



**Who's Who of Architecture & Real Estate to Unveil  
Toronto of the Future®**

***Showcase Event Scheduled for June 26 –30 at Metro Hall / MetroCentre***

**Toronto, June 19, 2017** --- Leading players in real estate and architecture will present the second biennial edition of **Toronto of the Future®**, a unique display of ideas for commercial, industrial and residential developments and urban infrastructure and transportation projects that will shape Canada's most dynamic city in the years to come.

**Toronto of the Future®** is a free exhibit of major architectural concepts **to be held from June 26 to 30, 2017 at MetroCentre / Metro Hall** (55 John St.). The event is co-hosted in collaboration with the City of Toronto and Oxford Properties Group. The first biennial edition of the event was held in the same venue in June 2015 and was a resounding success.

This not-to-be missed event will feature groundbreaking 3D scale models, illustrations, renderings and virtual presentations from top architects, contractors, developers and government agencies, including the City Planning Division of the City of Toronto. The displays will include various projects under construction, approved, planned or envisioned, but all will inspire the conversation of the evolution of a great city. Key stakeholders from the private and public sectors will be brought together to demonstrate to the public and media their leadership in contributing to the evolution of Toronto.

Thousands of visitors are expected to tour the showcase, in addition to the many people who pass through Metro Hall / MetroCentre every day.

Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner, City Planning Division of the City of Toronto, co-host of the exhibition, declares: "Toronto is a leading city in the Western Hemisphere with respect to the unprecedented scale of urbanization, redevelopment and renewal we see today. We expect this trend of rapid change to continue and as a result we need to continue to push our thinking with respect to what the city could become. As a result, the timing is excellent to present TORONTO OF THE FUTURE".

**OPENING HOURS OF THE EXHIBITION (open to the public, free of charge)**

Monday June 26, NOON – 4:00 pm

Tuesday June 27, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Wednesday June 28, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Thursday June 29, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Friday June 30, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**PARTIAL LIST OF PARTNERS & EXHIBITORS CONFIRMED** Compiled as of June 19.

*\* = Key partners presenting several projects in the showcase*

**VENUE CO-HOSTS OF THE EXHIBITION**

- City Planning Division, City of Toronto \*
- Oxford Properties Group \*

**PLATINUM SPONSORS**

- REP (Real Estate Professional)
- Urban Toronto / Skyrise Cities \*
- Mackie Transport

**GOLD SPONSORS**

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- GH+A Design Studios \*
- Intercontinental Hotel Toronto Centre
- ConstructConnect
- Hariri Pontarini Architects \*
- Toronto Hydro \*
- Quadrangle Architects \*
- Grassroots
- Foster & Partners Architects \*

**OTHER EXHIBITING PARTNERS (non-exhaustive list)**

- WZMH Architects
- Icon Architects
- Diamond & Schmitt Architects
- Wilkinson Eyre Architects
- Alva Roy Architects
- +VG Architects
- B&H Architects
- Audax Architecture
- Brisbin Brook Beynon Architects
- Kevric Real Estate
- SvN Architects + Planners
- Raw Design
- Wallman Architects

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION / EVENT OVERVIEW**

Based on the great success in Montreal held every two years since 2006 under the title 'Montréal du Futur®', the Toronto version of this unique public event will showcase multiple major commercial-office, residential, institutional real estate projects as well as transportation/infrastructure projects that will shape the skyline of Metropolitan Toronto over the next few years. This free event brings together several key business and civic organizations who contribute to the future development of the city, as well as the media and the general public. TORONTO OF THE FUTURE® brings together key real estate stakeholders in a unique neutral, educational and information-sharing setting. This urban development and infrastructure event will attract significant public interest.

The event will feature around 25 exhibitors, most showcasing multiple projects.

TORONTO OF THE FUTURE® will include various types of projects:

- Commercial – Office and Retail
- Residential (including mixed use)
- Institutional / Civic
- Infrastructure / Transportation

Target audiences of TORONTO OF THE FUTURE® include:

- Sponsor, exhibitor and media representatives
- Key stakeholders and industry leaders in real estate and development
- Architecture and design professionals
- Skyscraper fans including members of several specialized blogs
- General public
- Graduate university students in the field

## **OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY ON JUNE 26**

The official opening ceremony and reception (the only activity not open to the public free of charge) will take place on Monday June 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the King Tower Wintergarden, MetroCentre (225 King Street West) and will feature special guest Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner, City Planning Division, City of Toronto. The cocktail reception will begin with speeches and a symbolic ribbon cutting ceremony. A cocktail reception will then follow. Hundreds of guests who are passionate about the urban and economic development of Toronto will be in attendance. Wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres will be served. To purchase tickets (\$200 + tax each, in limited quantity), please contact [rjv@rjvcom.com](mailto:rjv@rjvcom.com).

## **CITIES OF THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT– EVENT FOUNDER & ORGANIZER**

Cities of the Future Management is a leading special events firm established by Robert J. Vezina, founder of Montréal du Futur and Toronto of the Future, two real estate and architectural exhibitions that bring together key real estate stakeholders and offer visions of how Toronto and Montreal are developing. It is the owner of the trademarks of Montréal du Futur® and Toronto of the Future®.

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*For more information and media interviews with the event's spokespersons:*

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