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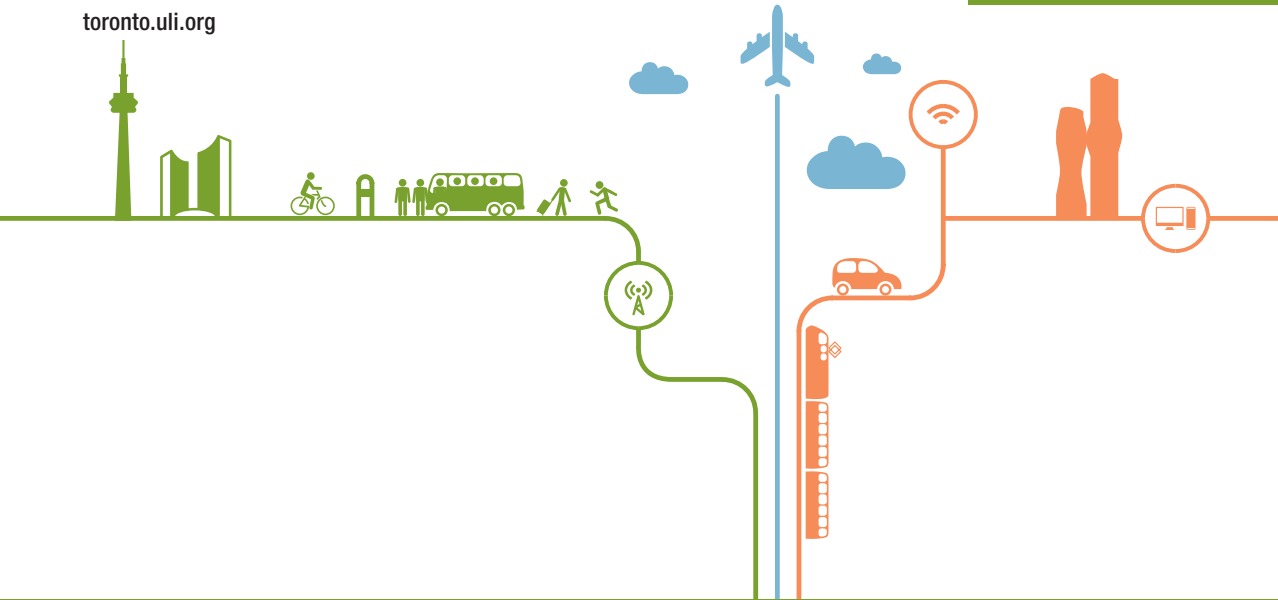
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**ELECTRIC
CITIES**

Inspiring Better City Building,
Community By Community



The ULI Toronto Symposium will challenge Canada's largest and fastest growing city region to become the global leader on how to make cities better places to live, work, learn, play and invest. Convening experts internationally and regionally to address the most current real estate topics at the intersection of

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF ULI TORONTO

On behalf of the ULI Toronto Management Committee and Advisory Board, I am pleased to welcome you to the ULI Toronto 2017 Symposium. Thank you for joining us.

This is ULI Toronto’s second symposium following our successful November 2015 Symposium, that pursued our exploration of the interconnecting city-region building themes of placemaking, mobility and technology. While this year’s broad themes are the same, the social and technological context around these themes have changed significantly.

Throughout our two-day program, we are presenting conversations that are very different today than they would have been two years ago. Such is the pace of change in the world we live, work and play in.

Two years ago, the prospect of the autonomous vehicle was just breaking into our collective consciousness. Now, AV’s are becoming central to our thinking as city builders. But today, our understanding of the impact of new technologies such as virtual and augmented reality or fintech is very much nascent. As a future-oriented forum, these are some of the innovations that feature strongly in this year’s Symposium program.

Similarly, our programming tackles a range of important city building topics such as the intersection of food and real estate, the integration of private transportation systems into mass public transit, reimagining mobility in the suburbs, unlocking challenging public realm opportunities to enhance

urban mobility and liveability, tackling the urban crisis of housing affordability and building communities that reverse greenhouse gas impacts – to name just a few.

