

PSPMF 2023 AGENDA

8:00am – 8:40am

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

8:45am – 8:55am

WELCOME REMARKS - HPL AND PSPMF COMMITTEE

Paul Takala, CEO and Chief Librarian, Hamilton Public Library

Noelly Tamez, Program Director, e-City Program Information
and Technology Division, City of Toronto

9:00am – 9:45am

AI ... Changing "Change". How AI Is Impacting How We Live, Work and Play
Keith McDonald, Communications Specialist and Speaker Coach

9:45am – 10:05am

NETWORKING BREAK

10:10am – 10:55am

Change Lessons from a Corporate PMO Transformation
Mary Kennedy, Project Manager and Project Management Coach,
City of Cambridge

11:00am – 11:25am

LIGHTNING TALKS SESSIONS

Embracing Digital Tools in a Hybrid Work Environment
Elise Copps, Marketing Manager, Burlington Public Library

Making One Size Fits All Work Where It Hasn't Before
Andy Saito and Carrie Ismail, Service Experience, Region of Peel

Change Ingredients to Project Success
Ingrid Harris, Change Manager, Toronto Public Library

11:30am – 12:30pm

LUNCH

12:30pm – 1:15pm

It Starts With Us

Mark Georgui, Manager, Digital Technology Services,
Hamilton Public Library

Simona Dinu, Director, Public Services, Hamilton Public Library

1:20pm – 1:50pm

NETWORKING SESSION AND
MAKERSPACE TOUR

1:55pm – 2:55pm

PLANNING ACTIVITY

3:00pm – 3:45pm

VIDEO SESSION

Q and A with Gary Kent, Chief Administrative Officer,
Region of Peel

VIDEO SESSION

Q and A with Frank Di Palma, Chief Information Officer,
City of Vaughan

3:50pm – 4:00pm

CLOSING REMARKS - HPL AND PSPMF COMMITTEE

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SPEAKERS



PAUL TAKALA

Chief Librarian and CEO,
Hamilton Public Library

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Paul's 25 years in libraries have been focused on using technology innovation and collaborative leadership to increase the impact of public libraries.



KEITH MCDONALD

Communications Specialist
and Speaker Coach

AI ... Changing "Change"

A mentored Presentation Specialist and Speaker Coach, Keith's early background in teaching revealed a delightful talent for entertaining while encouraging critical thinking and inspiring others to adapt to change.



MARY KENNEDY

Project Manager and Project
Management Coach, City of Cambridge

*Change Lessons from a Corporate
PMO Transformation*

Mary has experience working in engineering consulting and a municipal setting. In her role as the Project Management Office Analyst at City of Cambridge, Mary is the steward of the 10-year capital plan.



MARK GEORGUI

Manager, Digital Technology Services,
Hamilton Public Library

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Mark recently attained his Doctor of Business Administration degree where his research focused on technology adoption, incorporating elements of consumer behaviour.



SIMONA DINU

Director, Public Services,
Hamilton Public Library

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A strategic thinker with over two decades of experience in the public sector, Simona is deeply committed to service excellence, lifelong learning and authenticity in all aspects of her life. Simona is also an instructor at Mohawk College and a Certified Executive Coach.



GARY KENT

Chief Administrative Officer,
Region of Peel

Q and A with Gary Kent

Gary joined the Region of Peel in 2021 as CFO and Commissioner of Corporate Services after 25 years of progressively senior roles at the City of Mississauga.



FRANK DI PALMA

Chief Information Officer,
City of Vaughan

Q and A with Frank Di Palma

Frank provides collaborative executive leadership to advance the overall vision, goals, strategies and plans for the effective and appropriate use of information technologies to further develop the City of Vaughan's system.