



Toronto

12TH ANNUAL

MEET THE CHIEF PLANNERS

APRIL 30, 2026

AGENDA

Networking Cocktail Reception

Fairmont Royal York
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Welcome Remarks

Salima Rawji, Chair, *ULI Toronto*
6:30pm - 6:35pm

Traditional Welcome

Warren Sault, President and CEO,
Mississaugas of the Credit Business Corporation
6:35pm - 6:40pm

Keynote Speaker

Darrell Bricker, Global CEO, Ipsos Public Affairs
6:40pm - 6:50pm

ULI Americas Awards for Excellence



6:50pm - 6:55pm

Dinner Discussions

Roundtable Discussion with Public Officials
6:55pm - 8:00pm

Public Officials Panel

8:00pm - 8:30pm

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome to the 12th Annual Meet the Chief Planners Dinner.

It is a privilege to be with you this evening — and a particular honour for me, as this marks my final year serving as Chair of ULI Toronto. To do so at our largest Meet the Chief Planners dinner to date makes the moment all the more meaningful.

Tonight is about recognition and gratitude. We are here to celebrate the leadership, dedication, and impact of our Chief Planners and public sector partners — individuals who are navigating extraordinary complexity with professionalism and purpose. Your work shapes not only projects, but the future of our region.

I also want to extend a sincere thank you to our table sponsors and partners. Your continued support makes this gathering possible and reflects a shared commitment to advancing thoughtful, responsible city-building.

We are operating in a period of economic uncertainty and geopolitical risk — one that is testing every part of our industry. Capital is constrained, projects are harder to pencil, and the need for housing and infrastructure has never been greater. In this environment, one thing is clear: we have never needed stronger collaboration across the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors.

How we work together today will define what is possible tomorrow. It will shape the trajectory of land development, housing delivery, and the growth of our metropolitan region for years to come.

That is why evenings like this matter. They bring together the people and perspectives needed to move forward — not in isolation, but in partnership.

On behalf of ULI Toronto, thank you for being part of that effort.

Salima Rawji
Chair, ULI Toronto District Council
President and Chief Executive Officer
York University Development Corporation

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Keynote: Darrell Bricker

Global CEO, Ipsos Public Affairs

Darrell Bricker is Global CEO, Ipsos Public Affairs. Prior to joining Ipsos in 1990, Dr. Bricker was Director of Research in the office of Canada's Prime Minister. He was also a research consultant with firms in Ottawa and Toronto. Dr. Bricker holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Carleton University, and a BA and MA from Wilfrid Laurier University. He has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by Wilfrid Laurier University, which named him one of their top 100 graduates in the last 100 years. Darrell is also a Senior Research Fellow with the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto, and at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) in Waterloo, Ontario.

Dr. Bricker is a popular public speaker who regularly engages with audiences around the world. He's written articles for publications as diverse as Canada's Globe and Mail and France's Le Monde. He has also appeared on television and radio with all of Canada's major national networks, and around the world with news broadcast organizations such as CNN, the BBC and NPR. Darrell is also the 2021 recipient of the Radio Television Digital News Association's Hutton Award of Excellence for commitment to the betterment of journalism in Canada. Darrell lives in Toronto with his wife Nina and daughter Emily.

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Sandra Austin

*Commissioner of Community Growth & Economic Development
Region of Durham*

Sandra Austin is the Commissioner of Community Growth & Economic Development for Durham Region, where she leads a transformative portfolio focused on shaping inclusive, vibrant, and resilient communities. Her teams advance the Regional Strategic Plan, climate action, regional land use planning, transit-oriented development, policy development, innovation, economic development, tourism, and Indigenous relations. A respected community builder and award-winning communicator, Sandra's speaking engagements have included environmental sustainability, equity and inclusion, community engagement, and leading high performing teams. She built deep partnership development and relationship management experience in roles with the federal and provincial governments, including Ontario's Cabinet Office-Intergovernmental Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, and Global Affairs Canada, and previously served as Associate Vice President at a national public opinion research firm. Sandra and her husband Jamie are proud Durham Region residents raising three strong-willed children. In her spare time, she is the Executive Director of a registered non-profit, and is an avid photographer, equestrian, and outdoor adventure enthusiast.



Ana Bailão

*CEO
Build Canada Homes*

Ana Bailão is a prominent leader in housing policy and public affairs, with extensive experience in municipal government and a proven track record in advancing affordable and sustainable development. She has been instrumental in catalyzing public and private partnerships within the housing sector and has been driving innovative solutions to the housing challenges Canadians are facing. Previously, Ana was the Head of Affordable Housing and Public Affairs for Dream Unlimited Corp. At Dream, Ana was responsible for advancing Dream's affordable housing strategy and development, strengthening partnerships with government and community stakeholders, and ensuring that development projects integrate long-term affordability and sustainability. From 2010 to 2022, she served on Toronto City Council, including five years as Deputy Mayor. As Chair of the Planning and Housing Committee and during her time on the board of Toronto Community Housing, she led major initiatives to expand affordable housing, reform zoning, and launch programs like Housing Now and CreateTO. Before entering public office, she held senior roles in the financial and technology sectors. She has served on numerous boards, including the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Artscape, Toronto Public Library, and Toronto Arts Council. Ana immigrated to Canada from Portugal at the age of 15. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto.

