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# 2019 WalkShops

**Tuesday, September 10 & Wednesday, September 11**

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

WalkShops are fully included with registration, with no additional charges. **Due to popular demand, we ask that attendees only sign-up for one cycling tour throughout the duration of the conference.**

## Active Transportation

### If You Build (Parking) They Will Come: Bicycle Parking in Toronto

Providing safe, accessible, and convenient bicycle parking is an essential part of any city's effort to support increased bicycle use. This tour will use Toronto's downtown core as a setting to explore best practices in bicycle parking design and management, while visiting several major destinations and cycling hotspots in the area. Starting at City Hall, we will visit secure indoor bicycle parking, on-street bike corrals, Union Station's off-street bike racks, the Bike Share Toronto system, and also provide a history of Toronto's iconic post and ring bike racks.

**Lead:** Jesse Demb & David Tomlinson, Toronto Transportation Services
**Mode:** Cycling
**Accessibility:** Moderate cycling, uneven surfaces

## Building Out a Downtown Bike Network

Gain firsthand knowledge of Toronto's on-street cycling infrastructure while learning directly from people that helped implement it. Ride through downtown's unique neighborhoods with staff from the City's Cycling Infrastructure and Programs Unit as well as advocates from Cycle Toronto as they discuss the challenges and opportunities faced when designing and building new biking infrastructure. The tour will take participants to multiple destinations downtown, including the Richmond and Adelaide Street cycle tracks, which have become the highest volume cycling facilities in Toronto since being originally installed as a pilot project in 2014.

**Lead:** Adam Sweanor & Daniel Samson, Toronto Transportation Services; Keagan Gartz & Kevin Rupasinghe, Cycle Toronto
**Speaker:** Dave McLaughlin, WSP Canada
**Mode:** Cycling
**Accessibility:** Moderate cycling, uneven surfaces

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# Complete Streets and Accessibility

## The Complete Package: People-First Streets in Downtown Toronto

With its density and diverse street activity, downtown Toronto is already a premier pedestrian destination. Join this tour to learn about Toronto's work to make walking downtown even better. City staff will showcase a range of capital projects that illustrate their approach to building complete streets. The tour will cover the Toronto 360 Wayfinding Strategy, traffic signal box murals, as well as public space accessibility and design standards. Highlights include Toronto's first pedestrian scramble, Ryerson University's Gould Street pedestrian zone, Temperance Street parklets, and the Adelaide Street cycle track. We'll also stop for a photo of Berczy Park's whimsical "dog fountain" and discuss Market Street, the city's flexible street, and other measures taken to enhance streetscapes for all users from both policy and implementation perspectives. Bonus: the WalkShop will swing by St. Lawrence Market, a historic public market and foodie favorite operating since 1803.

**Lead:** Janet Lo & Johanna Kyte, Toronto Transportation Services
**Speaker:** Matthew Trushinski, Miovision
**Mode:** Walking
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking

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## Toronto's Complete Streets Initiatives: A Bike Tour

What better way to learn about complete streets projects than on two wheels. Pedal the inner city as you experience and compare a spectrum of on-street cycling infrastructure designs, gain insight into Toronto's sidewalk café and street furniture programs, and learn about how infrastructure can stitch together neighborhoods across major urban barriers. This biking tour will also provide a forum to discuss planning and implementation of complete streets projects, including innovative approaches to data collection and evaluation used to advance street projects that provide people of all ages and abilities with ways to get around.

**Lead:** Niki Siabanis & Justin Bak, Toronto Transportation Services
**Speaker:** Olivia White - Eco-Counter
**Mode:** Cycling
**Accessibility:** Moderate cycling, uneven surfaces

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## Tomorrow's Technology Today: A Tour of the Toronto Rehab Centre

Have you ever wanted to see a 240 degree streetscape immersion chamber? Or a simulator that can mimic all the joys and frustrations of driving? Here's your chance. This WalkShop will take you behind-the-scenes at one of the world's most advanced rehabilitation science research and development centers: KITE at Toronto Rehab. This center develops new treatments and technologies for people recovering from, and living with, disabling injury or illness. Led by a KITE Project Manager, participants will experience the Centre's world class simulation facilities, including the StreetLab, StairLab, DriverLab and WinterLab, where engineers, clinicians and scientists work to understand the difficulties people experience in their everyday lives. The walk to KITE will take you along University Avenue, a grand boulevard lined with monuments, major institutions, and Queen's Park at its north end, home of Ontario's legislature.

