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Highlights

Case Law

- Parks—Standard of Care—Monitoring—Municipalities are not expected to conduct dangerous tree assessments in forested areas of parks which are rarely used, and such areas cannot be seen as "playgrounds" which might attract such assessment as part of a standard of care: Saloojee v. Gibsons (Town), 2025 CarswellBC 371, 2025 BCCA 49 (B.C. C.A.).
- Attacks on By-laws—Grounds—Illegality and Unconstitutionality—Preventing nuisance gatherings which could result in harm to people and property by bylaw has been upheld and an injunction granted because Charter freedoms related to expression and association are no absolute: Waterloo (City) v. Persons Unknown, 2025 ONSC 1572, 2025 CarswellOnt 3103, 175 O.R. (3d) 226, 58 M.P.L.R. (6th) 76 (Ont. S.C.J.).
- **Property—Disposition—Appeal—**While challenges to sale of surplus lands may be made in court, those challenging must have an acknowledged interest in the matter and failure to have such an interest will lead to dismissal of the proposed action: 2417563 Ontario Inc. v. Brampton (City), 2025 CarswellOnt 1671, 2025 ONSC 1020 (Ont. Div. Ct.).
- Injunction—Grounds—Irreparable Harm—Where there was strong evidence that a nuisance gathering by-law was being breached and there was a high probability of irreparable harm arising from a nuisance gathering, an interlocutory in junction was granted: *Waterloo (City) v. Persons Unknown*, 2025 ONSC 1572, 2025 CarswellOnt 3103, 175 O.R. (3d) 226, 58 M.P.L.R. (6th) 76 (Ont. S.C.J.).