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Sean Baird

*President and CEO
Toronto Community Housing Corporation*

Sean Baird is a dedicated public service executive with a passion for providing high-quality services to vulnerable populations. He joined Toronto Community Housing on April 2, 2024, taking on the role of President and CEO for Canada's largest social housing provider. Prior to becoming the President and CEO of TCHC, Sean was the Commissioner of Human Services at the Region of Peel. In this role, he oversaw all social services functions for over 1.5 million residents across Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon.



Michelle Banfield

*Executive Director of Development Services
City of Barrie*

Michelle Banfield is currently the Executive Director of Development Services at the City of Barrie, overseeing all land use planning for a municipality in a rapid growth phase. She is a Registered Professional Planner with over 25 years of public and private experience, and a big picture thinker and strategic leader with expertise in policy development, project management and community building. Michelle has worked for municipalities across Canada and for the Government of Bermuda, focusing on a wide range of issues such as conservation, intensification and growth management. She has a degree in Urban & Regional Planning from the University of Waterloo and a Masters of Arts from Athabasca University.



Corwin Cambray

*Director of Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis
City of Toronto*

Corwin Cambray is the Director of Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis in Toronto's City Planning Division overseeing teams responsible for city-wide planning policy development, area-based planning frameworks, monitoring and assessment of trends affecting Toronto and implementation initiatives in support of a more inclusive, resilient and vibrant Toronto. Since joining City Planning from the provincial government, Corwin has worked in Community Planning, the Official Plan team, the Office of the Chief Planner, and later led the Strategic Initiatives team. Corwin is a Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and a Registered Professional Planner with the Ontario Professional Planners Institute.

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Gabe Charles

*Director of Planning & Development
Town of Oakville*

Gabe Charles, MCIP, RPP has over 25 years of professional experience in the fields of Urban Design and Planning, entirely in the public sector working on various urban design, development review, and policy projects. As a team lead, he has guided Official Plan Reviews, Secondary Plans, Master Plans and major policy studies. He works with a highly-talented team in promoting design excellence through city building. Gabe has been an active member of OPPI and CIP, former vice-chair of London's design review panel, a Fellow with the Urban Design Forum (NY) and a Board member of the Council for Canadian Urbanism (CanU).



Yves Cheung

*Chief Development Officer
Toronto Community Housing Corporation*

Yves Cheung leads some of Canada's largest – and most complex – housing revitalizations, including Regent Park, Alexandra Park, and Lawrence Heights. As Chief Development Officers, he manages a development pipeline of approximately 11,000 new homes across Toronto. With more than 14 years of experience in real estate, Yves brings a rare, dual-sector perspective, combining private-market expertise with public-sector city building. At a time when Toronto faces an unprecedented housing crisis, Yves is helping to reimagine TCHC's role as a city builder, partnering with a wide range of developers to deliver affordable, mixed-income, mixed-use, and sustainable communities across the city.



Giulio Cescato

*Director, Planning and Urban Design
City of Markham*

Giulio Cescato is the Director of Planning for Markham. A position he took after a planning career in the public and private sectors in progressive roles. He works on development, policy and is an innovator in public consultation. Giulio believes young people deserve cities where they can afford housing and start careers. He supports the Mentorship Initiative for Indigenous and Planners of Colour, writes about planning and loves being a dad.

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Hugh Clark

*Executive Director, Housing Development Office
City of Toronto*

Hugh Clark is the Executive Director of the Housing Development Office at the City of Toronto, appointed in July 2025. A former architect and accomplished city-builder; Hugh brings over 20 years of experience at the intersection of architecture, real estate development, and public policy. Before joining the City, Hugh served as Chief Development Officer at TAS, a purpose-driven developer focused on impact-led, ground-up projects. He also held the role of Executive Vice President of Development at Allied Properties REIT, where he oversaw the development of landmark buildings across Toronto. Hugh began his career at an award-winning architectural firm in Toronto and has practiced in both Ontario and Massachusetts. He holds degrees from the University of Toronto and Harvard University. Throughout his career, Hugh has led some of Canada's most complex and transformative development initiatives. His leadership now supports the City's efforts to advance equitable, sustainable, and community-focused housing solutions across Toronto.



Meg Davis

*Chief Development Officer
Waterfront Toronto*

Meg Davis is the Chief Development Officer for Waterfront Toronto and is responsible for leading the strategic development of its lands as part of its revitalization efforts. This includes overseeing creation of the public infrastructure and coordinating the planning, design and construction phases of these significant developments. In addition, she leads the selection processes and on-going relationships with development partners to ensure development contributes to meeting the corporate objectives of high design and complete sustainable and inclusive neighbourhoods.

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Sandra DeMaria

*Director of Development Planning
Town of Caledon*

Sandra Machiell DeMaria is the Director of Development Planning for the Town of Caledon, bringing over 25 years of planning experience to one of Ontario's fastestgrowing communities. She holds a degree in Urban and Regional Development from York University and is a member of both the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and the Canadian Institute of Planners. In her role, Sandra leads Caledon's development planning initiatives, helping shape growth through thoughtful community plans and a balanced approach to infill development, greenfield expansion, and evolving provincial legislation.



