Getting to Transit-Oriented Communities: Virtual Townhall

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Uptown Brampton’s strategies for "20min Walkable, Healthy Neighbourhood with Urban Community Hub" as a new growth model for TOC

Yvonne Yeung is the Manager of Urban Design for the City of Brampton with over 20 years of international experience delivering transit-oriented communities. She is the recipient of the American Society of Landscape Architects Honour Award and the University of Toronto Rotman School of Management Award. She is the vice-chair of the Urban Land Institute SDRC Product Council and member of the ULI Toronto Management Board leading the “Getting to Transit-Oriented Communities Initiative”.

Ken Greenberg is an urban designer, teacher, writer, former Director of Urban Design and Architecture for the City of Toronto and Principal of Greenberg Consultants. He is the recipient of the American Institute of Architects Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Design Excellence and the Sustainable Buildings Canada Lifetime Achievement Award. Ken is the author of Walking Home and Toronto Reborn, a member of the ULI Toronto Advisory Board and is currently serving as Strategic Advisor for the City of Brampton.

Matti Siemiatycki is the Interim Director of the School of Cities, Professor of Geography & Planning, and Canada Research Chair in Infrastructure Planning and Finance. His research focuses on delivering large-scale infrastructure projects, public-private partnerships, and the effective integration of infrastructure into the fabric of cities.

Professor Siemiatycki is a highly engaged public scholar with a deep commitment to informing public discourse about city building.
Anni Sinnemäki has been the Deputy Mayor for the City of Helsinki, responsible for city planning and real estate, since 2015. Since June 2017 she is in charge of Helsinki’s Urban Environment Division. The most important project of this City Council term for her has been the ambitious Carbon Neutral Helsinki 2035 Action Plan.

Sinnemäki was Member of the Finnish Parliament for 15 years (1999–2015), representing The Green League of Finland. She was Minister of Labour from 2009 to 2011. Photo credit: Pertti Nisonen

Jani Moliis is the Head of International Affairs at the City of Helsinki. He has over 10 years of experience from management consulting, having worked for several leading global professional firms such as McKinsey & Company and Accenture. During his career, he has focused on improving the effectiveness and impact of a broad range of public sector organizations. He’s a native Helsinkian who’s lived his entire life in western Helsinki, except for his years abroad living on four different continents. Photo credit: Roope Permanto
Panel: How to deliver a 26-hour Transit-Oriented Community?

**Moderator:** Richard Forward  
Commissioner of Planning, Building and Economic Development

With a passion for City-building, Richard’s approach to guiding community expansion and intensification programs focuses on making connections through common ground that attracts, excites and unites community partners and professionals about investment decisions.

**Clare Barnett**  
Director Economic Development at City of Brampton Economic Development Office

Clare brings a unique perspective to Brampton with her private and public sector experience in economic development, attracting Foreign Direct Investment, communications, and place branding and marketing.

**Andrew Duncan**  
SVP of Development  
RioCAN REIT

As Senior Vice President of Developments at RioCan, Andrew Duncan is responsible for the initial assessment of all prospective sites, leading negotiations with vendors and has direct oversight for all facets of site planning including. Working in the land development industry for almost 20 years, Andrew has deep expertise in land development project management.
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On June 25, 2020, Dr. Lawrence Loh became the Medical Officer of Health at the Region of Peel – Public Health. He was previously an Associate Medical Officer of Health and served as the Interim Medical Officer of Health in Peel. Dr. Loh is an Adjunct Professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto.

Dave Kapil is a co-founder chair of New Brampton and Dave Kapil is the CEO of Kapil Holding and Kapil Financial Services. A builder of the community at heart, Dave has been involved in revitalizing many Brampton historic buildings and recognizes the true potential of this city. This has led to his involvement as a volunteer with New Brampton, an initiative that is focused on being a catalyst for positive change and growth in the city of Brampton.

Michelle leads all aspects of Sheridan’s built-environment including sustainability, land-use and infrastructure planning, new construction, renovations and facilities management. As a public sector leader, Michelle has spent over 25 years in municipal government, and education administration in the UK and Canada driving key strategic initiatives, capital infrastructure development, and organizational transformation.