

## 2019 Summit Advisory Group



### Paul Bailey

*Principal, REVIVE*

Paul is a strategist, policy advisor, and urban planner. His work is currently focused on social development, health equity, and the causes of neighbourhood inequality and distress. Paul has spent the last decade working with youth, and designing interventions focused on health and well-being, gun violence, mental health and addictions, and improving the social service sector in under-served and low-income communities in Toronto. Paul is a Principal at REVIVE, a social planning firm based in Toronto, and is actively engaged in community, currently serving on Toronto Community Housing's Design Review Panel, the City of Toronto's Community Healing Project Advisory, and the boards of Black Health Alliance and TAIBU Community Health Centre. Paul holds a degree in History & Social Science (Equity and Culture) and is completing a Masters Degree in Environmental Studies (Urban Planning) at York University.

#### **What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

I hope to impact and shape conversations about the how we will build better cities, point out tangible opportunities that are small in scope, but are big in scale, that will help us build better cities, and bring other dimensions to the issues we all know too well - poverty, safety, housing and health equity.

#### **What's your favourite city and why?**

Toronto - The untapped potential.



### Andrew Bowerbank

*National Vice President, Sustainability & Energy, WSP*

Andrew Bowerbank is well known across the energy, infrastructure, and cleantech sectors in Canada and internationally. Through his experiences, he has developed the ability to identify new market opportunities and demonstrate the effectiveness of collaboration across industry sectors to achieve results. Today, Mr. Bowerbank is the National Vice President, Sustainability & Energy at WSP, one of the largest engineering consulting firms in the world.

Prior to joining WSP in 2018, Mr. Bowerbank held executive positions across a number of well recognized corporations including EllisDon and Magna International. He has also acted as a representative for Canada's Department of



Foreign Affairs at international events and he has held board seats on public agencies including the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. He is the former CEO of the World Green Building Council (2007-10) where he successfully worked with Council members to grow the WorldGBC from 8 founding nations to over 60 member countries. During his tenure with the WorldGBC, he had the fortunate opportunity to work as a member representative for the United Nations Environmental Program with a specific goal to deliver a global framework for major carbon reductions in buildings.

**What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

In today's market, we need to find new ways to collaborate across sectors to ensure the systems needed to meet urban challenges are in place. Our cities need to be resilient to our changing climate, adaptive to shifting demographics, and responsive to the latest trends; all while conserving energy and resources. The Advisory will be a group of thought leaders that can provide direction for this urban imperative and work to craft a Summit that will engage the change agents required to ensure results.

**What's your favourite city and why?**

As a former Council member at FCM, I cannot pick just one!! I love the urban centres of Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa; I love the smaller cities of Newmarket, Nanaimo, and Canmore; I love the rural townships of Caledon, Chibougamau, and Dorset.



**Shauna Brail**

*Associate Professor, Director of the Urban Studies Program and Associate Director, Partnerships & Outreach, School of Cities at the University of Toronto*

Shauna Brail, PhD is Associate Professor, Director of the Urban Studies Program and Associate Director, Partnerships & Outreach, School of Cities at the University of Toronto. As an urban planner and economic geographer, Brail's research focuses on the transformation of cities as a result of economic, social, and cultural change.

**What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

I hope to provide advice regarding overall summit directions, help identify prospective speakers and invitees, and meet/learn from the other committee members.



**What's your favourite city and why?**

Toronto – because it's home, it has all the ingredients of a thriving, vibrant, dynamic city, and it's always improving.



**Adil Dhalla**

*Civic Entrepreneur and Community Organizer*

Adil Dhalla is a civic entrepreneur, community organizer and former Executive Director of the Centre for Social Innovation.

**What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

I hope to bring my experience with building healthy cultures and inclusive experience design to the Advisory Board.

**What's your favourite city and why?**

Toronto, because we see difference as our opportunity. But I also have a major bias so I'll also give a nod to Auroville in India, which is a bold experiment in city building and unification.



**Renée Gomes**

*Vice President of Development, First Gulf Corporation*

Renée Gomes is a Registered Professional Planner and Vice President of Development for First Gulf's East Harbour project. She has both public- and private-sector experience in the Toronto region and in England, managing the transformation of challenging urban and brownfield sites into precedent-setting, sustainable communities. As a champion of creative, multi-sector approaches to city building, she has led numerous strategies for achieving public policy objectives through commercially successful real estate development projects. Renée was previously responsible for implementation of Waterfront Toronto's precinct plans for the East Bayfront and West Don Lands communities, including Athletes' Village for the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games. She is also a lecturer in the University of Toronto's Graduate Program in Planning, and a Member of the Board of Directors of Evergreen, a national non-profit.

