



## Raivo Uukkivi

Partner

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### Office

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### Expertise

- Municipal, Planning & Environmental
- Aboriginal
- Construction
- Hospitality
- Mining
- Real Estate & Development
- Universities & Colleges
- Regulatory

### Biography

Raivo Uukkivi\* is Co-Chair of the Municipal, Planning & Environment Group at Cassels. Raivo acts primarily for private sector clients, while also acting on select mandates for public sector clients. Raivo advises on decisions or actions that arise from the development, use and ownership of land, as well as other issues touching upon or related to municipal law. This includes all aspects of the land use planning and development process from solicitors' work required to obtain an approval through to litigation or controversy that arises from the land development process. Raivo is frequently involved in disputes with conservation authorities, property and title disputes, environmental approvals and disputes, green energy project approvals, municipal by-law challenges, municipal conflicts of interest matters, elections disputes, municipal taxation, archaeological matters and freedom of information requests. He also works on construction and infrastructure-related controversy where the matters involve municipalities.

Raivo is a trial and hearing lawyer that frequently appears before the Ontario Land Tribunal (formerly the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) and has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario including the Superior Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal. Recognizing that in appropriate circumstances disputes can be resolved through mediation and arbitration, Raivo is a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario and has a certificate in Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution. He is also a member of Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) and a long-standing member of the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) programming committee. For a number of years, Raivo has taught the topic of Duty to Consult in Ontario Development as part of the Aboriginal Law component of the Planning Law course at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU).

Raivo has been recognized as a leader in zoning law by Chambers Canada which notes that he is "commended for his business-minded and practical approach" as well as having received recognition from Lexpert for his expertise in environmental law and Best Lawyers for his experience in municipal law.

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## Achievements

- *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Municipal Law)
- *Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory* (Environmental Law) (2017)
- *Chambers Canada* (Real Estate: Zoning)
- *Lexpert Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation Lawyers in Canada* (Lawyer to Watch) (2017)
- *Niagara Moot Competition*, Best Oral Argument and Second place Overall

## Client Commentary

- “Raivo Uukkivi is responsive and very strategic with an excellent understanding of the law.” – *Chambers Canada (Real Estate: Zoning)*
- “Raivo is attentive to his client’s needs and is very quick to respond.” – *Chambers Canada (Real Estate: Zoning)*
- “Commended for his business-minded and practical approach, as well as his ability to build strong relationships.” – *Chambers Canada (Real Estate: Zoning)*

## Recent Representative Work

- GreanSeal Acquired by Atlas Global
- WMG Technologies Completes Sale to ABC Technologies for US\$165 million
- ThinkLIP Acquired by Alpine Software
- Epiq Solutions Acquires Xiphos Systems
- Spark Power Completes \$35 Million Sale of Bullfrog Power to Envest

## Insights

- Supreme Court of Canada Finds Federal Impact Assessment Act Largely Unconstitutional (Cassels Webinar)
- What Now? The Supreme Court of Canada Finds the Federal Impact Assessment Act Largely Unconstitutional
- The Slow Road or Fast Track? Environmental Assessment Approval for Highway 413

## Education / Bar Admissions

- LL.B., Western University, 2003
- B.A. (Hons) (with Distinction), Western University, 2000

- Ontario, 2004

## **Associations**

- Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD)
- Ontario Bar Association
- The Advocates' Society
- Toronto Lawyers Association
- Urban Land Institute, Programming Committee Member