However, focusing on the great urban challenges is not all that our symposium sets out to cover. We made sure that celebrating our city’s great successes and global leadership are also prominent take-a-ways. From our opening keynote, ‘Global Giants Local Heroes’ to our final day-2 City of Toronto led symposium ‘Design for Unprecedented Growth’ we allow our urban region to take a bow. We have a lot to be proud about!

I am especially pleased that this year’s symposium advances our Electric Cities commitment to expand ULI Toronto’s leadership beyond our traditional professional audience. A large number of our attendees are community and civil society leaders from across the region. We know that the discussions that we have over the next two days have more meaning and impact when the leaders of the communities we seek to support are part of the conversation.

Finally, I want to thank our many sponsors whose generous support has enabled us to assemble such an incredible two-day conference. Special thanks to Toronto Pearson, IBI, Hatch and Woodbine Entertainment for your leadership in bringing this event together.

I hope you all enjoy this special symposium.



Derek Goring
Chair
ULI Toronto

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Registration & Light Breakfast

8:00 a.m. **106**

Opening Keynote: Global Giants Local Heroes

9:00 a.m.

Electric Cities

10:00 a.m.

Morning Refreshments

10:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions (Attend 1 of 3)**

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104C Adaptable Plans for Resilient Cities

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104AB

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103AB Can Technology Integrate Public and Private
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11:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions (Attend 1 of 3)**

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104C From an Old Model That is Just Not Good Enough?

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103AB Finance Real Estate in Canada

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Networking Lunch

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Keynote: Start Up City

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104C

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5:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Meet the Chiefs Gala • Delta Toronto • SOCO Ballroom

APRIL 25, 2017 - DAY 2

7:30 a.m. **Foyer 105**

Registration & Light Breakfast

7:55 a.m. **106**

Opening Keynote: The New Urban Crisis

8:45 a.m.

Morning Address: Premier Kathleen Wynne

9:00 a.m.

Morning Refreshments

9:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions (Attend 1 of 3)**

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104AB on the City's Edge

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103AB

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104C What Can We Learn From Their Success?

11:30 a.m. **Foyer 105**

Networking Lunch

12:00 p.m. **106**

From High-Line to Millennium Park: How Major Parks Transform the
Urban Experience

1:15 p.m. **Foyer 105**

Networking Refreshment Break

Design for Unprecedented Growth: City of Toronto Symposium

106

2:30pm Introduction: A Pivotal Moment - City Building in Toronto

2:50pm How We Got Here

3:05pm Design Solutions – Public Realm

3:30pm Design Solutions – Architecture

3:50pm Panel Discussion

4:20 p.m.

Adjournment

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

New York City's High Line and Recent work: Elizabeth Diller of Diller
Scofidio + Renfro - Isabel Bader Theatre - Free Public Event

APRIL 24 - DAY 1

7:15 a.m.

Foyer 105

REGISTRATION & LIGHT BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m.

Room 106

OPENING KEYNOTE: GLOBAL GIANTS LOCAL HEROES

A celebration of international land use leadership rooted in the Toronto Region. Featuring a “super panel” of corporate giants and global city building leaders and investors who call Toronto home and the world their market. The panel will put a spotlight on our region’s urban leadership and impact around the world.

Moderator: Jan De Silva, President & CEO,
Toronto Region Board of Trade

Panel:

Jim Berry, Principal Project Manager, Hatch

Michael Cooper, Chief Responsible Officer, Dream Unlimited Corp.

David Thom, President, IBI Group

Michael Turner, EVP & Head of Canada, Oxford Properties Group

9:00 a.m.

Room 106

ELECTRIC CITIES

The ELECTRIC CITIES panel will kick off this year’s symposium by spotlighting the need and potential for city-building in place-making, mobility and technology to have global impact by engaging communities, supporting civil society and fostering economic prosperity.

Moderator:

Sevaun Palvetzian, Chief Executive Officer, CivicAction

Panel:

Cyndi Rottenberg-Walker, Partner, Urban Strategies Inc.

