



**DECEMBER 2009.** CanMAPP members in Ontario convened on November 13 and 14 in Oakville to receive an update on the progress of public licensing in Ontario from **Larry Tomlin** (pictured) of the Ontario Society of Management Accountants. **Bob Parry** of the national Society was in attendance to add the national perspective to the issue.



The two-day event was filled with ideas to strengthen one's bottom line. **Steve McIntyre-Smith** (pictured) illustrated innovative ways to land higher-quality clients. **Kevin Angell** outlined the financial help SR&ED could provide a business and its accountant.



**Paul Komarnicky** discussed various tax-efficient business structures, and **Lawrence Shum** introduced everyone to the rewarding field of tax disputation.

The strong Canadian dollar is changing the shopping habits of many Canadians, particularly those who live within driving distance of the US border.

As part of an anti-terrorism program, a policy of the US **Department of Homeland Security** gives US customs agents powers to seize notebook computers and other electronic devices of travellers at the border. Customs agents do not need suspicion of wrongdoing to confiscate the electronic devices, and data contained therein may be shared with other agencies for decryption or other purposes. In August this year, the **American Civil Liberties Union**, the **Electronic Frontier Foundation** and the **Asian Law Caucus** have launched lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the policy.

Until the Orwellian transgressions are stopped, one's privacy flies out of the window at the US border. As suggested in our August 2008 newsletter, cleanse (cleansing involves more than just deleting files – consult a geek for details) your electronic devices of all sensitive information before crossing the border. The now-defrocked bishop of Antigonish, Nova Scotia would undoubtedly wish he had heeded the advice.

CanMAPP wishes all its members a Joyous Holiday Season and... bountiful cross-border shopping!

### Join Us in Vancouver!

CanMAPP AGM: 22 January 2010  
BC PD Weekend: 22 ~ 24 January 2010  
Location: Hilton Vancouver Metrotown  
Burnaby BC

For agenda and registration, visit: [CanMAPP.ca](http://CanMAPP.ca)

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