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IPDA CONFERENCE 2025: REAL TEAMS REAL CHALLENGES REAL RESULTS

WE ARE KICKING OFF PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2025 CONFERENCE!

Let's get REAL!! We can't wait to welcome everyone in Toronto this November with expanded conference offerings!

The IPDA is excited to start rolling out the first of many updates in preparation for our third in-person conference event. We are looking to build on the momentum and success that has been created over the past couple of years.

Tickets can now be purchased at Early Bird pricing, a block of hotel rooms has been reserved, the call for speakers is now open, and sponsorship opportunities are available. See below for additional details.

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CONFERENCE KEYNOTES



Dan Gardner, co-author of How Big Things Get Done

Gardner's journalism has earned nominations and wins in every major Canadian newspaper award category—including the National Newspaper Award, the Michener Award, and the Canadian Association of Journalists Award—highlighting his excellence in national affairs coverage.

He's the author of four acclaimed books: *Risk: The Science and Politics of Fear*; *Future Babble*; *Superforecasting: The Art and Science of Prediction*—named among the best books of 2015 by *The Economist*, Bloomberg, and Amazon - and *How Big Things Get Done*, co-authored with Professor Bent Flyvbjerg. His work has reached readers in 26 countries and 21 languages.

A recognized thinker on risk, decision-making, and project success, Gardner has consulted for organizations worldwide - including Google, Goldman Sachs, Siemens, Zurich Insurance, Khosla Ventures, and numerous governments and hedge funds.

Cole Webber, inventor, author & 'comprehensivist'



Cole Webber is the author of four books and holds patents in multiple countries. He has spoken internationally at over 40+ events in 6 countries, often as a keynote and including at a TEDx event.

His company won the Canadian federal government's COVID-19 Digital Clearinghouse challenge and received \$1.3 million in grants to develop technology to improve resiliency to supply chain and scheduling issues, first in healthcare and then in construction.



REAL TEAMS REAL CHALLENGES REAL RESULTS

NEW 2025 CONFERENCE OFFERINGS NOV 4TH - OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE LEARNING DAY

Each conference registration includes the option to purchase a discounted ticket for the Pre-Conference Learning Day, scheduled for November 4, 2025 (ahead of the main conference dates of November 5 & 6). This full-day training offers an excellent opportunity to deepen your knowledge ahead of the main event.

Featured Sessions include:

- Introduction to IPD
- LDCC – Lean-focused training topics.
- Target Value Delivery
- IPD Systems, Processes & Tools

Attendees may select this add-on during the conference registration process. Alternatively, individuals who wish to participate solely in the Pre-Conference Learning Day may register for it independently.



IS YOUR COMPANY LEADING THE IPD CONVERSATION IN CANADA?



SPONSORSHIP

We have created opportunities that offer exposure months and weeks before the event, through social media, the website and eNewsletters. On-site we'll ensure your brand is front and centre around the event, especially associated to your sponsorship selection.

BOOK NOW TO GET YOUR BRAND FRONT AND CENTRE EARLY!

2025 CALL FOR SPEAKERS NOW OPEN

Are you an industry thought leader, innovator, subject matter expert, or renowned speaker? Do you have insights and experiences to share with the wider AEC industry? Don't look any further. Submit an abstract for a place in the program comprising of project showcases, workshops, and "hot topic" discussions.



SPEAKERS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS AUGUST 6, 2025

EARLY BIRD PRICING IS ON NOW



REGISTER HERE!

Book early to guarantee your attendance at the 2025 conference. Early bird pricing is now live and will expire in August 2025.

A block of hotel rooms has also been reserved for attendees. Room availability is limited, so don't delay.

PLEASE VISIT THE CONFERENCE PAGE ON THE WEBSITE [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFO.

KINETIC CONSTRUCTION IPD TEAM DELIVERS FIRST EVER IPD CONTRACT FOR CITY OF BURNABY



Fire Hall No. 4 and Fire Hall No. 8 were built to address the needs of Burnaby's growing community and to uphold the City's commitment to public safety and emergency response. The City aimed to improve response times and coverage during fire emergencies, ensuring the well-being and safety of its residents.

Two existing fire halls were replaced with new two-storey, 15,000 sq. ft. structures featuring three drive-through bays. The new fire halls are seismically designed to meet post-disaster standards, include separated decontamination spaces for crews, and feature low-carbon heating and operations. Firehall 4 was a new replacement Firehall & Firehall 8 was on a new site by Simon Fraser University.

The IPD contract model offered several advantages over traditional models, including an accelerated schedule, mitigation of rising construction costs, an efficient permitting process, and enhanced team collaboration.



The project schedule was significantly accelerated. Validation was completed within 6 weeks. The two fire halls, from groundbreaking to handover, completed in just under 36 months (Design & Construction).

The IPD model also helped mitigate high construction costs caused by supply chain issues. By securing materials earlier in the process, the project team managed costs more effectively than traditional contract models. Being sibling halls the number of materials for both fire halls reduced costs and safeguarded against shortages. Firehall 4 and 8 had a short, staggered start between them which allowed the IPD team to take early lessons learned from FH4 into FH8 for continued success. During the procurement phase, materials were procured twice to allow the team to mitigate against market implications and costs. These types of strategic decisions made by the IPD team ensured the project's success.

