

## TORONTO BEST PRACTICES TRIP

### Program

#### Sunday – 9/27/15

**7-8:30pm Delegate Registration/Welcome Reception**  
Omni King Edward Hotel (Belgravia Room/2<sup>nd</sup> level)

#### Monday – 9/28/15

**7-8:00am Breakfast/Meeting – Intro to Toronto**  
Omni King Edward Hotel (Knightsbridge Room/2<sup>nd</sup> level)

Speaker:

David Cooper, Sr. Transportation Planner, City of Toronto

**8:30am Depart Omni King Edward Hotel via Motor Coach – for Evergreen Brickworks**

**9-10:30am Tour of the Evergreen Brickworks (550 Bayview Avenue)**  
Tour Guide: Jennifer Reynolds, Director of Marketing & Communications, Evergreen

**10:30am Depart Evergreen Brickworks to Spacing Store @ 401 Richmond W.**

**11-11:30am Visit to the Spacing Store (401 Richmond Street West)**

**11:30am Streetcar Tour of the Spadina LRT and Queens Quay LRT**

**12:30pm Key Projects:**

Waterfront Revitalization, Downtown Development and Growth, Spadina LRT Corridor

Speaker:

Sarah Phipps, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, City of Toronto

David Cooper, Senior Transportation Planner, City Planning Division, City of Toronto

Representatives from Waterfront Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission

**12:30-2:00pm Meeting and Lunch with Metrolinx/Regional Transportation Story**

Metrolinx headquarters, Union Station, 97 Front St. W – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (Peter R. Smith Board Room)

Speakers:

Jack Collins, Chief Capital Officer, Metrolinx

Leslie Woo, Chief Planning Officer, Metrolinx

Robert Siddall, Chief Financial Officer, Metrolinx

Kathy Haley, President, Union Pearson Express

Judy Pfeifer, VP – Strategic Communications, Metrolinx

**2:30pm Depart Metrolinx via Motor Coach for Rotman School of Management**

**3-3:30pm Presentation – The Next Urban Crisis**

University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management, 105 St. George – 1<sup>st</sup> floor (Room 1065)

Speaker:

Richard Florida, Professor/Director of Martin Prosperity Institute; Co-founder/editor at large for CityLab.com; Sr. editor for The Atlantic

**3:30-5:30pm Presentations – Toronto Urbanism (Blackett); Toronto Housing: Where we came from and where we’re probably headed (Donnelly)**

University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management, 105 St. George – 1<sup>st</sup> floor (1065)

Speakers:

Matthew Blackett, Publisher, Creative Director, Spacing Magazine

Brandon Donnelly, Real Estate Developer/Entrepreneur & Blogger

**5:30pm Depart University of Toronto via Motor Coach for Ryerson – 325 Church St.**

**6-8:00pm Reception and Discussion – Intersections, Sharing Best Practices between Portland and Toronto**

Ryerson University Architecture School, 325 Church Street

Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, City of Toronto;

Joe Zehnder, Chief Planner of Portland

**8:30pm Depart Ryerson via Motor Coach for return to Omni King Edward and One King West Hotel**

**Tuesday – 9/29/15**

**7-8:00am Breakfast – Daily Program Review**

Omni King Edward Hotel (Knightsbridge Room/2<sup>nd</sup> level)

**8-9:00am Meeting with Invest Toronto**

Omni King Edward Hotel (Knightsbridge Room/2<sup>nd</sup> level)

Speaker:

Michael Stewart, Business Development Executive at Invest Toronto

**9:30-11am Meeting with UT/Global Cities Institute – Toronto as a Global City**

Omni King Edward Hotel (Knightsbridge Room/2<sup>nd</sup> level)

Speakers:

Patricia McCarney - Professor and Director, Global Cities Institute, University of Toronto

Chris Kennedy, Professor Dept of Civil Engineering, University of Toronto

Daniel Hoornweg, Associate Professor & Jeffrey Boyce Research Chair in the Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science, University of Ontario Institute of Technology

**11:00am- Lunch**

**12:00pm** Omni King Edward Hotel (Knightsbridge Room/2<sup>nd</sup> level)

**12:30pm Depart Omni King Edward Hotel via walking (2 blocks) Toronto Region Board of Trade**  
(7 Adelaide St., W. – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor /Rooms A, B, C, D)

**1-2:00pm Toronto Region Board of Trade – Accelerating Regional Growth through Exports, Investment Attraction and Tourism**

Toronto Region Board of Trade, 77 Adelaide St., W. – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (Rooms A, B, C, D)

Speakers: Janet DeSilva, President & CEO

Dr. Douglas Goold, VP – Policy, Public Affairs & Communications

Natasha Apollonova, Associate VP - Policy

Patrick Gill, Sr. Manager – Policy

Toby Lennox, Chair – Transition Committee for new FDI attraction agency

**2-3:00pm Toronto's Discovery District – Ontario Institute for Cancer Research**

Toronto Region Board of Trade, 77 Adelaide St., W. – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (Rooms A, B, C, D)

Speaker:

Dr. Thomas Hudson, President & Scientific Director, Ontario Institute for Cancer Research

**3:30pm Depart Toronto Region Board of Trade for afternoon sessions /tours**

**4-6:00pm Tour of Regent Park or the Distillery District**

Tour 1 Regent Park Revitalization (35 Attendees max.)

Regent Park is Canada's oldest and largest social housing development. Constructed in 1948, initially as a municipal initiative with little assistance from senior levels of government and originally touted as a 'garden city', it increasingly became an isolated, gated community in the heart of the city for its 7,500 geared to income residents. Beginning in 2002, Toronto Community Housing--Canada's largest social housing landlord--began the revitalization of Regent Park with an expected cost of \$1 billion over 12-15 years.

This session will set the context for revitalization with a PowerPoint presentation followed by an on-site 'walk and talk' with Mitchell Kosny.

Speaker/Tour Leader – Dr. Kosny is Associate Director of the Ryerson University School of Urban and Regional Planning and a former Chair of the Board of Directors at TCHC during the 'roll-out' of revitalization.

OR

Tour 2 Distillery District Walking Tour (35 Attendees max.)

This walking tour will provide participants a brief history of the Distillery District, details of the approved planning framework, and a firsthand look into its results. The 13 acres district comprises more than 40 heritage buildings and 10 streets, and is the largest collection of Victorian-era industrial architecture in North America. Specifically, the walk will highlight the city's success in preserving the historical buildings, structures and surface paving that distinguish the Distillery District from the rest of the city. It will examine the role the urban design guidelines, integrated in the Official Plan, played in preserving the character of the District from new development, the importance of art sculptures in the public realm and the multi-functionality of the laneway system that serves as transportation corridors and open space areas.

Tour Leader – Henry Tang, Planner, City of Toronto, City Planning Division

**6:00pm Depart via Motor Coach for Hospitality Event at Omni King Edward Hotel**

**6-7:30pm Hospitality Event**

Omni King Edward Hotel (Palm Court Room/2<sup>nd</sup> level)

**Wednesday - 9/30/15**

**7-9:00am Breakfast - no program**

Omni King Edward Hotel (Knightsbridge Room/2<sup>nd</sup> level)

**9-9:30 Toronto...Past, Present, Future / Q&A**

Omni King Edward Hotel (Knightsbridge Room/2<sup>nd</sup> level)

Bill Macheras, Trade Commissioner - Europe and the Americas; Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development  
Canada

**9:30am Debrief Session**

Omni King Edward Hotel (Knightsbridge Room/2<sup>nd</sup> level)