protected Areas on June 9, 2023, previously serving as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Children's Services.

A communications professional with a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University, Minister Schulz previously worked for the Government of Saskatchewan, as well as the University of Calgary. Minister Schulz is eager to advocate for the types of common-sense policies that will grow Alberta's economy, protect our beautiful landscapes, and encourage investment and innovation in Alberta. As a wife and proud mother of 2 young children, Minister Schulz has seen first-hand the challenges that Alberta's families have faced during the last few years and uses her experiences to connect with and advocate for Albertans on the issues that matter to them.



**Morna Hussey**  
**Director, Watershed Resilience and Transboundary Waters,**  
**Alberta Environment and Protected Areas**

Morna Hussey has been with Alberta Environment and Protected Areas since 1991, and recently joined the Environmental Knowledge and Prediction Branch as Director of Watershed Resilience and Transboundary Waters. Her background includes ambient monitoring of surface water, groundwater, climate and snow where she led offices in Edmonton, Lethbridge and Calgary, and more recently was involvement in drinking water. She currently oversees the Transboundary Waters team where she is the Alberta member on both the Prairie Provinces Water Board and the Mackenzie River Basin Board, and the Watershed Resilience team that encompasses flood and drought grant mitigation and the Bow River Reservoirs Options study.

**Additional expertise on flood mapping will be available for Q&A from:** Peter Onyshko, Flood Hazard Specialist, AEP



**Yvonne Carignan**  
**Director, Water Management, Major Capital Projects Branch,**  
**Transportation and Economic Corridors**

Yvonne Carignan has a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering and a Master of Engineering in water resources engineering; she has been with the Alberta public Service for almost 15 years. Yvonne is currently the Director of the Water Management section at Transportation and Economic Corridors leading and overseeing the construction and maintenance on water management infrastructure owned and operated by the Province of Alberta.

Yvonne has a breadth of experience working as a consultant, regulator, project manager, and public servant. She enjoys providing leadership and oversight to complex and challenging projects and has been working on the Springbank Off-stream Reservoir Project for four years.



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

Frank Frigo specializes in hydrology, river hydraulics, morphology, flood and erosion protection, water control structures design and drainage analyses. Since 2008, Frank has worked with the City of Calgary's Water Resources business unit, leading hydraulic modeling, flood protection, river flood preparedness planning and response, watershed monitoring, bank restoration, drainage and water supply initiatives.