



Rick Pews

Rick Pews is the Director of Corporate Facilities at the City of Barrie. A licensed professional engineer, Rick has been involved in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of facilities for nearly 30 years with a career spanning the manufacturing, higher education, healthcare and, most recently, municipal sectors. Foundational to everything Rick does is developing an understanding of why things are as they are, and challenging the status quo. In his world, *because* is never an acceptable answer to anything and his response to such an answer is likely to be “OK, but why?” Better understanding leads to better outcomes. Better mousetraps are invented this way.



Jessica Lief

A lover of ‘why’, visual storytelling, all things design and the ability of the creative class. Jessica is an Architect with strong analytic, innovative and creative thinking skills who has fostered a sharp eye for design and challenging constraints. Jessica has recently transitioned from a career in the private sector to join the dynamic and rapidly growing Facility Department at the City of Barrie, as a Facility Capital Project Supervisor. She is currently the Project Manager on the City’s first Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) model project, valued at \$103M, where her leadership and design skills have fostered project culture, innovation and collaboration. Jessica recently shared her passion for architecture while teaching at Georgian College’s Architectural Technology Program. She continues to mentor several students while volunteering on the College’s Interior Design Advisory Committee. This fall Jessica is pursuing her next academic chapter, a Certificate Masters in Innovation Leadership.



Lindsay Worton

Lindsay Worton is the Manager of Facility Planning & Development at the City of Barrie, responsible for leading a collaborative and innovative team of project managers through the planning, design and construction of new facility developments, major renovations and asset renewal projects for Recreation, Library, Waterfront, Culture, Emergency Service, Environmental, and Administrative portfolios. Lindsay’s branch currently has several strategic projects successfully underway, most notably the Integrated Project Delivery of the Barrie Simcoe Emergency Services Campus, as well as the redevelopment of Memorial Square - Meridian Place in downtown Barrie, and the feasibility and design for Fisher Auditorium + Events Centre, the Downtown Year Round Public Market, and the Revitalization of City Hall. Lindsay has also played an integral role in planning for growth in the City’s south end, which has included planning initiatives for two new fire stations, two new community centres with library branches, a new satellite operations yard, and a sports park. Prior to joining the City in 2011, Lindsay worked for the Town of Newmarket and led the design and construction of the Community Urban Space Project which saw the revitalization of an 8 acre park and community hall in the downtown, now known as Riverwalk Commons and Newmarket Community Centre + Lions Hall. This outdoor stage, skating rink / water feature, and urban park, was recently recognized as a Thriving Place by Canada’s leading parks organization, Park People. Previous to her time in public sector, Lindsay worked in several architecture firms as an architectural technologist, acquiring professional designations with both OACETT (Ontario Association Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists) and OAAAS (Ontario Association of Applied Architectural Sciences), while focusing on the detailed design coordination and contract administration for public sector and institutional projects. Lindsay has recently accepted an offer of admission to the University of Guelph’s MA Leadership program, which commences in the summer of 2018.



Dawn Hipwell

Dawn Hipwell is the Director of Procurement, Fleet and Property at the County of Simcoe, a large upper tier municipality just north of the Greater Toronto Area. She has been working in the procurement, logistics and facility management field for over 30 years, with the County of Simcoe for the last 16 years and prior to that she spent 14 years in the manufacturing sector. Working in both the automotive and office furniture industries she has specialized in Just in Time and LEAN manufacturing, quality management, global material sourcing and contract management. Based within the Corporate Performance Division at the County of Simcoe, Dawn oversees 5 branches in her department including Procurement and Sustainable Operations, Fleet and Asset Management, Maintenance and Facilities Management, Real Estate and Lease Administration, and Facility Construction Management and Administration. In the past several years Dawn’s focus has been on leading large County construction projects to successful completion including the \$24 million LEED Gold Administration Centre Addition in Midhurst completed in 2011, the \$80 million LEED Silver Georgian Village Seniors’ Campus in Penetanguishene completed in 2013, and several Paramedic Stations throughout the County of Simcoe since 2014. Dawn has championed the move from the traditional Lump Sum Tender contract for facility construction to the more collaborative Construction Management contract and is now participating in her first Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) project with the City of Barrie, the Barrie-Simcoe Emergency Services Campus. Dawn volunteered with the Canadian Institute of Management in past years as a local board member and branch President; she spends most of her spare time in the winter working on continuous education and in the summer boating with her family.



Tim Dobbie

Tim Dobbie was appointed City Manager for the City of Burlington in October of 1995, overseeing 700 employees and an annual budget of \$100,000,000. In June of 2007, Mr. Dobbie retired after 33 years of service. Tim is a graduate of Civil Engineering from McMaster University. As the City Manager of the City of Burlington, Tim Dobbie was engaged in a considerable number of governance issues dealing not only with the City of Burlington, but also the Region of Halton. Tim was responsible for assisting Council in their deliberations in 1996 whereby City of Burlington Council agreed to reduce its numbers from 17 to 7. Other governance projects Tim undertook during the time that he was City Manager for the City of Burlington, included a “Who Does What” review of all municipal services in Halton Region. This work was done by Tim and the CAO’s of the other municipalities in the Region. Other significant governance work involved the review of the possibility of amalgamating Flamborough with Burlington, work with the other area municipalities on the implementation of a 311 phone system as well as a long and involved process dealing with regional roads in Halton Region. Tim has been a member of the Burlington Community Foundation and the Board of Directors of the Burlington-Hamilton United Way, where he served as President in 2002-2003 and the Hamilton-Burlington YMCA. He also served as a Board member for the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC), is a Past President of the Ontario Municipal Administrators’ Association (OMAA), as well as a former Board member of Burlington Hydro. In October 2006, Tim received the Engineer of the Year award from the Hamilton-Halton Professional Engineers Chapter of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers and the Hamilton Engineering Institute. In April 2009, Tim received the Canadian Public Relations Society, Hamilton PR Professional of the Year award. In 2016 Tim was the recipient of the OMAA Robert Baldwin Award. Tim formed a consulting business upon his retirement from the City of Burlington drawing upon his experience in management, leadership, land use development and government relations.