**What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

I am excited for the opportunity to contribute to a robust and critical dialogue about the future of our cities. I hope to help ensure that the Future Cities Canada Summit offers a unique forum for discussing issues and ideas, reflecting a wide diversity of perspectives and bringing together people from a range of backgrounds and sectors.



**What's your favourite city and why?**

I love my home city of Toronto, but my favourite city to visit is Mumbai, India. The city showcases innovation, resilience, beauty, and diversity in both social life and the built form. Mumbai defies stereotypes and preconceived notions, and there are many lessons we can all learn from a city of that size and complexity.



**Kapil Khimdas**

*Co-Chair & Director of Curation and Coaching, TEDxToronto*

Kapil is passionate about helping people connect across difference through sharing and understanding each other's stories. As the co-chair of TEDxToronto, Kapil is driven to help Toronto's great ideas make an impact across our region and the world. By day, he's the founder of a consultancy helping organizations use story and narrative to build better strategy, culture and brand. You're also likely to find him in the kitchen or lost in an amazing TV series.

**What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

I hope to contribute my perspectives as co-chair and curator of TEDxToronto and running a consultancy focused on narrative and storytelling.

**What's your favourite city and why?**

Austin, Texas. It's a city with an unmistakably unique culture, best barbecue and whose residents both do great things, and live a great life. I've been three times, and am dying to go again.



**Chi Nguyen**

*Director, Social Innovation Canada (SI Canada)*

Chi Nguyen is the Director of Social Innovation Canada (SI Canada), a newly launched network for social innovators. SI Canada will empower people, organizations and systems with resources and connections to solve real and complex problems better. Chi is also an active member of the BMW Foundation's Responsible Leaders Network.

**What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

Hoping to have a better grounding and partnership with FCC around your convening as our work has some important parallels and connection points as we're each stewarding and growing communities of people focused on solutions for big problems.



**What's your favourite city and why?**

Favourite city is London, because it is just brimming with life. But, my fave Canadian city is my hometown of Toronto.



**Krista Pawley**

*CMO and Impact Lead, SingularityU Canada*

Krista Pawley is the CMO and Impact lead for SingularityU Canada. With over 20 years' experience working in 50+ countries across five continents, Krista has held executive positions building, training and leading world-class teams within the Government of Canada, Scotiabank, The MasterCard Foundation, and Aimia among others.

Krista founded Imperative Impact in 2015. Focused on the intersection of impact and innovation, the Imperative Impact team works with organizations like SingularityU Canada, IdentityNORTH, the Digital ID and Authentication Council of Canada, Catalytic Governance, The APEC Digital Mental Wellness Hub, UPPlift, and IMPACT2030 to share Canadian stories of impact and innovation.

**What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

Bring together a community of uncommon partners - move beyond the usual suspects into a broader community of stakeholders - to have an inclusive conversation of what a truly sustainable and livable city could look like and begin testing and learning around new models that respect and reflect the core values of the community, leveraging the best of what we already know and encouraging innovations (technical, social, environmental,...).

**What's your favourite city and why?**

London England - London is a city of villages, with high streets that make it easy to have a sense of community and a transit system that enables people to move easily between communities. With its restrictions on cars and emphasis on bikes and pedestrians, it is easy and comfortable to get around the core of the city. There is great diversity and ample opportunities to experience the city "on a dime" with museums, parks, and community activities that encourage engagement in the community. The cost of living in the core is very high (an absolute downside) and there are still significant barriers to certain populations, but overall London is an exciting and livable city that shows that you can be innovative even with a huge legacy of built infrastructure.



## Carolyn Scotchmer

### *Executive Director, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF)*

Carolyn Scotchmer is the Executive Director of TD Friends of the Environment Foundation (TD FEF) where she oversees the operations of the Foundation and leads a team of Regional Managers to support community-based environmental initiatives across Canada. She is also responsible for the Canadian corporate environmental giving portfolio for TD Bank Group, to help deliver on the bank's corporate citizenship platform, The Ready Commitment.

### **What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

TD's Ready Commitment is focused on opening doors for an inclusive and sustainable future, and we recognize that Cities are going to be a big part of this work. My being on the Advisory Committee, I hope to support the creation of an event that fosters a dialogue on innovative approaches to city-building that incorporates diverse perspective while also providing insights and connections gained through our work with dozens of organizations across our North American footprint.