**Lead:** Dr. Sophia Yue Li & Dr. Alison Novak, University Health Network, Toronto Rehab Centre
**Speaker:** Ben Yoskovitz, Highline Beta
**Mode:** Walking
**Accessibility:** Light walking, fully accessible facilities

AVIVA

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### Navigating Streets as a New Parent

This WalkShop will explore the joys and challenges of navigating the city on foot with small children. Join this walking tour through dense neighborhoods in the Toronto core, where leaders will use parks and streetscapes as a lens through which to examine accessibility challenges faced by people with strollers in city environments. With stops at Crombie Park and the Esplanade in St. Lawrence, as well as the newly built Canary District development and Corktown Common park, this WalkShop will address the unique needs of babies, young children, and their caregivers when trying to explore the city in all seasons. City of Toronto initiatives intended to develop livable communities for children and families in dense urban neighborhoods will be highlighted, with particular attention paid to efforts to connect children with nature.

**Lead:** Sheyda Saneinejad, Toronto Transportation Services; Annely Zonena, Toronto City Planning; Jenia Faibusovitch, Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation

**Mode:** Walking, Transit

**Accessibility:** Moderate walking

## Managing Growth and Density

### The Evolving Village of Yorkville

Located in Midtown Toronto at the intersection of two subway lines, Yorkville is not a neighborhood to shy away from action. Join this WalkShop to experience the bustling streets and public spaces of Yorkville and to learn how the former 19th century village transformed first into a 1960s hippie haven and then to the "Mink Mile" luxury shopping district. Hear about the role of transportation in the area's development and about the City's efforts to balance heritage and modern street life in this always-evolving neighborhood of Victorian cottages and rising skyscrapers.

**Lead:** Oren Tamir, Toronto City Planning

**Mode:** Walking, Transit (subway)

**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, accessible subway stations

## On the Beaten PATH: The Toronto Underground

(Mostly) beneath the streets of downtown Toronto lies a pedestrian walkway network spanning more than 30 km (19 mi). Holding the World Record for the largest underground shopping complex, the PATH is a series of walkways that connects destinations and facilitates year-round, climate-controlled pedestrian links to public transit. PATH accommodates more than 200,000 weekday commuters and plays a central, though hidden, role in Toronto's downtown transportation system. Join City of Toronto Transportation Planning and Urban Design staff on an underground walking tour, where we'll learn about the PATH's incremental development and emergence as a vital complement to the public sidewalks on streets above. The tour will visit examples of the Financial District's earliest superblock developments and explore more recent efforts to coordinate underground and aboveground connections. Learn about the PATH Master Plan and current projects, which will shape the growth and enhancement of the network in years to come.

**Lead:** Eric Mann, Toronto City Planning
**Speakers:** Nigel Tahair & Hans Riekko, Toronto City Planning
**Mode:** Walking
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking. Certain locations in the PATH require use of a wheelchair lift

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# Natural Environment and Greening

## Toronto's Ravines: Exploring the City's Hidden Gems

Toronto's ravine system connects the Oak Ridges Moraine north of the city to the shores of Lake Ontario in the south, carrying water, wildlife, and people through Ontario's most densely urbanized area. The ravines also connect us with the city's rich history and Indigenous heritage. This WalkShop will take participants into the heart of Toronto's natural environment system, walking or cycling through the trails and greenspaces of the lower Don Valley and visiting Evergreen Brick Works, a community and cultural hub showcasing sustainable design, public art, and award-winning public space on a historic industrial site. Along the way, City staff will discuss how the Toronto Ravine Strategy will guide future ravine management, enhancement, and protection as population growth, new development, and climate change put increased pressure on the city's cherished ravines.

