

Future Cities Canada 2018 Summit Advisory Committee Members



Barbara Ciesla

VP, Experience, ALLIED REIT

Barbara is the Vice President of Experience at ALLIED REIT, a leading owner, manager and developer of urban office environments in Canada's major cities.



Assaf Weisz

Managing Director, Creative Placemaking, Artscape

Assaf is Managing Director of the Creative Placemaking Lab at Artscape, which focuses on redesigning cities through arts and culture. Prior, he was co-founder and Managing Director of Purpose Capital, an impact investment advisory firm working with investors, foundations and financial institutions on over \$200M in capital mandates.



Gord Hicks

Global CEO, BGIS

Gord is the Global CEO of Brookfield Global Integrated Solutions (BGIS), a global real estate management services company. He started his career with BGIS in 1997, and has held a number of executive positions with the company.



Willa Black

VP, Corporate Affairs, CISCO Canada

Willa is Vice President, Corporate Affairs for Cisco Canada. She is responsible for strategies designed to promote Cisco's external brand relevance and transformational impact across key constituencies, and leads initiatives in support of CSR.



Mike Williams

**General Manager, Economic Development & Culture,
City of Toronto**

Mike is the General Manager of Economic Development and Culture at the City of Toronto. EDC strives to make Toronto a place where business and culture thrive by advancing the city's prosperity, opportunity and liveability.



Jodie Rawn

Managing Director, CivicAction Leadership Foundation

Jodie is the Managing Director of the CivicAction Leadership Foundation. In her role, she oversees the DiverseCity Fellows and Emerging Leaders Network (ELN) programs, and is responsible for the development of strategies to identify and prepare the future leaders of our region.



Jennifer Keesmaat

Candidate, Mayor of Toronto

Jennifer Keesmaat is an urban planner passionate about creating places where people flourish. She is currently running in the mayoral election in the City of Toronto.



Paul Lum

Business Solutions Manager, CRH

Paul is the Business Solutions Manager at CRH, a global leader in building materials.



Adil Dhalla

Executive Director, CSI Toronto

Adil Dhalla is a civic entrepreneur and community organizer who is driven to co-create new and inclusive economies. He is currently the Executive Director of the Centre for Social Innovation Toronto, and previously CSI's Director of Culture.



Deirdre Laframboise

**Senior Manager, Knowledge & Sector Development,
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Deirdre Laframboise is the Senior Manager of Knowledge and Sector Development at the Green Municipal Fund in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Her interests lie in program development, partnership stewardship and knowledge mobilization.



Paul Frith

Director, Sales & Advocacy, Geosource Energy Inc.

Paul is the Director of Sales & Advocacy for Geosource Energy and is very active in a government relations capacity for the Ontario Geothermal Association. He Co-Chairs the CAGBC Toronto's annual golf tournament and is Chair of the BEIC membership committee.



Marah Braye

CEO, Harbourfront Centre

Marah is the CEO of Harbourfront Centre. She is the former CEO of the Sydney Biennale.



Jayne Engle

Director, Cities for People, The McConnell Foundation

Jayne is the curator of a collaborative initiative of The McConnell Foundation called Cities for People, which aims to test new ways of working and building networks to create more resilient and livable cities.



Karen Carter

Executive Director, Myseum of Toronto

Karen is the Executive Director of the Myseum of Toronto, an innovative approach to the museum experience, and a new way to experience Toronto's natural spaces, cultures, history, archaeology and architecture.

Hima

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NEMA Productions: Hima Batavia & Negin Sairafi



Hima Batavia and Negin Sairafi are the co-founders of Reset and the duo behind NEMA Productions. They are designers, creative directors and cultural producers passionate about cultivating community and meaningful connection through immersive, multi-sensory playful experiences that shift your perspective and reality. Their portfolio includes the Honest Ed's Farewell Festival, Spark! Canadian Social Innovation Conference and the Feel Good Summit.



Sébastien Turbot

Executive Director, NewCities Foundation

Sébastien is the Executive Director of the NewCities Foundation, an international non-profit organization dedicated to improving life in cities, and is focused on people, places and policies.



Claudia Krywiak

VP, Corporate Development, OCE

Claudia Krywiak is the Vice President, Corporate Development of Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE), a non-profit organization that drives the commercialization of cutting-edge Ontario-based research across key market sectors to build the province's innovation economy and secure its global competitiveness.



George Carras

Head, R-Labs

George is the Head of R-Labs, which solves problems and expands opportunity in the housing and commercial real estate market through technology-enabled venture companies that are proven locally, and scale globally.



Leah Lawrence

CEO, SDTC

Leah Leah Lawrence is a Canadian clean technology executive, entrepreneur and writer. In June 2015, she was appointed president and CEO of Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC).



Lauren Skelly

Director, External Affairs, Sidewalk Labs

Lauren is the Director of External Affairs for Sidewalk Labs. Lauren oversees public affairs and public engagement for the Sidewalk Toronto project. Prior to working at Sidewalk, Lauren worked at Google Canada in public policy and community affairs.



Krista Pawley

CMO & Head of Impact, SingularityU Canada

Krista is the Chief Marketing Officer and Head of Impact at SingularityU Canada, a global community using exponential technologies to tackle the world's biggest challenges.



Andrea C. Barrack

VP, Global Corporate Citizenship, TD Bank

Andrea Barrack is the Vice President, Global Corporate Citizenship at TD Bank Group. In this role she is the lead champion for CSR across the enterprise, ensuring the development of a best in class integrated strategy that is aligned to business objectives while creating positive social, economic and environmental impacts in the community.



Kapil Khimdas

Director of Programming, TEDx Toronto

Kapil spends his days advising public and private sector organizations on strategy and impact. He's deeply passionate about using big ideas to create change in the world, and has been the Director of Programming for TEDxToronto since 2016.



Natasha Apollonova

Assistant VP, Polcy, Toronto Region Board of Trade

Natasha is the Assistant Vice President, Policy with Toronto Region Board of Trade, the chamber of commerce for Canada's largest urban centre. The Board is an influential thought leader on key business and public policy issues impacting the Toronto region's globally competitive economy.



Shauna Brail

**Associate Director, Outreach and Partnerships for the
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Shauna is the Associate Director, Outreach and Partnerships for the University of Toronto's School of Cities and an Associate Professor. Her research lies broadly in economic geography with a focus on the social, cultural and economic changes associated with the shifting strengths of cities.



Richard Joy

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Richard is the Executive Director of the Urban Land Institute (Toronto), a non-profit real estate and land development organization supported by over 1600 public and private sector members.



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Andrew Bowerbank is the National Vice President, Sustainability, Energy & Buildings at WSP, a Canadian business providing management and consultancy services to the built and natural environment.