Leslie Woo, Chief Planning Officer, Metrolinx

Mark Kindrachuk, President & Founder,
Intermarket Real Estate Group

10:00 a.m.

Foyer 104

MORNING REFRESHMENTS

10:30 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions (Attend 1 of 3)

SESSION A1

ROOM 104C

WATERPROOF: EXPLORING THE IMPACT OF WATER AND ADAPTABLE PLANS FOR RESILIENT CITIES



Rapidly rising water levels, water deficiencies, and violent storm events are some of the most destructive issues to hit urban centres – and they’re increasing in frequency. What are the critical vulnerabilities and what can be done to build more resilient cities?

Moderator:

Lisa Bate, Regional Managing Principal, North America,
B+H Architects

Panel:

Matthijs Bouw, President, One Architecture + Urbanism

Seana Irvine, Chief Strategist, Evergreen

Brian Denney, Chief Executive Officer,
Toronto Region Conservation Authority

SESSION B1

ROOM 104AB

DISRUPTIONS AND INNOVATIONS

The rise of public expectations coupled with the heightened pace of technological innovation is transforming how we move across our cities and regions. This session provides an overview of innovations driving disruption to mobility and discusses the challenges to achieving anticipated benefits.

Moderator:

Paul Kulig, Urban Design + Transportation Leader,
Toronto, Perkins+Will

Panel:

Scott Corwin, Managing Director, Future of Mobility Leader,
Deloitte Consulting

Sue Zielinski, Independent Consultant

SESSION C1

ROOM 103AB

BRIDGING INSTEAD OF DISRUPTING: CAN TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS TO CREATE MOBILITY AS A SERVICE (MAAS)?

In the wake of disruptive technologies like Uber and driverless cars and the rising popularity of private ride-sharing services, are our public transit systems threatened? The rapid expansion of these services are offering people more mobility choices than ever before. But can these private services work together with public transit? The panel will examine opportunities to bring together all forms of transportation into one seamless experience for commuters.

Moderator:

Mary-Frances Turner, President,
York Region Rapid Transit Commission

Panel:

Bob Laramy, Director, Strategy & Enterprise Practices,
Metrolinx, PRESTO Division

Sheldon McCormick, General Manager, Uber

Kevin McLaughlin, Vice President, Business Development,
Blanc Labs

11:30 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions (Attend 1 of 3)

SESSION A2

ROOM 104AB

DIY PLACEMAKING: TAPPING INTO CITIZEN CAPACITY TO INNOVATE AND EFFECT CHANGE



From pop-up parkettes to laneway beautification projects, temporary art installations to guerilla bike lanes, independent groups are leading the charge to change the communities they live in. Are these projects Band-Aid solutions to larger urban

issues or are they indicators of the untapped civic potential of residents to grow our cities from the bottom up?

Moderator:

Dave Meslin, Creative Director, Toronto Public Space Committee

Panel:

Jonathan Berk, New England Director, Patronicity

Alexis Kane Speer, Executive Director, The STEPS Initiative

Michelle Senayah, Co-Founder & Director, The Laneway Project

SESSION B2

ROOM 104C

GETTING AROUND THE SUBURBS: HOW DO WE MOVE AWAY FROM AN OLD MODEL THAT IS JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH?

ARUP

Not everyone has bought into this paradigm of new mobility. For decades, provincial policies have directed growth to denser urban areas supported by enhanced mobility. Suburban office parks and malls continue to pop up and global corporations continue to locate outside the urban cores. Sprawling residential developments still rely on the automobile for access. What are we missing? What are the right-sized mobility solutions?

Moderator:

John Lorinc, Journalist, Freelance

Panel:

Pamela Blais, Principal, Metropole Consultants Ltd.

Wes Guckert, President, The Traffic Group

Caroline Karvonen, Environmental Coordinator, Alectra Utilities Corporation

John MacKenzie, Deputy City Manager, Planning & Growth Management, City of Vaughan

SESSION C2

103AB

FINTECH DISRUPTION: HOW CROWD FUNDING CAN WORK TO FINANCE REAL ESTATE IN CANADA



Crowd funding has been very successful in the USA and is now in Canada. How has this disruptive technology changed the lending landscape and what opportunities does it provide for new developments? This session will explore the differences between the American and Canadian regulations, what developers and existing lenders think of this new technology - and how crowd funding could work for your next project.