Anita Fabac

*Acting Director of Planning and Chief Planner
City of Hamilton*

Anita Fabac is a planner specializing in land use planning, design, and heritage. She has a Bachelor of Environmental Studies from the School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Waterloo. A Registered Professional Planner with over 25 years of experience, Anita is currently the Acting Director of Planning and Chief Planner with the City of Hamilton leading a multidisciplinary team of planners, designers, and heritage professionals.



Michael Fedchyshyn

*CEO
Building Ontario Fund*

Michael Fedchyshyn brings more than 20 years of leadership experience in strategic corporate development, infrastructure investing, structured finance, and public-private contracting. He joins the Building Ontario Fund from Invest Ontario, where he served as Interim CEO, driving high-impact investments in alignment with the province's long-term economic priorities. Prior to his time at Invest Ontario, Michael held senior leadership positions at Infrastructure Ontario where he led the creation of the Transit Oriented Communities program and other priority initiatives. Prior to joining the public sector, Michael's career spanned private equity, renewable energy development, project finance, and management consulting. He holds a doctorate in Neuroscience from the University of Toronto.

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Paul Freeman

*Chief Planner and Director of Planning and Building Services
Town of Newmarket*

Paul Freeman is the Chief Planner and Director of Planning and Building Services for the Town of Newmarket. He brings three decades of public sector experience to the role, shaped by senior planning positions. Before joining Newmarket, Paul served as Chief Planner for the Regional Municipality of York. He oversaw the Region's long-term vision for growth and development and led Planning and Economic Development. His leadership supported York Region's planning for growth from 1.2 million residents to more than 2 million. Over the course of his career, Paul has helped develop numerous official plans, secondary plans, and major development application approvals. His work has guided growth in communities of all sizes, balancing long term planning objectives with practical, on the ground implementation. Paul is a Registered Professional Planner and a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners, the Ontario Professional Planners Institute, the American Planning Association, and is also a Professional Land Economist. He holds a degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Toronto Metropolitan University and a diploma in Public Administration from Western University. Previously an active member of the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO), including serving as Chair of the Greater Golden Horseshoe Caucus, Paul is known for his steady leadership, collaborative approach, and deep understanding of Ontario's planning landscape. He is a trusted advisor to municipal leaders and a respected voice in the planning community.



Valesa Faria

*Senior Vice President, Partnership and Development
Build Canada Homes*

Valesa Faria is the Senior Vice President, Partnership and Development at Build Canada Homes and a member of the organization's Executive Team. In this role, Valesa leads the organization's partnership and development portfolios, working with Indigenous, non-profit and private sector partners and all levels of government to deploy capital and deliver affordable homes at scale across Canada. She also oversees the organization's public lands strategy and initiatives to advance modern methods of construction and strengthen Canadian housing supply chains. Valesa brings more than two decades of experience across the public and private sectors in housing policy, affordable housing delivery, public sector transformation, development review, commercial leasing and asset management. Prior to joining Build Canada Homes, Valesa served as the inaugural Executive Director of Development Review for the City of Toronto, where she led the modernization of Toronto's development review system to improve the efficiency, transparency and predictability of development approvals. Earlier, she was Director of the City of Toronto's Housing Secretariat, leading system-level policies and initiatives to increase housing supply and preserve existing rental housing. Valesa also held roles at Toronto Community Housing Corporation and Oxford Properties, building experience across the social housing and private real estate sectors. Valesa brings a strong track record of effectively aligning governments, industry, non-profit and Indigenous organizations and communities, with a clear focus on affordability, service excellence and results.

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Tamara Gilbert

*Assistant Deputy Minister, Integrated Policy and Planning Division
Ministry of Transportation*

Tamara Gilbert is an accomplished leader with experience across various public policy sectors, including transportation, energy, education, justice, and health. During her 20 years in government, Tamara has driven transformative change, and led the teams responsible for launching Ontario's first Virtual Learning Strategy, modernizing victim services, and developing a significantly expanded electricity energy efficiency framework. Since January 2025, Tamara is serving as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Integrated Policy and Planning at the Ministry of Transportation where she leads a dynamic team focused on developing policies, plans and tools to meet the mobility and transportation needs of people and businesses in Ontario. Her division's work spans priorities such as the 401 tunnel feasibility study, the Ontario Marine Strategy and the EV Charge-On program. Tamara holds Master of Public Policy and Public Administration, LL.B., and B.A. degrees. She is also an alumna of the Ivey Senior Public Sector Leader Program. Tamara and her husband have two teenage children, and she enjoys cheering them on at hockey games, as well as gardening, cooking and fitness.



Deborah Giannetta

*Director of Development Planning
City of Richmond Hill*

Deborah Giannetta is the Director of Development Planning for the City of Richmond Hill, bringing over 25 years of expertise as a registered professional land use planner. She has worked across a broad spectrum of contexts, from large urban environments to smaller town settings, providing strategic guidance on sustainable growth and community development. Deborah holds a Master's Degree in Planning from the University of Toronto as well as a Honours BA in Political Science from the University of Western Ontario and is recognized for her ability to balance visionary planning with practical implementation. She's passionate about creating spaces that work for people today while planning thoughtfully for the future and is currently leading initiatives that shape Richmond Hill's future.