**Walking Tour:**
**Lead:** Wendy Strickland, Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation
**Speakers:** Lisa McLean & Jessica Iraci, Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation
**Mode:** Walking, Shuttle bus
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, climbing elevations with steeper sections on granular trail

**Biking Tour:**
**Lead:** Ruthanne Henry, Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation
**Speaker:** Jane Weninger, Toronto City Planning; Ted Graham, General Motors
**Mode:** Cycling, Shuttle bus
**Accessibility:** Moderate cycling, climbing elevations

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### Streets are Ecosystems: A Green Street Cycling Tour

With approximately 5,600 km (3,500 miles) of road space, about 1/4 of Toronto's total land area is covered by streets and right of way. This makes them a vital proving ground for the City's efforts to integrate climate resilience into the built environment. Join this bike tour as we ride to destinations that provide a forum to explore and discuss best practices in planning, designing, and maintaining green infrastructure options for city streets. The ride will take you to built and under-construction projects that demonstrate how green infrastructure can improve the ability of our streets to help manage stormwater, improve air quality, increase biodiversity, and enhance the public realm.

**Lead:** Kristina Hausmanis, Maili Sedore & Robert Mays, Toronto Transportation Services
**Speaker:** Lauren Abrahams, Project Lead, PUBLIC WORK
**Mode:** Cycling
**Accessibility:** For more experienced cyclists - route may include cycle tracks, bike lanes and on-street routes

## Operations

### Fighting Congestion Behind the Scenes: Toronto's Traffic Operations Centre

Have you ever wondered how traffic signals are coordinated to maintain safe and efficient traffic flow? Or how the City monitors its roadways? The City of Toronto's Traffic Management Centre (TMC) is responsible for managing traffic on Toronto's road network, consisting of 40 km (25 mi) of expressways and more than 5,600 km (3,480 mi) of roads with approximately 2,300 traffic signals. To mitigate traffic congestion on the transportation network, the TMC provides traveler information and active traffic management, making real-time adjustments in response to traffic congestion and unplanned incidents.

Tour participants will be treated to a behind–the–scenes tour of the Traffic Operations Centre and hear the history of its evolution, overview of the functions, current intelligent transportation system strategies and future initiatives. Participants are required to bring government-issued identification to access this secure facility.

**Lead:** Linda Lee, Toronto Transportation Services
**Mode:** Shuttle Bus
**Accessibility:** Light walking, accessible

# Partnerships

## On Top of the POPS: Public Realm Partnerships in Toronto's Financial District

***(Tuesday Only)***

Toronto's Financial District is Canada's premier business center, an area that includes Union Station, the PATH underground walkway, and Canada's five major banks and most prominent firms. With direct access to the region's largest transportation hub, Union Station, the Financial District accommodates approximately 200,000 commuters daily.

Soaring modernist skyscraper complexes like the Toronto-Dominion Centre and Commerce Court have long maintained high-quality, privately owned plazas in the area. More recently, the Toronto Financial District Business Improvement Area, in partnership with the City of Toronto, initiated a range of programs to elevate the quality of public space for even more people who enjoy the area's public realm. This WalkShop will highlight physical improvements, such as pedestrian safety measures, public art, street furniture, wayfinding campaigns, and privately owned publicly accessible spaces (POPS), and also discuss cost-sharing and maintenance programs that enable the City and business community to deliver an improved public experience in Toronto's Financial District.

**Lead:** Amy Harrell & Brodie Johnson, Toronto Financial District BIA; Sandro Tersigni, Toronto Transportation Services
**Speaker:** Chris Ronson, Toronto Transportation Services
**Mode:** Walking
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking

### Reclaiming Our Space: Fort York and the Bentway

This WalkShop will take participants to Fort York National Historic Site and the Bentway. Fort York is often referred to as Toronto's founding landscape and is home to Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings. In the 1950s, the Fort was nearly relocated to make way for the construction of the adjacent Gardiner Expressway. Today, the space underneath the expressway has been re-imagined as the Bentway, a unique and innovative 1.75km (1.1 mile) public gathering place for Toronto's growing population. The Bentway, which remains part of the National Historic Site, is maintained, operated and programmed by the Bentway Conservancy. Together, the Toronto's oldest and newest public spaces provide a unique setting to explore how various modes of transportation have shaped the area and the city's relationship with its waterfront over the past 200 years.

**Lead:** David O'Hara, Toronto Economic Development & Culture; Marc Kramer, Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation
**Speaker:** Dave Carey, the Bentway
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, accessible transit. The Bentway is wheelchair accessible. At Fort York all walkways within the walled site are asphalt surfaced and wheelchair accessible, although some buildings and restored fortifications are not. Washrooms are accessible.