Moderator:

Julianne Gu, Associate, McCarthy Tétrault LLP

Panel:

Shawn Feldon, Director, Mortgage Investments, KingSett Capital

Amar Nijjar, Founder & CEO, R2 Capital

Hitesh Rathod, Chief Executive Officer, NexusCrowd Inc.

12:30 p.m.

Foyer 105

NETWORKING LUNCH

1:30 p.m.

Room 106

KEYNOTE: START UP CITY

Gabe Klein is the Co-Founder of CityFi, an entrepreneur, author, investor and former government official and the former Commissioner of the Chicago and Washington DC Departments of Transportation. In 2014, he was a Senior Visiting Fellow at ULI. Author of Start-Up City: Inspiring Private and Public Entrepreneurship, Getting Projects Done, and Having Fun.

Following his presentation Gabe will be conducting a book signing in the foyer close to the registration desk.

2:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (Attend 1 of 3)

SESSION A3

ROOM 103AB

MISSING LINKS: RECLAIMING LINEAR INFRASTRUCTURE TO CONNECT AND ENERGIZE COMMUNITIES



Cities all over are turning formerly divisive infrastructure like rail lines and highways into new public spaces that link communities and provide amenities that serve their growing urban populations. How can we learn from the best of these examples to advance and accelerate Toronto's transformation?

Moderator:

Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, Director, Transportation Infrastructure Management, City of Toronto

Panel:

Geoff Cape, Chief Executive Officer, Evergreen

Scott Dobson, Friends of the Toronto Railpath

Helena Grdadolnik, Director, Workshop Architecture

Marc Ryan, Principal & Co-Founder, PUBLIC WORK

SESSION B3

ROOM 104C

BEATING THE EQUITY CONUNDRUM

The cost of housing and accessibility to transportation are two oft-cited factors that lead to social and economic inequity in our cities. How do each of them contribute to inequity – and is one a greater driver than the other? Our panelists tease out the issues in a spirited debate.

Moderator:

Dina Graser

Panel:

Cherise Burda, Executive Director, Ryerson City Building Institute

Margie Carlson, Deputy Executive Director, Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association

Ahmed El-Geneidy, Associate Professor, School of Urban & Regional Planning, McGill University

Matti Siemiatycki, Associate Professor, Geography & Planning, University of Toronto

SESSION C3

ROOM 104AB

HOW TECHNOLOGY IS SOLVING URBAN PROBLEMS?

OPPORTUNITIES FROM REGIONAL TO LOCAL LEVELS

Technology has enabled all types of industries to streamline and improve their businesses. With the advent of the Internet of Things (IoT) and Big Data; as well as the increased use of sensors, robots and drones – what benefits are now available to the real estate industry? The panel will examine large scale Regional opportunities; as well as the impact on local solutions for individual projects.

Moderator:

Marcy Burchfield, Executive Director, Neptis Foundation

Panel:

Francesca Birks, Foresight + Innovation Lead, Arup

Amy Erixon, Principal & Managing Director, Avison Young

Walter Hughes, Vice President,
Humphreys & Partners Architects, L.P.

3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions (Attend 1 of 3)

SESSION A4

ROOM 104AB

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - GROWING REAL ESTATE APPETITES



Food is an attraction, builds community and is fundamental to life. From integrated urban agriculture to farmer's markets to food halls, food is increasingly key to establishing and strengthening real estate markets and creating the foundation for great neighbourhoods.

Moderator:

Rob Spanier, Partner & Principal, LiveWorkLearnPlay

Panel:

Hans Baldauf, Founding Principal, BCV Architects

Jonathan Downey, Co-Founder, London Union

Mazyar Mortazavi, President & CEO, TAS

Sam Schatz, Managing Director, Corporate Development, AeroFarms

SESSION B4

ROOM 103AB

POST FOSSIL CITY

City building has leaped to the forefront of the climate change challenge, sparking an international innovation race to design economically competitive, socially equitable, and environmentally sustainable urban regions, and the ultimate integration of mobility and community. Last month, Waterfront Toronto launched what it seeks to be a globally precedent setting, climate-positive community called Quayside. This panel will put an international lens on Toronto's bold leadership ambition.

