

2020 Curtner Leadership Speaker Bios

Town Hall Community Presentation – More Housing Choices in Our Neighbourhoods

Tuesday June 23rd, 2020: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Ana Bailão, Deputy Mayor - City of Toronto

Deputy Mayor Ana Bailão serves as City Councillor for Ward 9 (Davenport). She has been a member of Toronto City Council since 2010 and was re-elected in 2018. As well as serving as a Deputy Mayor, she is the Chair of the Planning and Housing Committee, one of the City's four critical decision making committees and serves on a number of the most important Committees at Toronto City Council, including Executive Committee and the Special Committee on Governance. She also serves on the boards of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation and "CreateTO." Deputy Mayor Bailão also represents the City of Toronto at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. As Toronto's Housing Advocate, Deputy Mayor Ana Bailão has been a champion for affordable housing, leading critical planning and housing policy decisions at City Hall to keep the City affordable. She has led innovative approaches to resolve Toronto's housing challenges, including the creation of laneway suites, advocating for gentle density in neighbourhoods, launching the successful campaign to create a National Housing Strategy and most recently, creating a \$24 billion 10 year housing plan, which recognizes housing as a human right. Prior to public service, Deputy Mayor Bailão achieved considerable success within the private sector while serving in senior roles within the banking and healthcare IT sectors. With her return to Toronto City Council in 2018, Deputy Mayor Bailão will continue her central role within the City's government where she is recognized as a decisive, innovative and compassionate decision-maker at Toronto City Council while remaining devoted to serving the Ward 9 (Davenport) community where she grew up and continues to live.

Andrew Garrett, Executive Director, Real Estate Portfolio at IMCO (Ontario Pensions) & Co-Founder of Curtner Urban Leadership Program, ULI Toronto Outreach Committee Co-Chair

Andrew Garrett is Executive Director, Real Estate at IMCO. He is responsible for growing the global real estate portfolio through strategy development, proactive asset management, and new investment partnerships. His primary focus is overseeing teams of asset managers and expanding the portfolio with new development partners in major global cities. Previously, Andrew spent more than 12 years at Cadillac Fairview (CF), where he was Director, Real Estate Development. In that role, he built and oversaw the team of specialists that evaluated and prioritized development-related growth opportunities to meet the long-term objectives of CF's owner, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. Andrew holds a Global Executive MBA from Kellogg School Management and a Real Estate Development Certification from MIT Centre for Real Estate. Andrew sits on the board advisory committees for real estate private equity firms Carttera, and Forgestone Capital. He has collaborated with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to also helped found the Curtner Leadership program as Community Outreach Co-Chair. He also serves on the management committee of ULI, supporting and advising on social purpose real estate projects.

COMMUNITY VOICES: DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

Moderator:

Liz McHardy, MBA, CEO & Partner, LURA Consulting

Liz is a strategist, facilitator, and public engagement practitioner. She is the CEO of LURA Consulting, a public engagement firm here in Toronto. Liz has been practicing the art of public engagement for over 15 years, her approach is rooted in design thinking, public participation principles, appreciative inquiry and collective impact and she focuses on empowering people to discover, dream, design, and deliver. Her mantra is that people support what they help to create. Her passion is public engagement and great conversations, whether its finding new ways of doing things or integrating with tried and true successful approaches; the real fire insider her comes from designing creative and meaningful engagement strategies that aim to engage as many people as possible in the decisions that affect them.

Panelists:

Billy Dertilis, MBA, Owner, Red Rocket Coffee and Chair, Danforth Mosaic BIA

Billy is a business strategist looking to share his skills and knowledge and contribute to the neighbourhood he grew up in. The son of a Danforth shopkeeper, some of his earliest memories are of his father's shop and the sense of connection that grew out of a strong and vibrant retail strip. As BIA chair, Billy is a tireless advocate for deeper ties between the business community and neighbouring residents.