## Perspectives on Toronto

### Heritage Streets of Cabbagetown

Nestled between the towers of downtown and the Don River, Cabbagetown is a neighborhood long recognized for its intact Victorian streetscapes and strong sense of community pride and identity. Join City of Toronto heritage planning staff as they lead a tour through this unique district. The WalkShop will highlight historical points of interest among Cabbagetown's 19th century row housing, single family residences, and streetscapes, while also exploring the transportation history of this Heritage Conservation District. The influence of past transportation systems can still be felt in Cabbagetown, such as a (now defunct) early streetcar route on Winchester Street, whose right of way can be discerned in the neighborhood's built form.

**Lead:** Paul Maka & Kristen Flood, Toronto City Planning
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking. Transit route is not fully accessible (stairs at subway stations).

## The Life of a Great American Expat: Jane Jacobs in Toronto

After leaving New York, urban thinker and writer Jane Jacobs lived in Toronto from 1968 until her death in 2006. Join Ken Greenberg, the City of Toronto's former Director of Urban Design and Architecture and current Principal of Greenberg Consultants, to discuss Jane Jacobs' ideas and influence in Toronto. With Greenberg's insights as a friend and mentee of Jane Jacobs, this WalkShop will first visit the Annex— a lively and leafy neighborhood next to the University of Toronto and where Jacobs lived— to learn about the activist opposition that stopped the completion of the controversial Spadina Expressway in 1971. The participants will then ride the Spadina LRT to the vibrant King-Spadina area to learn about Jacobs's influence in creating City policies that enabled the development of "the Kings," live-work zones on either side of Toronto's Financial District. Matthew Blackett, Publisher and Creative Director of Spacing Magazine and 2010 co-recipient of the Jane Jacobs prize, will join to share stories and images from historical research on the Spadina Expressway.

**Lead:** Ken Greenberg, Greenberg Consultants
**Speaker:** Matthew Blackett, Spacing Magazine
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, accessible streetcar and transit stations

## The Toronto Islands: the Car-Free Neighborhood in a Park (biking)

Toronto Island Park, also known as the Island, is an iconic local tourist and recreation destination in Toronto, a car-free community with 800 residents just south of the downtown core. After a short ferry ride, WalkShop participants will discover the Island by bike, including the area's parkland, beaches, amusement park, cafes and restaurants, and residential area. We will take in views of Toronto while discussing the Island's natural and designed landscapes, learning about the history and heritage of this unique place, as well as the community land trust established to manage the Island's land and buildings.

**Lead:** Lori Ellis, Toronto Department of Parks, Forestry and Recreation
**Speakers:** Janette Harvey, Warren Hoselton, James Dann & Alex Deighan, Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation
**Mode:** Cycling, Ferry
**Accessibility:** Moderate cycling, flat route

# Public Realm and Public Space

## King West's Intricate Ballet: Pedestrians, Sidewalk Cafés, and Vibrant Streets

A lively city sidewalk balances competing demands: from room for people of all ages and abilities to walk; to street furniture, signs, and utilities; to cafe seating and landscaping; many users jostle for a precious piece of this public space. On this WalkShop, visit Toronto's bustling King West neighborhood to see firsthand how sidewalk cafés and parklets can enhance the city's public life while supporting pedestrian safety and accessibility. We'll discuss new citywide standards for sidewalk cafés, marketing displays, and parklets in the public right of way and learn about approaches to design and permitting that support vibrant streets. Bonus: We'll also visit a nearby shipping container market to see how temporary uses can animate vacant lands and expand the public realm.

**Lead:** Antonia Markos & Jason Neill, Toronto Transportation Services
**Speaker:** Eli Klein, Stackt
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, accessible streetcar

## Growing a Connected System: Parks and Public Realm Revitalization in Old Town Toronto

As downtown Toronto continues to develop and intensify, a key challenge for the City of Toronto is providing a diverse range of high quality, accessible parks and other open spaces to accommodate the increasing numbers of residents, workers and visitors in the public realm. This WalkShop will visit portion of the Old Town-St. Lawrence-Distillery park district which includes signature downtown east parks in varying stages of revitalization, including Berczy Park, St. James Park, Market Lane Park, Market Street, David Crombie Park and the active mobility networks in between. Participants will learn how three City Divisions—Parks, Forestry and Recreation, City Planning, and Transportation Services—collaborated to develop the recent *Downtown Parks and Public Realm Plan*. Exploring the parks, streetscapes and open spaces of the Old Town-St. Lawrence-Distillery areas as a case study, the WalkShop will explore how parks and the public realm can be integrated into a coherent, cohesive and connected whole to support walkability and quality of life in a rapidly growing downtown environment.

