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## **Moving in Together — Temporary Possessions/Occupations for Infrastructure Projects**

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021**

12:00 pm Eastern Time

**1 IRWA CEU**

Temporary Possessions/Occupations have become somewhat problematic for major infrastructure projects throughout the world. In the past, many of these requirements were required for a few months whereas we now have situations where the temporary rights are for years. The purpose of this seminar is to have infrastructure specialists from Australia, Canada, U.K. and the U.S. discuss challenges associated with this trend. Some of the discussion points include how different agencies are dealing with compensating and other factors such as a change in the highest and best use and the importance of maintaining a good relationship during this extended time period.

### **Speakers:**

**Michael McCall, MAI, President, McCall Valuation Concepts | United States**

**Colin Smith, Senior Director, CBRE | United Kingdom**

**Tom Smith, Land Access Lead, Infrastructure Planning and Approvals | Australia**

**Jay Wong, SR/WA, AACI, P. App, PLE, Senior Director, MPR Advisors Inc. | Canada**

### **Moderator:**

**Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, AACI, Senior Real Estate Infrastructure Specialist | Canada**

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### **Michael McCall, MAI, President, McCall Valuation Concepts | United States**

Michael was in private practice for 23 years until he accepted the position as Chief Appraiser for the VDOT. He retired in 2017 to pursue consulting and instruction (Appraisal Institute, Federal Hwy and USPAP). Michael holds the MAI designation has served on the AI National Board of Directors and is currently on the National Government Relations Committee. In the past, he served as Vice Chair of the Appraisal/Review Technical Council for AASHTO. In 2020, he received a national award from the Appraisal Institute for teaching and mentoring in the field of right of way appraisal and litigation. Michael continues to remain active with IRWA.

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### **Colin Smith, Senior Director, CBRE | United Kingdom**

Colin began his involvement in compulsory purchase and compensation work in the 1970s in the District Valuers Services. He joined CBRE in 2006 as Head of Compulsory Purchase and Compensation and is now a Senior Director; currently, he is primarily involved on High Speed 2 and other major infrastructure projects. He has appeared as an expert witness at the Lands Tribunal and The High Court on many occasions, several of which have become “leading cases.” Colin was Chairman of the Compulsory Purchase Association in 2007/08 Honorary Secretary 2009/13 and was awarded Honorary Membership in 2014. He is a member of the IRWA International Relations Committee.

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### **Tom Smith, Land Access Lead, Infrastructure Planning and Approvals | Australia**

For over 30 years, Tom’s experience in land matters has included road, rail and ports in state government authorities and the private infrastructure sector. From compulsory acquisition, tenure management and lease management, Tom moved into the rapidly developing Coal Seam Gas megaprojects that Australia had embraced. Tom has achieved success in resolving complex negotiations and developing key commercial strategies. Most recently, he has been responsible for leading land access negotiations for major gas pipeline projects on Australia’s east coast. As a founding member of IRWA Chapter 86, Tom is the current President of a growing member base across Australia.

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### **Jay Wong, SR/WA, AACI, P. App, PLE, Senior Director, MPR Advisors Inc. | Canada**

Jay has over 32 years of experience as a professional appraiser with expertise in providing support in complex real estate assignments for litigation, arbitration and expropriation matters to both government agencies and the private sector. His previous projects included the valuation and advisory for land-related matters in the energy sector for several transmission corridors throughout Ontario, and more recently, he has provided expert real estate support for a nuclear waste agency. Jay also has experience in providing valuation and quantification of damages to both agencies and claimants for road-widening projects, rapid transit corridors and new subway projects. Jay was previously IRWA Chapter 29’s President and currently serves Region 8’s Vice Chair.

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### **Moderator:**

### **Gordon MacNair, SR/WA, AACI, Senior Real Estate Infrastructure Specialist | Canada**

Gordon is a Senior Real Estate Infrastructure Specialist who has worked in the Infrastructure Right of Way profession for the past 30 years. Up until 2019, Mr. MacNair was the Director of the Corporate Real Estate Office for the City of Ottawa, where he oversaw all real estate matters for the City. He currently works as a consultant and teaches right of way and valuation courses for the IRWA and the Appraisal Institute of Canada. Gord is a Past IRWA International President, a past Balfour Award winner and a past recipient of the International Instructor of the Year Award.