Moderator:

Ryan Falconer, Integrated Planning Leader, Arup Canada

Panel:

Will Fleissig, President & CEO, Waterfront Toronto

Maarten Hajer, Professor of Urban Futures, Utrecht University

Jenny McMinn, Managing Director, BuildGreen Solutions Inc.

SESSION C4

ROOM 104C

IMPLEMENTING VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS: IS SEEING - BELIEVING?



Virtual Reality (VR) technology is rapidly transforming the world of real estate development. VR has shifted from a technical use to creating a physical, emotional presence. From concept to design development to marketing, VR has changed the way we see things. Find out for yourself in this experiential and interactive session demonstrating how VR can be integrated into the real estate development process.

Moderator:

Norm Li, Principal, Norm Li

Panel:

Vince Hui, Associate Professor, Ryerson University

David Menard, Product Owner, Autodesk Revit Live, Autodesk

Kenneth Pimentel, Senior Product Manager, Epic Games

4:30 p.m.

Foyer 104

NETWORKING RECEPTION



MEET THE CHIEFS GALA

April 24 · 5:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Delta Toronto, SOCO Ballroom

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MEET THE CHIEFS GALA

(Attendance is not included in ULI Symposium registration and is sold out)

ULI Toronto's 3rd annual regional gala event for the professional land use community celebrating the synergies between the private and public sectors.

An evening with senior municipal and provincial planning and development officials of the Toronto Region with an **ELECTRIC CITIES** panel discussion focused on urban intensification and the region's rapidly expanding electrified transit infrastructure.

5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. | Cocktail Reception

6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. | Dinner

7:30 P.M. - 8:45 P.M. | Panel Discussion

7:30 a.m.

Foyer 105

REGISTRATION & LIGHT BREAKFAST

7:55 a.m.

Room 106

OPENING KEYNOTE: THE NEW URBAN CRISIS

How Our Cities Are Increasing Inequality, Deepening Segregation, and Failing the Middle Class-and What We Can Do About It

Richard Florida, Author, *The New Urban Crisis*

Richard will be conducting a book signing in the foyer close to the registration desk during morning refreshments.

8:45 a.m.

Room 106

MORNING ADDRESS: PREMIER KATHLEEN WYNNE

Premier Kathleen Wynne, Province of Ontario

9:00 a.m.

MORNING REFRESHMENTS

9:30 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions (Attend 1 of 3)

SESSION A5

ROOM 104AB

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH: TRANSFORMATIVE PLACE-MAKING ON THE CITY'S EDGE



BA Group

Making great places is easiest where you have an established real estate market that supports a mix of uses, good mobility choices and an existing physical context. How do we do it when some of these essential features are missing? In the northwest GTA, three significant landowners, each with unique anchors, are thinking anew about how to get this right as they look to urbanize their lands and create community vibrancy in a challenging area of the city.

Moderator:

Joe Berridge, Partner, Urban Strategies Inc.

Panel:

Garth Essery, Vice President, Property Development, Woodbine Entertainment Group

Angelo Presta, Senior Director, Capital Development & Facilities Management, Humber College

Eileen Waechter, Director, Airport Planning & Investment, GTAA

SESSION B5

ROOM 104C

MAJOR PROJECTS: WORLD LEADERS



Today's multi-billion-dollar capital transportation investment can't be completed soon enough. This urban metropolis is becoming a world leader in the delivery of transit and infrastructure projects. What is unique to these projects? What are the transferrable lessons for the rest of the world? And, how can the country capitalize on this growth industry?

Moderator:

Jamie Torres Springer, Senior Principal, HR&A Advisors, Inc.