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Chris Glaisek

*Chief Planning and Design Officer
Waterfront Toronto*

Chris Glaisek is the Chief Planning and Design Officer at Waterfront Toronto, where he is responsible for precinct planning and design in the 2,000-acre Designated Waterfront Area. Chris is a strong advocate for design excellence and strives to achieve high standards in development of new parks, buildings, streetscapes and infrastructure. Under Chris's stewardship, Waterfront Toronto has received more than 100 national and international design awards and nominations for its master plans, parks, and streetscape designs. Chris lectures regularly on the history and development of the waterfront.



Kamal Gogna

*Chief Building Official & Executive Director
City of Toronto*

Kamal Gogna is a registered professional engineer and currently the Executive Director & Chief Building Official for the City of Toronto, overseeing the administration and enforcement of the Ontario Building Code and municipal by-laws to ensure safe, sustainable, and compliant buildings in Toronto. With over 36 years of building regulatory experience, Kamal has led significant organizational transformations within Toronto Building, including the recent shift to a client-centric, function-based service model aimed at improving operational efficiency, divisional resiliency, and expediting permit approvals to get shovels in the ground sooner. He also spearheaded the development of Toronto's first Rental Renovation Licensing Bylaw ("Renoviction Bylaw") in 2024, strengthening tenant protections and preserving affordable rental housing. Kamal continues to drive innovative solutions in an effort to building housing faster.



Colleen Goodchild

*Director of Community Growth
Region of Durham*

Colleen Goodchild is the Director of Community Growth at the Region of Durham and is currently the Vice-Chair of the Regional and Single Tier Planning Leaders of Ontario. She's been in municipal government between the Region and the City of Oshawa since 2005. Colleen has been leading her team through the extraordinary transition as a result of Bill 23's proclamation and the change in planning approval responsibilities and is looking forward to focussing on how the Region can support community planning and growth through integrated growth management, policy and infrastructure/service planning. She started her career at Totten Sims Hubicki Whitby (now AECOM), honing her skills in environmental assessments, transit projects and consultation and engagement on various infrastructure projects.

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Heather Grey-Wolf

*Chief Investment Officer
Infrastructure Ontario*

As the Chief Investment Officer at Infrastructure Ontario (IO), Heather Grey-Wolf leads the Province's \$70 billion development and asset management portfolio. She is responsible for delivering the transit-oriented communities, landmark developments, and social-purpose projects programs, while also overseeing the stewardship and optimization of the provincial government's general real estate portfolio. With more than two decades of public- and private-sector experience in real estate, development, and construction, Heather has a proven track record of delivering complex, high-value programs and building high-performing teams. She is recognized for driving large-scale initiatives that balance innovation, fiscal responsibility, and public benefit.



Deana Grinnell

*Executive Vice President, Real Estate
Canada Lands Company/Build Canada Homes*

Deana Grinnell is Executive Vice President, Real Estate, responsible for leading real estate teams across the country in transforming former Government of Canada properties and reintegrating them into local communities bringing benefits to the community and Canadians, contributing to sustainability and ensuring each project's commercial viability. Deana and her team are focused on advancing priorities in housing and affordable housing, partnerships, reconciliation, climate resilience, and the innovation required to support Canada's housing goals. Deana draws from her background in award-winning real estate development within the private sector and roles in policy and planning in the public sector. Deana is active in industry associations, regularly lectures and mentors the next generation in urban planning.

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Vic Gupta

*Chief Executive Officer
CreateTO*

Vic Gupta is CEO of CreateTO, which is shaping Toronto's future through bold and impactful real estate solutions. A City of Toronto agency, CreateTO applies a strategic, city-wide lens to increasing the social, cultural and economic value of Toronto's \$27 billion dollar real estate portfolio. Under Vic's leadership, CreateTO has demonstrated huge impact and developed a strong, collaborative and high performing culture. Vic aspires to set the bar for public real estate solutions and public service, creating new models and impactful approaches in collaboration with elected officials, external partners and the public. A respected city builder and advocate for the cultural sector, Vic serves as Chair of the Board of Governors for Massey Hall & Roy Thompson Hall. Prior to joining CreateTO, Vic was Principal Secretary to the Mayor of Toronto from 2014-2018. He lives in Toronto with his wife and two kids.



Jill Hogan

*Commissioner of Development Services
Town of Milton*

Jill Hogan is the Commissioner of Development Services for the Town of Milton. Over the course of 25 years, Jill has worked in the municipal land use planning field and has successfully led teams at the City of Brampton, City of Toronto and most recently at the Town of Milton. Jill has built a reputation based on her ability and drive to formulate innovative approaches to achieve high quality urban development through creative collaborations with Council, community stakeholders and developers. She holds the designation of Registered Professional Planner (RPP) through the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and is a full member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.



Margaret Josipovic

*Executive Director of Planning, Growth Management and Housing Delivery
City of Vaughan*

Margaret Josipovic is a municipal planning professional with more than ten years of experience shaping policy and advancing development across Ontario communities. She is currently the Executive Director of Planning, Growth Management and Housing Delivery for the City of Vaughan, where she leads transformational initiatives focused on unlocking housing supply and delivering community-focused outcomes. Margaret holds a Bachelor of Environmental Studies in Urban and Regional Planning, specializing in Urban Design, from the University of Waterloo, and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Nottingham. Her professional background includes development planning, heritage planning, affordable housing, economic development, and government relations.