**Lead:** Nancy Chater, Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation; Jennifer Tharp, Toronto Real Estate Services

**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, accessible streetcar

## Public Transit

### Line 504's 180: King Street Transit Pilot

The 504 King streetcar is the busiest surface transit route in Toronto, now moving over 84,000 riders per day through dense and growing downtown neighborhoods. For years, the route experienced slow travel speeds, unreliable spacing between streetcars, and overcrowding. Launched in November 2017, the $1.5 million King Street Transit Pilot aimed to address this and improve transit reliability, speed, and capacity. WalkShop participants will experience firsthand how giving streetcars priority between Bathurst Street and Jarvis Street changed the way King Street works.

Walk this busy corridor to learn how complementary public realm interventions have also transformed sections of the curb lane into new public spaces, enabled the expansion of licensed cafes, improved accessibility and safety, and engaged local artists, businesses, and community members in rethinking King Street. Pilot details will be showcased along the tour route, including public and stakeholder outreach methods, an exploration of the construction, management, and maintenance of temporary infrastructure, and a conversation about data collection, monitoring, and evaluation undertaken to test new ideas for King Street.

**Tour 1:**

**Lead:** Fiona Chapman, Toronto Municipal Licensing and Standards; Karina Fortin, Toronto Transportation Services; Tim Lawson, Toronto Transit Commission
**Speakers:** Laurence Lui, Toronto Transit Commission; Dave Hunter, Andrew Farncombe & Dan Nicholson, Toronto City Planning; Jesse Coleman & Allan Abrogena, City of Toronto Transportation Services
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, accessible streetcar

**Tour 2:**

**Lead:** Victoria Prouse, Toronto Transportation Services; David Kuperman, Toronto City Planning; Trevor Pitman, Toronto Transit Commission
**Speakers:** Laurence Lui, Toronto Transit Commission; Dave Hunter, Andrew Farncombe & Dan

Nicholson, Toronto City Planning; Jesse Coleman & Allan Abrogena, City of Toronto Transportation Services
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, accessible streetcar

## Streets and Art & Culture

### Lights! Camera! Action! Toronto in the Movies

Suicide Squad, Suits, Shazam! – These are just a few of the many television shows and movies filmed on the streets of Toronto. This WalkShop will take participants behind the camera to see how the logistics of filming major blockbusters on active city streets are managed – from transforming sidewalks to look like Chicago, New York or Philadelphia, to permitting overnight storage of massive amounts of equipment in a fleet of vehicles. The tour will cover commonly filmed parts of the city, with a special look at Lower Bay Station – a hidden subway station not in active service but used for filming. We will wrap up with a visit to the headquarters of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), where nearby King Street is transformed each year into the "Festival Street" party for the opening weekend of TIFF.

**Lead:** Brendan Boyle, City of Toronto Economic Development & Culture
**Speaker:** Sandy Tsirlis, Toronto Transit Commission
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking

### Culture, Character, and Innovation: Spadina Avenue and Kensington Market

Tour Spadina Avenue and explore the roles of culture, social innovation, and civic tech communities in city life, while enjoying a walk through some of Toronto's most creative spaces and energetic streets. On this WalkShop, participants will visit unique cultural destinations, including 401 Richmond, a heritage-designated industrial building restored as an arts and culture hub, and the Centre for Social Innovation, a social enterprise that develops shared workspaces for social innovators and entrepreneurs. We will learn from locally based Code for Canada about Toronto's civic tech movement and also visit Kensington Market, an ever-evolving, multicultural marketplace (and National Historic Site!) The Market is home to a rich variety of independent businesses and Pedestrian Sundays in Kensington Market, a regular neighborhood street festival now in its 16th year.

