

Andrew Grunda, MBA, CPA, CMA

Principal



Andrew is involved in studies related to local government finance, financial operations and policy, and long-term infrastructure planning.

He is also a member of the senior management group, which develops interpretations of legislative requirements, methodologies and alternative policy strategies for corporate assignments related to municipal finance.

He leads development application approval process user fee studies, striving to provide municipalities with full cost recovery user fees for Planning Act, Municipal Act and Building Code Act mandated services. Municipalities use these studies to address the increased cost justification for user fees as required under the Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act.

Andrew also authors studies on matters relating to the Development Charges Act, full cost recovery water and wastewater financial plans, as required under the Safe Drinking Water Act, and long-range financial planning.

Andrew often leads workshops on behalf of partner associations that address the implications of the proposed legislation associated with these Acts.

EDUCATION

2012, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario
Chartered Professional Accountant designation

2005
Certified Management Accountant designation

2005, Wilfrid Laurier University
Master of Business Administration

1996, Brock University
Bachelor of Business Administration



EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Current

Principal, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

- Appointed in March 2012 and holds executive authority in the firm.

Managing Partner, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

- Carries co-responsibility for the firm's municipal sector practice.
- Participates in development charge, development applications approvals process user fee, municipal restructuring, municipal finance, water and wastewater rate, and market studies.

1995-1996

Budget Clerk, Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth, Finance Department

- Assisted with the peer review of the Constituent Assembly's Report on Municipal Reform.
- Monitored budgetary exception control systems, account analysis and reconciliations.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario

EXPERTISE

- Asset management/PSAB
- DC hearings/post DC by-law
- Developer/cost sharing
- Development application fees
- Development charges
- Economic impact of development
- Feasibility/business case studies
- Municipal financial planning and policy
- Municipal service master planning and EAs
- Water and sewer rate studies