Another significant benefit of the IPD contract delivery model was the efficient handling of the Heritage Permit process. Typically, when “potential” articles of interest were found, the Team was able to pivot to adjust the siting of the building on the site, to keep construction going, without incurring significant delay and related increases of costs. With the IPD model, the team secured immediate engagement from the provincial authority, which helped build momentum and address issues promptly. As a result, the Heritage Permit was cleared much faster than with traditional contract models.



An additional key benefit of the IPD model was the project team's open access to end users. The fire department and other key end users were actively involved in the process, unlike in typical delivery models. This helped expedite decision making, allowed the project

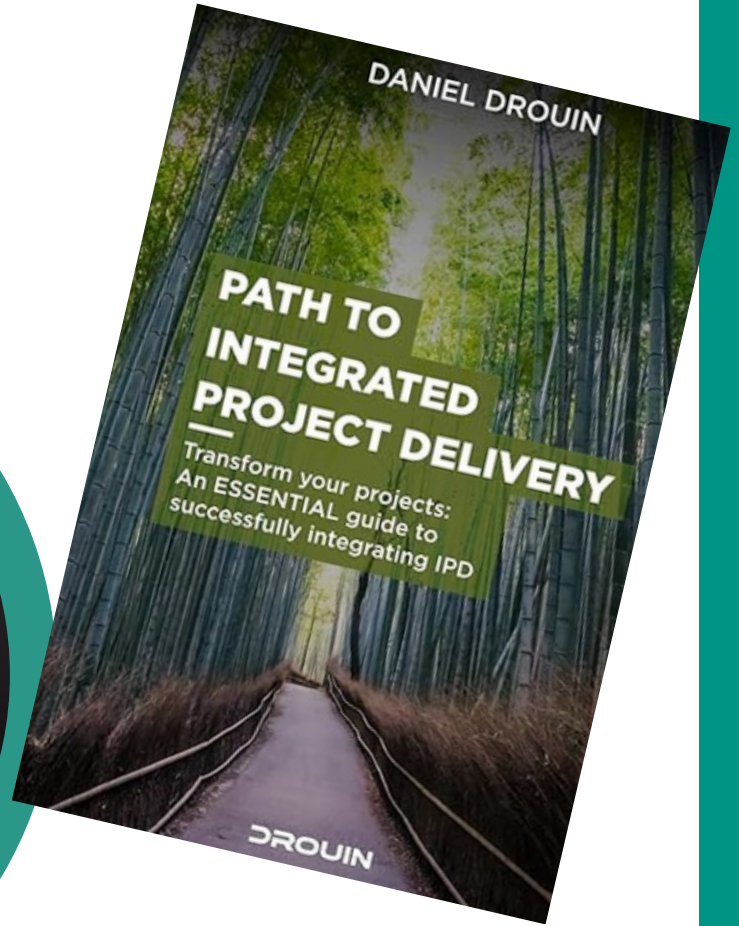
team understand the owner's Conditions of Satisfaction from day one, and accelerated the validation phase.

The IPD team's team buy-in was another advantage, as the team operated, "almost as a separate specialized single entity, with resources for all disciplines including civil and electrical engineers readily available to the client," said Kinetic Project Manager Brad Confrey. This collaborative approach eliminated the "us vs. them" mentality characteristic of typical delivery models, allowing the team to proactively address any constraints and roadblocks together.

Building on the project's success, the City of Burnaby has fully embraced the IPD model. Kinetic's IPD project team has also gone on to deliver four additional IPD contracts in the Lower Mainland & the first IPD RCMP detachment on Vancouver Island.

BOOK FEATURE

Path to Integrated Project Delivery



by Dan Drouin

Synopsis:

The construction industry is facing major challenges: delays, cost overruns, and conflicts. The traditional model is showing its limitations in the face of increasing demands. But another path is possible.

In this book, the author shares his experience and presents Integrated Project Delivery (IPD), a collaborative approach that transforms the way projects are designed and managed. By sharing risks, benefits, and responsibilities, IPD enables the creation of more efficient, sustainable, and profitable projects.

Join this construction revolution. Together, let's build a better future.

LET'S SHOWCASE WORK IN PROGRESS

IPD PROJECTS

Have your IPD project featured on IPDA LinkedIn and newsletter as part of our #WorkInProgressWednesday features.

Send your project progress and updates to comm@ipda.ca including:

- Your contact information
- Name & location of the project
- IPDA members associated with the project
- Any photos (that have been approved for distribution)
- Link to any media story, blog, or anything else from your company's marketing department that we can share



BUDDY PROGRAM REMINDER



We would like to encourage IPDA Members who attend the Member Practitioner Forum to “Bring a Buddy”.

If you know someone from a non-member organization who would like to gain a better understanding of what IPDA membership has to offer, bring them along to one of the Member Forums. Just send their name and email to info@ipda.ca, we will get them registered to attend.

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