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Lindsay Jones

*Executive Director
Association of Municipalities of Ontario*

Lindsay Jones is the Executive Director of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, where leads the organization in making Ontario's 444 municipal governments stronger and more effective through advocacy, training and events, and cost-saving services. She is also the President of the Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario and LAS: AMO Business Services. Prior to joining AMO as Director of Policy in 2022, Lindsay held progressively senior policy and strategy roles over a 20-year period in the Ontario and federal governments in areas such as labour market policy, income assistance, capital planning, and central agencies.



Maya Kolaczynski

*Chief Strategy & Planning Officer
Metrolinx*

Maya Kolaczynski is the Chief Strategy & Planning Officer at Metrolinx, where she leads the development and execution of the agency's enterprise-wide strategic vision. She oversees a broad portfolio that includes Corporate Strategy & Centres of Excellence, Planning, Community, Communications & Stakeholder Relations, Enterprise Risk, Indigenous Strategy, and Inclusion. At the heart of her role is strategic planning—driving long-term alignment across departments, shaping investment priorities, and guiding the evolution of Metrolinx's services to meet the future transit needs of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). Maya's leadership in strategic planning ensures that Metrolinx remains agile and forward-looking, integrating data-driven insights, stakeholder input, and policy direction to inform major decisions. Her work is instrumental in positioning the agency as a world-class transportation provider, with a clear roadmap for growth, innovation, and community impact. Prior to joining Metrolinx, Maya was an Associate Partner at McKinsey & Company, where she led strategy and performance transformation initiatives across the public sector and financial services. Her work delivered measurable outcomes, including significant productivity gains, enhanced operational performance, and digital modernization for organizations across North America. Earlier in her career, Maya held leadership roles at the Clinton Health Access Initiative, The Global Fund, Johnson & Johnson, and KPMG. In these roles, she led health system and business transformation programs across Africa, Europe, and North America. Maya holds dual Master's degrees from the Harvard Kennedy School and the MIT Sloan School of Management, as well as a Bachelor of Commerce from Queen's University.

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Kyle Knoeck

*Director, Zoning
City of Toronto*

Kyle Knoeck provides leadership to Toronto's zoning regime to update and modernize zoning permissions across the City of Toronto. Kyle has overseen the development of the policy framework to permit multi-tenant houses across Toronto, updated zoning for Employment Lands, and the review of zoning to permit "missing middle" housing types, and Toronto's on-going shift to zoning that permits more development as-of-right, including implementation of zoning related to Major Transit Station areas. Kyle is a Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and a Registered Professional Planner.



Nadine Leblanc

*SVP, Housing Policy and Programs
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation*

Nadine Leblanc leads CMHC's Housing Policy and Programs teams which are responsible for providing evidence-based policy advice to departments responsible for housing and financial stability in Canada and delivering CMHC's suite of housing programs, which represent major federal investments to increase much-needed housing supply across the country. Prior to working at CMHC, Nadine was a senior advisor at the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and was responsible for leading large financial Crown corporation audits, including CMHC's financial audit. Nadine joined CMHC in 2008 as part of the finance team leading the development of major programs in response to the global financial crisis. She has also held various executive roles at CMHC such as the Chief Audit Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Risk Officer, as well as the position of Vice-President, Multi-Unit Underwriting. Nadine is a CPA and holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours Accounting) from the University of Ottawa. In 2018, she received the prestigious Forty Under 40 award, which recognizes business leaders who give back to their community.

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Andria Leigh

*Director of Planning & Growth
Town of Innisfil*

As Director, Planning and Growth at the Town of Innisfil, Andria Leigh, leads an innovative and dynamic team in responsibly and deliberately planning for a rapidly growing community. Previously Andria was the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)/Director Development Services for the Township of Oro-Medonte a rural municipality in Simcoe County. Andria is a Registered Professional Planner (RPP) and is a member of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) and Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP). Over the years, Andria has served in a variety of roles with OPPI including sponsoring and mentoring to new planners, OPPI Council Director and Secretary-Treasurer and is currently the Chair Elect. She is a graduate from Wilfrid Laurier University; and continues her lifelong learning through a variety of programs; obtaining her Black Belt Certification in Lean Six Sigma in 2021 and completing her Executive Diploma in Municipal Management in 2023.



Eric Lucic

*Commissioner and Chief Planner of Planning and Development
Town of Caledon*

Eric Lucic is the Commissioner of Planning and Development and Chief Planner for the Town of Caledon and a Registered Professional Planner. Before his role with Caledon, Eric held roles as the Director of Strategic Projects and Director of Regional Planning with Halifax Regional Municipality. Eric has also held leadership or planning roles previously with the City of Mississauga and City of Brampton. In addition to leading planning in one of the fastest growing communities in Canada, Eric sits as a Board of Director with the Council for Canadian Urbanism and on the City of Hamilton's Design Review Panel. Eric's planning career is focused on strategic thinking, city building and relationship development.



Darryl Lyons

*Deputy CAO
Municipality of Clarington*

Darryl Lyons is the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Planning and Infrastructure Services at the Municipality of Clarington. He proudly leads the team responsible for community and development planning, engineering and infrastructure, parks planning and development, as well as building services. Darryl is passionate about mentoring and supporting his team, collaborating with stakeholders and finding innovative solutions to build vibrant, sustainable and complete communities. Darryl holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Queen's University and is a Registered Professional Planner and Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners with over 24 years of progressive experience. Prior to joining Clarington, Darryl was the Deputy Director of Planning and Urban Design at the City of Markham and spent more than 19 years at the Province of Ontario developing and implementing land use policy, provincial plans and legislation.

