

# TOUCHING BASE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR OF THE TOUCHING BASE IPDA NEWSLETTER

2024 has begun, and we are looking for passionate thought leaders to contribute to changing our industry by sharing their Integrated Project Delivery Projects, insights, philosophies, etc...anything and everything IPD.

The value of the IPDA newsletter: Touching Base lies in its content. If you would like to contribute or have any ideas, comments, or inquiries please email us at [comms@ipda.ca](mailto:comms@ipda.ca) as we are always open to suggestions for continuous improvement.

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## What's In This Month's Issue:

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# PLEASE WELCOME BACK THE RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS



DANIEL DROUIN  
IPDA President  
Drouin Consultants



LYNNELL CRONE  
Past President  
Bird Construction



PATRICK TAYLOR  
IPDA Treasurer  
WSP, Structures  
Alberta



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Knowledge & Competency  
Co-Chair  
EcoAmmo Sustainable  
Consulting



HOLLY WATSON  
Communications &  
Connections Co-Chair  
Bird Construction



RICK PEWS  
Board Member  
City of Barrie



CARLA CIEPLISKI  
Board Member  
Colliers Project Leaders

# WELCOME TO THE NEW INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2024



RITU AHUJA  
Kinetic Construction



JIM WALKER  
Ellis Don



JEFFERY TYSON  
Knowledge &  
Competency Co-Chair  
AltaPro



LOUIS PARENT  
Communications &  
Connections Co-Chair  
Builthink  
Consultants Inc.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS



DEAN LOEWEN  
Treasurer  
Altac Mechanical



JOHN FORD  
Secretary  
LEA Consulting Ltd.



BILL LETT  
Board Member  
Lett Architects Inc.



KEN JAEGER  
Board Member  
KTJ Consulting

Special thanks to Dean, John, Bill, and Ken for all their years of dedicated service to the Integrated Project Delivery Alliance Board. We trust you will all continue to support the organization as volunteers on PIT teams. Your knowledge and guidance has been invaluable.

# MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT

## Lynnell Crone



My term as President of the IPDA has gone by very quickly. I take immense pride in what this organization has accomplished over the past two years. Through the hard work, passion and expertise of our Board, our volunteers and our members, the IPDA has accomplished many things and grown significantly. I am honored that I had this time to guide our organization as we elevate industry by deepening the understanding and use of collaborative contracting. I am fortunate to have served as President for an

organization that has such a positive impact on project outcomes throughout Canada and beyond. Although my term as President is ending, I look forward to continuing my role on the IPDA Board as past President and being an active IPD practitioner.

I would like to welcome Daniel Drouin as our new President. Dan has served on the Board for several years and was Chair of the Communication & Connections committee. Dan has also been integral in deepening participation in IPDA throughout Quebec.

I hope to see many of you in a Big Room someday! - Lynnell

Lynnell with the Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) Water System Improvements Project Team featured in the June 2022 IPDA Newsletter.



# MESSAGE FROM INCOMING PRESIDENT

## Daniel Drouin

Dear Members of the Integrated Project Delivery Alliance,

I am deeply honored to address you as the newly elected President of our esteemed alliance. This role is not just a position of leadership but a testament to the trust and collaboration that we cherish in our organization.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the board and every member for your unwavering support. Your confidence in electing me as your President is both humbling and motivating. It is a privilege to follow in the footsteps of those who have skillfully steered this alliance, growing it into the powerhouse of expertise and innovation it is today.

Our journey thus far has been remarkable, characterized by the collective effort and dedication of each member. It's the synergy among us that transforms challenges into accomplishments. As we embrace new challenges, I am reminded that our greatest strength lies in our unity and diversity of thought.

Looking forward, I am excited to share my vision for our alliance. In a rapidly evolving industry, staying at the forefront of innovation, collaboration, and efficiency is paramount. My goal is to lead us into new realms of project delivery, where cutting-edge practices and sustainability are not just ideals but realities.

Excellence will continue to be our guiding star. I am committed to upholding the high standards that define us while striving for continuous improvement in all our endeavors. Our pursuit of excellence is not just in the projects we undertake but in every aspect of our alliance's operation.

Innovation thrives in an environment where ideas are freely exchanged. I encourage you to share your thoughts and feedback, as each insight contributes to our collective growth. My approach will be inclusive, ensuring that every voice is heard and valued.

As I take on this role, I am filled with optimism. With your support and collaboration, I am confident that we will achieve new heights of success. Let us embark on this journey with a shared vision, united in our efforts to make a lasting impact in the world of project delivery.

Thank you once again for this incredible opportunity. Here's to a future filled with innovation, collaboration, and excellence.

Warm regards,

Daniel Drouin  
President, Integrated Project Delivery Alliance



# NEW RIPPLE RESEARCH SURVEY

Have you learned something on an IPD project and then put it to work within your own organization, improving outcomes there? Researchers want to hear from you!

We know anecdotally that many individuals and companies that work on IPD projects learn new tools, techniques, and methodologies that improve outcomes, and that many of them then take those new learnings and put them to work inside their own organizations, improving outcomes there, creating a kind of “ripple effect” of benefit flowing from participation in IPD. Academic researchers from ETS, UBC, and UQAM are trying to quantify and measure those benefits.

Participate in the study [HERE](#)



## INVESTIGATING THE INTEGRATED PROJECT DELIVERY RIPPLE EFFECT

## IPDA VIRTUAL BOOT CAMP



IPDA has enlisted experts who will take you through real-life examples of IPD projects that are happening across Canada. Through a combination of presentation, conversation, simulation, and group activities, this boot camp will improve your knowledge and your company’s capacity, and be better prepared for an IPD opportunity!

IPDA membership companies and their employees are eligible for a \$200 discount!! Group rates for member and non-member companies are also available. Please email [info@ipda.ca](mailto:info@ipda.ca) for discount codes before registering.



**February 27, March 5 & March 12**  
**9am - 1pm MT ~ 11am - 3pm ET**  
Content delivered over 3 days for a total of  
**12 hours of instruction.**

Visit the events page of our website for additional information or to register: <https://ipda.ca/events/>

# UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY 2023

- IPDA Practitioner's Forum - An IPDA Members Only Event  
Friday, February 2nd, 2024  
9:00 am - 10:30 am (MST)  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm (EST)
- IPDA Webinar Series: IPDA Website Walkthrough  
Thursday, February, 15th, 2024  
9:00 am - 10:00 am (MST)  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm (EST)

Remember, your IPDA Membership is organization-wide – don't forget to share IPDA news & updates with your colleagues!

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## IPDA PRESENTATIONS AT BUILDEX VANCOUVER

IPDA President Lynnell Crone and Board Member Carla Ciepliski will be presenting at the 2024 BUILDEX Vancouver event! Attendee discount codes are available for #IPDA members. Please email [info@ipda.ca](mailto:info@ipda.ca) to request yours.

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