Panel:

Lorna Day, Director, Urban Design, City of Toronto

Lisa Rochon, Architecture Critic & Principal, citylab

Jason Thorne, General Manager, Planning & Economic Development, City of Hamilton

SESSION C5

ROOM 103AB

TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES IN CONSTRUCTION: WHY CAN'T WE ADOPT NEW METHODS FASTER?



The construction industry is one the last sectors to innovate with new technology – but why can't we take advantages of new opportunities faster? The panel will review current new technologies ranging from innovative use of wood with cross-laminated timber (CLT) structures, to buildings constructed with 3D printers; as well as using augmented reality in the building process. The main question to be explored is how we adopt these new systems faster.

Moderators:

Dermot Sweeny, Principal, Sweeny & Co. Architects Inc.

Graeme Scott, AVP Development, Manulife & John Hancock Real Estate, Manulife Real Estate

Panel:

Mania Aghaei Meibodi, Principal, Meonia Architectural Design

Michael Verity, Principal, Boszko & Verity Inc.

Richard Witt, Principal, Quadrangle Architects

10:30 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions (Attend 1 of 3)

SESSION A6

ROOM 104AB

6 IN 60: TRANSFORMING IDEAS OF PLACE IN JUST 60 MINUTES

In a fast-paced "idea relay", this session will showcase leading edge projects that provide unique solutions to today's urban challenges. In rapid succession, 6 place-making pioneers will each have 8 minutes to present and juxtapose their initiatives in policy, design, advocacy, culture and development. These will show how place, culture and high value are connected with each other and the success of the contemporary city.

Moderator:

Kendra FitzRandolph, Development Coordinator, Hullmark Developments Ltd.

Panel:

Ilana Altman, Executive Director, The Pavilion Project

Layne Hinton, Co-Curator, Art Spin

Alex Josephson, Co-Founder, PARTISANS

Janna Levitt, Partner, LGA Architects

Roland Rom Colthoff, Director, RAW design

Carolyn Rowan, Manager, Community Projects, PATCH design

APRIL 25 - DAY 2

SESSION B6 A NEW GLOBAL URBAN AGENDA?

ROOM 103AB

At United Nations Habitat III in Quito 2016, nations around the world called for affordable, accessible, sustainable urban mobility as part of the New Urban Agenda. Included in this is the call to create a wide range of mobility options, the integration of land use and mobility planning, and the support for new shared mobility technology. Investments and public policy will be need to support this New Urban Agenda. How are cities and nations currently meeting this need and preparing for the future?

Moderator:

Richard Gilbert, Transportation Planner, Author

Panel:

Mayor Bonnie Crombie, City of Mississauga

Patricia McCarney, President & CEO, World Council on City Data & Director, Global Cities Institute, University of Toronto

Alan Mitchell, Executive Director, Cities Global Centre of Excellence, KPMG LLP

SESSION C6 WATERLOO REGION AS A LEADER IN INNOVATION: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THEIR SUCCESS?

ROOM 104C

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Waterloo Region has become a leader in innovation and boasts one of the most successful technology ecosystems in Canada. How did this Region rebound so well after Blackberry and what can we learn from their experiences? The Region is now completing a massive new Light Rail Transit (LRT) project that will promote even more growth in area. The panel will delve into how this Region has become an innovation hotbed and their plans for continued success.

Moderator:

Tony LaMantia, President & CEO, WaterlooEDC

Panel:

Sandy Acchione, Chief Financial Officer & SVP, Intermarket

Heather Galt, Vice President, Talent Initiatives & Executive in Residence, Communitex Corp.

Brenda Halloran, Former Mayor, City of Waterloo

11:30 a.m.

Foyer 105

NETWORKING LUNCH

12:00 p.m.

Room 106

FROM HIGH-LINE TO MILLENNIUM PARK: HOW MAJOR PARKS TRANSFORM THE URBAN EXPERIENCE

Demand for open public space has fast become the urban challenge of our time as global cities seek to accommodate employment and population growth in their central cores. Cities across North America and the world are securing large tracts of public realm space to meet demands of labour attractiveness, economic competitiveness, tourism, urban development and renewal. Learn from the experience of these major, recent, large scale public realm projects and what their lessons may be for Toronto in its consideration of the 21-acre Rail Deck Park in the center city.

