REDay & Career Forum
Panelist Information
Jodie Wacko is a recognized industry leader and Registered Professional Planner with over 25 years of experience managing community design, planning and development projects. With a belief that a good community is one that changes over time and provides members with a feeling of safety and belonging, he has shaped the direction, pushed design boundaries and profitability in Edmonton's communities.
Amit Grover has been a Commercial Real Estate Broker specializing in Multi-Family apartment sales for over 15 years. Through the last decade Amit has seen a number of trends occur in the Edmonton Multi-Family market, from the condo conversion boom of 2006 and the plethora of new suburban development in 2014 to the vertical downtown core developments being announced today. Having worked with private investors of every size, medium and large scale REITs and pension funds, Amit truly understands every facet of the Alberta Multi-Family market, regardless of the economic climate.

Amit was previously a Senior Vice President at Colliers International and brings his experience to the Edmonton Avison Young office as Principal, with the Multi-Family team. Amit has sold over 5,000 apartment units and 25 acres of infill and suburban land across Alberta. His total asset sales to date exceeds $750M.
Erik Dmytruk is a Managing Director at Slate Securities and has nearly two decades of real estate investing experience. Most recently he was Director, Real Estate at Alberta Investment Management Corporation (AIMCo) focused on Retail, and Special Situations, leading innovative capital markets activities such as investment in public and private real estate companies, and portfolio debt issuance. He started his career at AIMCo in 2003 and played an integral role in growing AIMCo’s real estate investments from a $2 billion domestic portfolio to more than $21 billion globally. He gained extensive experience in all aspects of the real estate investment process including acquisitions, development, tactical asset planning, leasing initiatives, JV arrangements, portfolio construction and risk management.

He managed a public markets portfolio with a value in excess of $650 million which was successfully implemented in order to complement the global real estate portfolio by taking advantage of dislocations that occur in public markets, and to diversify with strategic long-term investments. Prior to joining AIMCo, he competed briefly on the professional tennis circuit after earning ITA NCAA All America team status as a collegiate athlete.

Erik graduated with Honors from the University of California – Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, and he is a CFA Charterholder.
Ryan Zacharuk has worked in the Canadian Commercial Real Estate Industry since 2002, holding roles in brokerage, development, and valuation & consulting.

With Altus Group, Ryan has been responsible to lead an Edmonton based multi-disciplinary team of commercial real estate consultants in all sectors of commercial real estate throughout Western Canada.

Ryan's latest role involves expanding Canadian services to a North American client base and is responsible to grow the Altus network to achieve growth in US and Canadian valuation managed services.

Ryan has earned his reputation as an accomplished consultant and leader. He works closely with many of Canada and North America's largest Pension Funds, REITS, and Investment Funds as well as having deep rooted relationships with a local and regional client base. Ryan is actively involved in valuation, data analytics, and investment managed services for this institutional client base.
As Vice President, Real Estate & Construction Services, Carla Woodward leads a team of professionals specializing in providing financial services to owners and developers of income producing real estate, land developers, homebuilders, integrated real estate companies and construction contractors and subcontractors. Her market area includes Edmonton and Northern Alberta. She is responsible for informing and executing market and client strategies that enable RBC’s clients in these industries to grow and prosper.

Carla joined RBC in 1990 as a commercial account manager and has had a diverse commercial banking career in Edmonton, Calgary and Toronto, including roles in energy lending, risk management, human resources, commercial client segment strategies, mid-market account management and Aboriginal banking. She worked at another financial institution from 2009 to 2015 in a commercial banking leadership role and assumed her current role at RBC in January, 2015. Carla holds a Bachelor of Arts (English) and an MBA in Organizational Analysis from the University of Alberta. She has been on the Board of Directors of the Alberta Diabetes Foundation since 2014.
Matthew Woolsey has been with York Realty for a decade and at its helm for the past three years. As President, he sets the direction for York, guides the team to achieve its goals and deliver on its promises, and provides timely and effective service for our diverse client base. His ability to be nimble and make decisions quickly is a crucial part of York Realty’s competitive edge. Matt developed his passion for real estate as a child, when his father Glenn took him for weekend drives to go look at interesting properties.

A husband and father of three, Matt is committed to his family and community. Over the years, he has supported several nonprofit organizations that focus on the health and wellbeing of children and teens, including Little Warriors, Youth Empowerment & Support Services (YESS) and the Stollery Children’s Hospital Foundation. He is also involved with Scouts Canada and YPO.

Matt has a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Waterloo and an MBA from the University of Toronto.
Tom Shearer grew up in Edmonton’s Laurier Heights Neighborhood. While going to school he participated in Cross Country Running, Alpine Ski Racing, and Sailboat Racing. Upon graduation from Ross Sheppard High School, Tom raced for the Canadian Sailing Team in the Tornado Catamaran Class, trying out for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Tom has also worked as a Sailing Instructor, Ski Resort Supervisor, and Restaurant Supervisor at a popular Edmonton restaurant. He completed a Management Studies diploma from Grant MacEwan before entering into Real Estate. Working as a Realtor has allowed Tom to settle down in Edmonton where he is now married and has three little girls and a son. He still enjoys sailboat racing and goes out skiing whenever he can. Tom Shearer works as a Real Estate agent and broker with Royal LePage where he has worked for over 20 years.

Tom was honoured with the Royal LePage Award of Excellence for his outstanding work in the real estate industry. Tom’s skills go far beyond real estate, before he was sailing through real estate, he raced for the Canadian Sailing Team in the Tornado Catamaran Class. Tom completed a Management Studies Diploma from Macewan University which paved the way for his entry into a successful real estate career.