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Highlights

Case Law

- **Revenues—Assessment—Taxable Property**—where packaging equipment was related to logistics and distribution and was found not to be an integral part of the operation of a plant, it was held not to be machinery or equipment: *Cavendish Farms Corporation v. Lethbridge (City)*, 2024 CarswellAlta 3384, 2024 ABKB 768 (Alta.K.B.).
- **Highways—Repairs—Legal Context**—Municipalities must conduct repairs within the context of other laws and must not disregard illegal impacts of repair work. Because of the failure to comply or even attempt to comply with the *Endangered Species Act*, the Court declined to approve a declaration respecting the municipality's failure to comply: *Marmora and Lake (Municipality) v. Ontario*, 2025 CarswellOnt 88, 2025 ONCA 10 (Ont.C.A.).
- **Actions—Limitations—Delay**—Whenever the facts become clear, as in a case where a bridge was deteriorating and the municipality delays filing an action, the action will be dismissed where limitation periods have been exceeded: *Edmonton (City) v. Clara Industrial Services Limited*, 2024 CarswellAlta 3386, 2024 ABCA 416 (Alta.C.A.).
- **Municipal Wrongs—Invasion of Privacy—Police Surveillance**—Merely recording passersby in the context of surveillance for purposes of deterring the production of racist graffiti has not been found to be an unreasonable invasion of privacy: *Papenbrock-Ryan v. Vancouver (City)*, 2024 CarswellBC 3746, 2024 BCSC 2288, 55 M.P.L.R. (6th) 301 (B.C.S.C.).