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Heather McNeely

*Director of Planning and Development
City of London*

Heather McNeely is the Director of Planning and Development for the City of London, bringing nearly 40 years of municipal planning experience to the role. She has played a key role in major cityshaping initiatives, including the awardwinning ReThink London public engagement program and The London Plan, demonstrating her commitment to a healthy, resilient, and vibrant city for current and future generations. Heather's expertise also extends internationally through her work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' CARILED program, where she contributed to downtown planning and local economic development projects in San Ignacio/Santa Elena and Belize City. Heather holds a degree in Urban & Regional Planning from the University of Waterloo and is a Registered Professional Planner (RPP) and member of the Canadian Institute of Planners. Her career encompasses extensive leadership, policy development, and project management experience, guiding multidisciplinary teams and advancing planning strategies that shape social, economic, built, and natural environments that support connected and thriving communities.



Michael Mizzi

*Commissioner of Community Development
Town of Oakville*

Michael Mizzi is the Commissioner of Community Development for the Town of Oakville, overseeing planning and development, building services, economic development, and municipal enforcement. Prior to this role, he served as Director of Community Planning for the Etobicoke York District at the City of Toronto from October 2021 to January 2025. He previously held the position of Director of Zoning and Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment for the City of Toronto. From 2013 to 2016, he was Chief of Development Review Services for the City of Ottawa, later stepping into the role of Acting General Manager of Planning and Growth Management.

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Vince Musacchio

*Deputy City Manager of Planning and Infrastructure Development
City of Vaughan*

Vince Musacchio is the Deputy City Manager of Planning and Infrastructure Development for the City of Vaughan, where he leads municipal planning, growth management, and the delivery of major infrastructure for one of Canada's fastest-growing cities. With over 25 years of experience across the public sector, Vince is recognized for advancing integrated infrastructure planning, championing evidence-based decision-making, and guiding large, multidisciplinary teams through complex city-building initiatives. Before taking on his current portfolio, Vince served as Vaughan's Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure Development and previously as Director of Infrastructure Planning and Corporate Asset Management, where he oversaw long-range Master Plans, Secondary Plans, and the City's corporate asset management framework. His earlier municipal and consulting roles in Toronto, Bradford West Gwillimbury, and iTRANS Consulting helped shape his deep expertise in transportation planning, municipal engineering, and capital program delivery. Vince is a collaborative leader known for strengthening intergovernmental partnerships and aligning infrastructure investment with community priorities, work that continues to shape Vaughan's long-term growth and resilience.



Grant Munday

*Director of Planning and Development Services
City of Welland*

Grant Munday is the Director of Development Services with the City of Welland. He is a professional planner that leads a team of staff that have and continue to streamline development approvals, create new and innovative policies and deliver excellence in customer service.



Michael Norton

*Chief Development Officer
CreateTO*

Michael Norton is the Chief Development Officer at CreateTO where he is responsible for identifying and leading redevelopment opportunities for City owned real estate, and providing real estate solutions to City divisions, agencies and corporations. Previously, Michael was Chief Development Officer at Metrolinx, where he oversaw the Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Program for the GO Heavy Rail and LRT portfolios and managed the agency's real estate portfolio and adjacent development reviews. Michael holds a bachelor's degree in Architectural Studies from the University of Waterloo and a Master of Science in Real Estate Development from Columbia University in New York.

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James Perttula

*Director of Transportation Planning
City of Toronto*

James Perttula is Director of Transportation Planning for the City of Toronto, with oversight of long-range planning for Toronto's multimodal transportation system. The integration of transportation and land use planning is integral to his team's work. James also leads the City's engagement with the Provincial government on Transit Oriented Communities projects. Prior to shifting to planning the transportation system for the City of Toronto in December 2014, James spent most of his career exploring transportation, economic and municipal policy issues with the Ontario government. He alternates between transit and cycling in his commute to City Hall, and much of his travel around this city.



Arvin Prasad

*General Manager of Planning and Economic Development
City of Hamilton*

Arvin Prasad is the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development at the City of Hamilton, leading a broad portfolio that shapes the city's growth, land use planning, and economic development, including growth management, building, transportation planning, licensing and by-law, climate change, and strategic initiatives. A Registered Professional Planner with over 35 years of experience in various municipalities most recently City of Markham, Arvin holds a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Urban and Regional Planning and a Master of Public Administration. He is a long-time advocate for complete, well-planned communities that support sustainable growth and economic vitality. Arvin is responsible for advancing strategic development initiatives that align with Hamilton's vision "to be the best place to raise a child and age successfully," while delivering on the City's mission to build a healthy, safe, prosperous, and sustainable community.



Scott Ritchie

*Senior Manager, Planning Services
City of St. Catharines*

Scott Ritchie is the Senior Manager of Planning Services for the City of St. Catharines. He acts as a key staff member in community planning, overseeing projects like the Ontario Street Corridor Secondary Plan Study and the Downtown Heritage Conservation District Study. He also acts as a public planning liaison.

