2019 Curtner Leadership Program Agenda
Thursday March 28th
8:30am – 4:30pm

LOCATION: QUADRANGLE OFFICES, 901 KING STREET WEST, 7th FL TORONTO

SESSION 6: EXPECTATIONS FOR BREAKING THE RULES

Mount Dennis has been guided by an outdated policy framework for decades. Ongoing studies by the City Planning department and Economic Development and Culture department will hopefully address this situation.

However, a unique opportunity exists for Mount Dennis to become a place of experimentation and innovation in city building. The Mount Dennis Community Association and BIA both want to see the future embrace an eco-neighbourhood mindset. Is a totally different approach needed to translate the vision into reality?

Toronto City Manager Chris Murray will provide a key note talk that focuses on the critical need for translating planning policies and visions into results. He will draw on his experience in Hamilton to turn the city around.

Jane Pepino, Aird & Berlis will share her insights into the development implications of Bill 66 and the Places to Grow Employment Lands policies proposed by the Provincial government. Does this new legislative mindset provide opportunities to do things differently? Alex Bozikovic, Architectural critic for the Globe and Mail and Peter Clewes, architectsAlliance, will share their ideas for flexible planning that accommodates radical mixed-use in employment and non-employment areas.

Michelle Xuereb, Quadrangle and Alex Speigel, Windmill Developments will share their insights and experiences with sustainability as a key ingredient for success. This could take many forms including mass timber development, zero carbon footprints, all forms of life cycle housing, energy generation, mobility choices, etc. Billy Grassen, ULI Head Office, Washington, will add his perspective.

The key task for teams will be to break through traditional approaches and identify how best to achieve an eco-neighbourhood in Mount Dennis. It is an opportunity to free up all assumptions and invent new ways to think, act and plan.
AGENDA

8:30 am – 9:00 am: Coffee and Continental breakfast

9:00 am - 9:30 am: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Richard Joy and Paul Bedford)

- Highlights from February session on Levering the Employment Potential of Mount Dennis
- City Planning Study check in - Vanessa Covello, Community Planner

9:30 am - 10:00 am: KEYNOTE - Chris Murray, Toronto City Manager: Translating Visions into Reality/Getting Things Done

10:00 am - 10:15 am: COFFEE BREAK

10:15 am - 12:15 pm: PRESENTATIONS: THINKING OUT OF THE BOX

10:15-11 am: Creative Planning

- Jane Pepino Aird &Berlis: Implications of Proposed Bill 66 and Places to Grow Employment Area policies for Mount Dennis
- Alex Bozikovic, Architectural Critic, Globe and Mail, Peter Clewes, architectsAlliance, Reinventing the Suburbs: Small buildings and Fewer Rules

11-12 Sustainable Development

- Billy Grassen, Executive Director, Center for Sustainability and Economic Performance, ULI Head Office, Washington: Getting to Net Zero and Building Healthy Places Toolkit
- Alex Speigel, Windmill: Zibi: Making Sustainable Development a Reality In Ottawa/Gatineau
- Michelle Xuereb, Quadrangle Partner: Priorities for Resilience, Risks and Sustainable Projects

12-12:15 Q and A Session with speakers

12:15 pm – 1 pm: LUNCH BREAK

1-2 pm: REVIEW OF IMAGES SUBMITTED THAT BEST CONVEY BREAKING THE RULES (ALL TEAM PARTICPANTS and Paul Bedford)

Description of images sent to Dropbox by participants

What is unique? Why did you select them?
What rules were broken?
What barriers had to be overcome?
What was done to get buy in and agreement?
Has the approach been repeated? If not why not?
2pm – 3 pm: TEAM IMAGERY WORKING SESSION: DEVELOPING IMAGES THAT BEST CAPTURE IDEAS FOR MOUNT DENNIS

Building on your own experience, team ideas from the February Session and what you learned today from the speakers, in this exercise you will develop a presentation of images that best capture how your ideas will help the community achieve their vision of an eco-neighbourhood. This will be a team working session with members searching the internet and resource material from previous ULI sessions for representative images.

To start, select 6-10 categories from the list below and group your images according to idea and category. You will then be required to present your findings/images and how they relate to your ideas for the Mount Dennis Neighbourhood following this exercise.

Infrastruture  Retail
Public Realm  Employment
Sustainability and Resilience  Institutional
Policy regulations  Food
Social  Governance
Cultural  Urban Design
Affordable Housing  Architecture

3-3:15 pm COFFEE BREAK

3:15-4pm  TEAM IMAGERY WORKING SESSION PRESENTATIONS

- Do the images selected convey fresh thinking?
- Do they inspire? Are they aspirational? Will they result in real change?
- What core principles anchor your presentation?
- What are the key priorities?
- What is missing?
- What is your strategy and timeline for implementation?

4-4:30pm NEXT STEPS/PREPARING FOR FINAL SESSION APRIL 25: UNLOCKING CREATIVITY THROUGH DESIGN

- What accountabilities do you need to establish?
- What additional information do you need to move these ideas forward?
- What decisions do you need to make?
- What are the team roles and responsibilities to prepare visual concept drawings and to write the 10 page Vision and Action Plan?