Opening Remarks:

Mayor John Tory, City of Toronto

Moderator:

Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner & Executive Director, City of Toronto

Panel:

Jesse Brackenbury, Executive Director, Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy

Daniel Jongtien, Architect, Bentham Crouwel Architects

Matt Nielson, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events: Chicago Millennium Park

Jamie Torres Springer, Senior Principal, HR&A Advisors, Inc.

1:15 p.m.

Foyer 105

NETWORKING REFRESHMENT BREAK

2:30 p.m.

Room 106

DESIGN FOR UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH: CITY OF TORONTO SYMPOSIUM - TO FOLLOW

4:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

NEW YORK CITY'S HIGH LINE AND RECENT WORK:

Elizabeth Diller of Diller Scofidio + Renfro

Isabel Bader Theatre - Victoria University - 93 Charles St. W.

Free Public Event



DESIGN FOR UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH: CITY OF TORONTO SYMPOSIUM

ROOM 106

KILMER GROUP

The City of Toronto is at a time of unprecedented growth and at a critical junction in its city-building history. Inventive design solutions will be needed to support intensification as our city grows

2:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION: A PIVOTAL MOMENT - CITY BUILDING IN TORONTO

At the helm of one of the busiest planning departments in North America, the Chief Planner will introduce emerging city trends, issues and initiatives that will shape the city. The Director of Urban Design will also give an overview on how we got here and future ambitions. Find out the latest on projects that will influence development in Toronto and the issues that need solutions. With the increase in population, the need for collective problem-solving has never been greater.

Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner & Executive Director, City of Toronto

2:50 p.m.

HOW WE GOT HERE

The Director of Urban Design will give an overview on how we got here and future ambitions such as Rail Deck Park. With the increase in population, the need for collective problem-solving has never been greater.

Lorna Day, Director, Urban Design, City of Toronto

3:05 p.m.

DESIGN SOLUTIONS - PUBLIC REALM

As the city intensifies, there is an urgent need to keep up with the pace of development with our public realm. At the forefront of this issue is Adam Nicklin of PUBLIC WORK, an internationally-acclaimed urban design and landscape firm. Learn about inventive projects at both the city-wide and community scales, and upcoming transformations for the city's open spaces and streetscapes, such as the downtown TO Core public realm plan, the Under-the-Gardiner park and King St West.

Adam Nicklin, Founding Partner, PUBLIC WORK

3:30 p.m.

DESIGN SOLUTIONS - ARCHITECTURE

In addition to large scale city building initiatives, we must not lose sight of how design impacts us the most, powerfully affecting quality of life. Work from one of Canada's most innovative and acclaimed firms, Shim-Sutcliffe Architects, will be presented by Brigitte Shim, recipient of the Order of Canada and numerous Governor General's medals in Architecture.

Brigitte Shim, Founding Partner, Shim-Sutcliffe Architects

3:50 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator:

Alex Bozikovic, The Globe and Mail architecture critic and author of Toronto Architecture: A City Guide

Panel:

Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner & Executive Director, City of Toronto

Michael Leckman, Principal, Diamond Schmitt Architects

Adam Nicklin, Principal, PUBLIC WORK

Brigitte Shim, Founding Partner, Shim-Sutcliffe Architects

CITY OF TORONTO FREE PUBLIC EVENT

April 25 · Isabel Bader Theatre

Presentation: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

New York City's High Line and Recent Work:

Elizabeth Diller of Diller Scofidio + Renfro

Elizabeth Diller is a founding partner of Diller Scofidio + Renfro, an interdisciplinary studio that works at the intersection of architecture, the visual arts, and the performing arts. Elizabeth will discuss the studio's transformative civic and cultural projects in New York, including the High Line and the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts Redevelopment, as well as The Shed, an unprecedented center for artistic invention in construction at Hudson Yards – all compelling urban projects directly relevant to Toronto's aspirations of visionary planning and ambitious growth.