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Steve Robichaud

*Commissioner, Development & Growth Management
City of Burlington*

Steve Robichaud is the Commissioner, Development & Growth Management for the City of Burlington. Previously, he was the driving force behind the City of Hamilton's long-term growth management strategy which is now being implemented through a new Official Plan, secondary plans and a new comprehensive zoning by-law for the City. He led and oversaw the preparation of several award winning major initiatives including a new secondary plan and zoning for the Downtown, public engagement strategies, new simplified zoning in urban and rural areas of Hamilton and has led the Division's Open for Business initiatives to assist clients and lead continuous improvement initiatives. Steve's innovative and creative approach to complex planning issues and developing his staff's capacity to deliver innovative solutions has been recognized by Canadian Institute of Planners, Ontario Professional Planners Institute and Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians. Steve is a registered professional planner, Steve is both a graduate of McMaster University and the University of Toronto.



Catherine Rose

*Chief Planner
City of Pickering*

Catherine Rose, RPP, MCIP, is a graduate of the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Honours Geography). Catherine became the Chief Planner for the City of Pickering in January 2013, after twenty years as the Manager of Policy. Catherine oversees a portfolio that includes Policy & Geomatics, Development Review & Urban Design, and Zoning & Administration. In addition to the review of intensification and greenfield development applications, key activities in 2023 included completion of a GIS Strategic Plan, the on-going preparation of a secondary plan for Northeast Pickering, release of the first draft of a consolidated zoning by-law, initiation of a streamlining review of the City's planning and development processes, and initiation of the City's Official Plan Review.

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Alex Ryan

*Managing Director
Canada Infrastructure Bank*

Alex is a Managing Director at the Canada Infrastructure Bank and is responsible for the CIB's Clean Power and Housing sectors. Within Clean Power the CIB focuses on power generation, transmission, distribution and storage, and the CIB's Infrastructure for Housing Initiative focuses on enabling infrastructure for housing development by working with the public sector, communities, and private sector developers. Before joining CIB, Alex led project finance teams at Graham and Operis (founding its Toronto office). Within project finance, he has acted as financial advisor, equity investor, acted as a project company board director, and authored sustainable financing frameworks. Alex is a CFA charterholder and holds a First Class Honours in Mathematics and Economics from Warwick University. In his spare time, Alex serves as Treasurer of the Thames Valley Education Foundation.



Jag Sharma

*Deputy City Manager, Development & Growth Services
City of Toronto*

Jag Sharma is the Deputy City Manager for Development and Growth Services at the City of Toronto which brings City staff engaged in planning and development review together in one service area, helping the City meet its strategic goals to deliver housing faster with a focus on affordable housing. A passionate leader, Jag possesses exceptional public and private sector experience such as Toronto Community Housing, City of Oshawa, Canada Post Corporation, Ford Motor Company and Maple Leaf Foods. Jag holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master's degree in business administration from Queen's University.

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David Sit

*Director, Community Planning, North York District
City of Toronto*

David Sit is the Director of Community Planning in North York, City of Toronto. Since joining the City in 2015, he has worked in the waterfront area of Scarborough and in the Downtown as a Community Planning Manager. In 2021, he was promoted to the Director role in North York where he has been overseeing a range of development applications, new secondary plans, and ongoing studies. He is a strong advocate of local decision making and public engagement as a means to create better, livable communities. David continues to support and promote the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and uses some of his spare time mentoring new staff and provisional members. He is formerly a graduate of the Urban and Regional Planning program at the University of Waterloo.

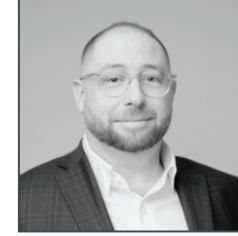


Jason Thorne

*Chief Planner & Executive Director
City of Toronto*

Jason Thorne is the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City Planning at the City of Toronto, where he leads a team of more than 350 urban planning, urban design, heritage, and technical professionals. An accomplished city builder with more than 25 years of private and public professional experience, Jason provides expertise and leadership on policies, plans and strategies that support building complete communities and promoting a sustainable, healthy and economically vibrant Toronto. Jason is a registered Professional Planner and a full member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute. His public sector experience includes 10 years as the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department at the City of Hamilton, Director of Policy and Planning at Metrolinx, and Senior Associate and Manager with the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal. Jason also has extensive experience working with non-governmental organizations, having started his career working as a community organizer and activist for a variety of not-for-profit environmental organizations. A proud urbanist, Jason's passion is to solve complex urban issues and create great urban places for everyone.

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Oren Tamir

*Interim Executive Director, Development Review
City of Toronto*

Oren Tamir is an urban planning professional with more than 20 years of experience at the City of Toronto, where he currently serves the Interim Executive Director of the Development Review Division. He leads complex planning initiatives focused on development review, local area studies, process improvement, and community engagement across the city. Oren also served as Course Director for Land Use Planning Law at York University from 2018 to 2025, helping to educate the next generation of planning professionals on Ontario's planning framework and legislation. He holds a Master's degree in Environmental Studies (Planning) and a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Urban Studies from York University. Oren has been qualified by the Ontario Land Tribunal as an expert in land use planning and condominium review on projects across Toronto.