### **What's your favourite city and why?**

My favourite city to live in is Toronto - it is vibrant and diverse, and offers something for almost everyone. My favourite city to visit is London with its combination of amazing green spaces and lively neighbourhoods. Having said that, there are a lot of cities I haven't yet visited.



## Emma Stenning

### *Executive Director, Soulpepper Theatre Company*

Emma is Executive Director of Soulpepper, one of Canada's leading theatre companies. Previously Emma was Chief Executive of Bristol Old Vic, Head of Programming at Manchester International Festival, and a Cultural Programme adviser to the London Olympic Games. Emma is a 2005 Clore Fellow and an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Bristol University.

### **What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

To make the cities we live in be greener. To use art to save the world!

### **What's your favourite city and why?**

Bristol, England.



## Justin Trevan

*Associate Principal, Arup Canada*

Justin Trevan is an Associate Principal who leads the Digital and Advisory Services businesses at Arup Canada. He has broad expertise in technical strategy development as well as delivering and optimizing technology solutions across diverse industry sectors such as cities, government, healthcare, transit. He also co-chairs the Toronto Regional Board of Trade's Smart Cities Working Group.

### **What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

I hope to be able to align the Future Cities and regional (through the board of trade) agendas as well as bringing international experience/perspective to local city outcomes.

### **What's your favourite city and why?**

(Perhaps more 'city that comes to mind first when asked to think of a city') - Yinchuan (capital of the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region in China). I've picked this one for rather different reasons. It stands out on a global scale as a technical tour-de-force of what's possible with a smart city, but having experienced it I absolutely would never want to live there; it encapsulates all that is wrong with technology in cities and what happens when you lose the human side to a community... (and enforces the love of my true favourite city, Bruges in Belgium – the total opposite).



## Sebastien 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.

### **What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

Help the summit improve on experience and editorial.

### **What's your favourite city and why?**

The City of Tomorrow because we will prove that we were able to come together and design cities that work for all and for the environment.



## 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.

### **What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

Add a local municipal perspective to the planner, help leverage City assets and resources, help leverage the impact on the City of the Summit.

### **What's your favourite city and why?**

Aside from Toronto? Venice because it is so unique, steeped in history and celebrates the arts so well.



## Riley Yesno

*Writer, Advocate*

Riley Yesno is an Anishinaabe woman from Eabametoong First Nation who grew up in Thunder Bay, ON and currently attends The University of Toronto. Riley spent two years providing advice to the Prime Minister and members of the federal government and has worked alongside Indigenous leaders across the country on a number of issues ranging from art-programming for youth to governance and self-determination.

She has spoken about Indigenous models of sustainability at the UN Conference on Climate Change's 24th Conference of the Parties in Katowice, Poland, in Stockholm, Sweden, at the World Forum on Gender Equality, and has delivered a TEDx talk on Canadian identity. Riley is also a part-time writer and has contributed to major Canadian media outlets including Maclean's and the Toronto Star, where she primarily covers youth, and Indigenous issues. She hopes that through story-telling and building relationships she can contribute in her own way to building a better place for future generations to call home.

### **What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

My hope is that the Advisory/Future Cities Canada Summit can be a place to plant the first seeds necessary to tangibly decolonize cities, or at the very least, help us decolonize the way we think about cities.



**What's your favourite city and why?**

Nimkii Aazhabikong beside Ompa Lake, Northern Ontario in traditional Anishinaabe territory. It's a model of a sustainable, community-built living space operating in accordance with traditional Anishinaabe ways of life.



**Sadia Zaman**

*CEO, Inspirit Foundation*

Sadia brings a wealth of media, arts, and not-for-profit experience to her role as CEO, Inspirit Foundation. She has held leadership roles at the ROM, CBC, and Women in Film and Television-Toronto. Sadia began her career as a journalist, creating hundreds of hours of original, critically acclaimed content for Vision TV, CBC and TVO. She has won dozens of awards for journalism, and has been honoured for her leadership.

**What impact do you hope to have on this Advisory/through the Future Cities Canada Summit?**

I hope to support all of us as we try to ensure that the Summit looks and sounds like the people who live in all of our cities.

**What's your favourite city and why?**

My favourite city in the world is Cape Town. In 1994, near the beginning of my career, I was in South Africa doing a series of documentaries for Vision TV. I had a near-death experience when my crew and I found ourselves in the midst of a violent protest. And then, weeks later, lost a friend, and fellow journalist to that violence. But I also met incredible women whose resilience has stayed with me; they taught me about innate courage. And after the work was done, it was the feeling, an illusion, that I could reach up and touch the stars In Cape Town that helped me understand that sorrow and beauty truly do live side by side.