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# Rural Water Infrastructure

Thursday, March 22, 2018 @ 1:00pm CST

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## ABSTRACT

Come celebrate World Water Day with the RPLC! This webinar will explore the important policy issue of rural water infrastructure, considering drinking water, wastewater, and storm water aspects. Three speakers will present diverse perspectives from across Canada. The first speaker, Sarah-Patricia Breen (University of Saskatchewan) will introduce to rural water infrastructure challenges, speaking generally to the challenges found across the country, and highlighting opportunities related to asset management, staff training, and collaborative action. The next speaker Gerry Lahey (Municipal Affairs and Environment, Province of Newfoundland and Labrador) will discuss ways in which the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador address rural infrastructure challenges. The last speaker Paul Kraehling (University of Guelph) will discuss the importance of green infrastructure in relation to water in rural communities. This exciting panel will be moderated by Sarah Minnes (Memorial University of Newfoundland) and will allow ample time for facilitated discussion and questions.

## PANELISTS



**Sarah Breen**, has her PhD in Resource and Environmental Management from Simon Fraser University. Her dissertation focused on alternative approaches to drinking water management in rural communities. Currently, Sarah is a post-doc at the University of Saskatchewan working on a project entitled "Diagnosing policy and governance effectiveness for agricultural water management during times of change"



**Paul Kraehling**, is a PhD Rural Studies Candidate at the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development, University of Guelph. He is currently studying the use of nature as a green infrastructure planning tool to build resilient rural communities. He also teaches and works on various research projects at the University. Paul is a member of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and is a Registered Professional Planner. He has worked in the municipal planning field for over 35 years.



**Gerry Lahey**, is an Environmental Scientist for the Water Resources Management Division of Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment. Gerry plays a pivotal role in the operator training program in the province and has made a long-term commitment throughout his career to make a difference in the quality of Newfoundland and Labrador's drinking water.