John Taylor

*Director of Planning
City of Whitby*

John Taylor is the Director of Planning for the Town of Whitby. He is a Registered Professional Planner and Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners. John started his career as a private planning consultant and transitioned to the public sector. The combination of private and public experience has assisted John in focussing on solutions rather than problems. John has been a guest speaker at several universities and planning symposiums as well as industry events such as Durham Region Homebuilders Association and several real estate boards providing his expertise on the role of government in the land use and development approval process in Ontario. When he's not thinking about the Town's Official Plan Review or new Comprehensive Zoning By-law, he likes to relax on the golf course or escape to cottage country.

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Alex Teixeira

*Director of Community Planning
City of Toronto*

Alex Teixeira is the Director of Community Planning for the Etobicoke York District in the City of Toronto's Development Review Division. Alex began his career at a non-profit affordable housing provider in Toronto and as a development review Planner at the Town of Whitby. Since joining the City of Toronto, he has worked on projects in Scarborough, North York, Midtown, Downtown and across Etobicoke. Alex is a graduate of the MES Planning program at York University and is a Registered Professional Planner and Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.



Christian Ventresca

*Director, Community Planning, Scarborough District
City of Toronto*

Christian Ventresca is the Director of Community Planning for Scarborough District, in the City of Toronto's Development Review Division. Since joining the City in 2005, Christian has held a number of policy and development review positions focused on the City's "inner suburbs" of North York, Etobicoke, York and Scarborough. Whether leading master plans or implementing them through development review, his practice has focused on bringing a practical, resilient and place-based approach to parts of the City transitioning through a second wave of urbanization. A keen strategist and an unapologetic generalist, he's comfortable speaking a range of languages from architecture to infrastructure, learning from all manners of professionals to deliver outcomes at the varied scales of city building. Christian is a graduate of the University of Toronto's Master of Science in Planning program, as well as a Registered Professional Planner and Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.



Kerri Voumvakis

*General Manager, Development Services
Town of East Gwillimbury*

Kerri Voumvakis serves as the General Manager of Development Services at the Town of East Gwillimbury, where she provides leadership for land use planning, economic development, and building services. She brings extensive senior leadership experience from the City of Toronto, where she most recently served as Interim Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning prior to her retirement in 2024. As the City of Toronto's Director of the Strategic Initiatives, Policy & Analysis Section, for 14 years, she led the development and review of Toronto's Official Plan, its subsequent updates, the MTSA policy framework, and numerous Secondary Plans and city-building policy initiatives. A strong advocate for complete communities, Kerri is leading the implementation of key plans and strategies that will help shape East Gwillimbury as a healthy, sustainable, and vibrant community. She is a solutions-oriented collaborative leader with extensive expertise in strategic planning and growth management.

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Andrew Whitemore

*Commissioner, Planning & Building Department
City of Mississauga*

Andrew Whitemore has been the Commissioner of Mississauga's Planning & Building Department since 2018, and has over 25 years of experience in urban planning. Andrew's career began in Halifax, pioneering the city's inaugural Regional Plan post-amalgamation. In Mississauga, Andrew has spearheaded multiple award-winning projects, including the city's first Affordable Housing strategy and a robust Infill strategy. Andrew's been a vanguard for planning reform, stakeholder engagement, advancing electronic applications, LEAN principles, and most recently leading the integration of regional planning services from the Region of Peel. One of Andrew's greatest honours was to participate in the Governor General of Canada's Leadership Conference where he travelled the North West Territories with other national leaders. Andrew holds a B.Sc. from Acadia University and a Master's in Urban and Rural Planning from the Technical University of Nova Scotia.



Annelly Zonena

*Director, Waterfront Secretariat
City of Toronto*

Annelly Zonena is the Director of the Waterfront Secretariat for the City of Toronto, which provides leadership for City's role in the tri-government implementation of the next phase of Waterfront Revitalization delivering new infrastructure, housing, and parks and public realm. Annelly has extensive experience in public-private partnerships for major development projects, including the Regent Park Revitalization. Throughout her career at the City, Annelly has been a leader in significant programs including the Housing Now Initiative and large Land Use planning projects. Annelly brings hands-on experience to the Waterfront, having led the implementation of Toronto Island Park Master Plan and city-wide parkland and recreation facility capital plans. A recognized leader in the industry, Annelly was inducted into ULI Toronto's Women Leadership Institute's Championship Team in 2022 for her commitment to equitable engagement, nimble approach to public-private development projects, and excellence in master planning.

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Accelerating Accessibility Coalition:

a growing voluntary movement empowering home builders to make accessibility a greater priority as they build for the growing and evolving needs of the Canadian population.



Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Reconciliation Council:

supporting a myriad of programs and initiatives, including:

o**Pathways to Inclusion:** to increase the participation of equity-deserving communities who are currently underrepresented in the real estate development, land use, and city-building fields.

oGuide for **Truth and Reconciliation** in Corporate Responsibility and Land Development.



Curtner Urban Leadership Program: challenging multi-disciplinary mid-career industry leaders to work with communities to advance responsible, transformative, and positive city-building.



Technical Assistance Panels: offering the public-sector low-cost access to the brightest talent of ULI's diverse membership — developers, planners, financiers, market analysts, economists, architects, designers, and public officials — to provide practical solutions and objective advice not available from any other source.



Women's Leadership Initiative: committed to increasing the number and visibility of women in leadership roles at ULI Toronto and the industry in general.



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