Cathie Macdonald, Co-Chair, FoNTRA (Federation of North Toronto Residents Associations)

As Co-Chair of the Federation of North Toronto Residents Associations, Cathie helps focus its strategic directions and facilitates membership participation. Our membership included over 30 associations. FoNTRA's incorporation states the role as: The operation of an association of residents associations, which are located in the City of Toronto generally between Bloor Street and Sheppard Avenue, and between the Don Valley Parkway and Bathurst Street, for the purpose of: (1) monitoring, investigating and working towards resolution of urban planning related issues and concerns raised by member residents associations; (2) sharing best practices regarding urban planning; (3) representing the interests of member organizations before public and private bodies and work constructively towards resolution of issues; and such other complementary purposes as are consistent with these objects. FoNTRA's current focus is on the impacts of COVID on planning issues and opportunities and in updating our members of the opening of the City's planning activities, planning for the Yonge Eglinton area; improving residents opportunities in the operations of the Committee of Adjustment and the TLAB; as well as assisting with current planning issues in members neighbourhoods. With our Housing/Yellowbelt Working Group, we look forward to participating in the important upcoming discussions and debates. A past Chair of the Deer Park Residents Group (the "missing middle" neighbourhood around Yonge and St. Clair), Cathie represents the DPRG at FoNTRA as well as on the Waterfront for All board and the Toronto Noise Coalition. She currently heads the DPRG Development Committee. Cathie brings to these roles a broad understanding of planning issues, the importance of citizen involvement in planning, and making change happen. An architect, urban designer and planner, she enjoyed a 27-year career with the City of Toronto that included senior positions in the Planning, Buildings and Property, which included the development of revised residential provisions for Zoning Bylaw 438-86 and its overall organization to make it easy to understand and use. She also

contributed to a wide range of initiatives such as the creation of Waterfront Toronto, the development of a successful networking organization for heads of government property organizations, and as well provided advice to cities in the new South Africa and to governments of Indonesian and Vietnam. She has also volunteered on the boards and committees of social, community housing and supportive housing organizations.

Cheyenne Sundance, *Organic Farmer*, Sundance Harvest

Cheyenne Sundance is an organic farmer who has worked in both rural and urban settings where she tended to fields of vegetables, fruit forests and livestock. Her farming has always been with a social justice framework since being able to grow your own food is the foundation of independence. She is a food justice educator with experience working in community organizing and political resistance movements. Cheyenne is founder and farmer of [Sundance Harvest](#) , which is a year round urban farm in Toronto, Ontario that focuses on food justice and eradicating systemic racism in the food system.

Tanveer Shahnawaz, *Constituency Office Manager*, MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith for Beaches-East York

Tanveer is a community-driven leader and mobilizer, currently the Constituency Office Manager for MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith for Beaches-East York. In this role, he supports the MP in the riding of Beaches-East York and is regularly in-tune with the pulse of Toronto's east end. Tanveer has previously served on the Premier's Council on Youth Opportunities (PCYO), a 25-member non-partisan advisory council focused on providing feedback and commentary on Government of Ontario policy and programs through the perspective of Ontario's youth. Most recently, he has been on the Crescent Town Emergency Response Team, a volunteer group of Crescent Town residents working with local service agencies to provide health promotion during the COVID19 pandemic. Tanveer has a Honours, Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Public Policy and City Studies.

CLOSING REMARKS

Gregg Lintern, Chief Planner and Executive Director, City of Toronto

As Chief Planner for the City of Toronto, Gregg is committed to leading the City Planning Division to making Toronto one of the world's most liveable and equitable cities. In his 35 years of municipal planning, Gregg has held various roles and responsibilities in several different community planning districts across the City giving him a deep institutional knowledge, understanding of legislation, and history of working across the municipal spectrum. Gregg's proven track record in delivering transformative projects of both city-wide and local significance demonstrate his ability to steer city-building in a manner that consistently looks to the future. He has led many significant projects in the City, including a plan for Toronto's downtown known as "TOcore", the Port Lands Planning Framework, Mirvish + Gehry, Mirvish Village, Yonge-Dundas Revitalization, Billy Bishop Airport and Regent Park. Gregg strongly believes in a positive future for Toronto. As Chief Planner, his priorities include transit network expansion, housing affordability, proactive planning and improvements to the Development Review Process, and implementing OMB Reform.