**Lead:** Gabe Sawhney, Code for Canada; Shamez Amlani & Yvonne Bambrick, Pedestrian Sundays in Kensington Market
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, wheelchair accessible buildings and streetcar

## Resurge: First Timeline – Indigenous Street Art by Old Mill Station

Located in the Humber River Valley, an important Indigenous hunting area and trail, *Resurge: First Timeline* is a public art project featuring ten large-scale murals by iconic Toronto artists Philip Cote, Kwest, and Jarus. Painted along columns of the Old Mill subway station, together they create a visual storyboard illuminating 130,000 years of Indigenous peoples' history of cultural and ecological heritage. Participants are invited to join Lead Artist Philip Cote on a guided tour of this site, who will explain the Indigenous cosmology depicted in this series of murals.

**Lead:** Philip Cote, Young Elder, Artist, Activist, Ancestral Knowledge Keeper & Historian; Catherine Campbell, Toronto Transportation Services
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Old Mill TTC station is **not** wheelchair accessible. Moderate walking, climbing elevations (stairs) from station to murals.

## Create Your Path: the West Toronto Rail Path

The West Toronto Railpath is a two-kilometre trail connecting Toronto's west end neighborhoods. Participants will walk this "rails-to-trails" project, which includes restored rail bridges, landscape design using native species, and an evolving set of murals and art installations. The WalkShop will use the West Toronto Railpath as a forum to highlight StreetARToronto's Create Your Path project, a multi-year multi-site art project led in collaboration with Friends of the West Toronto Railpath and DeRail. As a community-engaged art project, Create Your Path is designed to showcase local artists and mentor emerging talent, strengthen neighborhoods and increase employment opportunities, enhance quality of life and encourage active transportation for all ages, all while investing in Toronto's culture and celebrating its city motto: Diversity Our Strength. Along the way, we will stop for a brief coffee break and screening of the award-winning short film *Pushing StART*, about the making of one of the gateway underpass murals along the trail.

**Lead:** Carolyn Taylor, Toronto Transportation Services; Lynnette Postuma, Artist and Landscape Architect
**Speaker:** Caitlin Taguibao, Buck Teeth Girls Club artist collective
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, Stairs at Bloor Street West and Dupont Street

## A Vibrant Public Vision: Cooperative Graffiti Management in Toronto's Laneways

Toronto is home to some of the best mural, street, and graffiti artists and art in the world. Supporting this talent, the City's award-winning Graffiti Management Plan and StreetARToronto Program is recognized as an exemplary approach to reducing graffiti vandalism and replacing it with colorful, community-engaged street art. Through this partnership program, artists and artworks have transformed Toronto's public streets, parks, and laneways (alleys) into a city-wide art gallery.

On this WalkShop, walk and talk with Curators of three Laneways of Toronto projects, to witness the transformative results that are possible when artists turn otherwise unwelcoming public spaces into celebrated neighborhood features. We will visit over 150 murals spanning three laneways that have become symbols of community pride and inspiring reminders of the cooperation and dedication that made their creation possible.

**Lead:** Bareket Kezwer, Artist & Muralist; Brooke Somerleigh, Team Spudbomb; Erika James & Jieun June Kim, Laneway Light Up; Jason Campbell & Michael Hutchinson, Toronto Transportation Services
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking. Accessible transit vehicles and stations. Washrooms available.

# Urban Regeneration

## Toronto's Emerging Waterfront: From Brownfields to Complete Streets

The transformation of Toronto's lakefront from brownfield lands to sustainable mixed-use communities is one of the world's largest waterfront redevelopment projects. On this WalkShop, join officials from City Planning and Waterfront Toronto, who will discuss design choices and best practices for implementing projects to support this regeneration. Walking between new waterfront neighborhoods, cultural attractions, and dynamic public spaces, we will learn about the design and reconstruction of Queens Quay Boulevard, which converted an uninviting traffic corridor into a waterfront destination, now accommodating automobile traffic, dedicated Light Rail Transit, a pedestrian promenade, and the multi-use Martin Goodman Trail. This is your chance to learn about transportation's role in facilitating waterfront redevelopment from staff with firsthand knowledge of the opportunities and challenges cities face.

**Lead:** Pina Mallozzi, Waterfront Toronto; Jayne Naiman, Toronto City Planning
**Mode:** Walking
**Accessibility:** Uneven surfaces

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## Exploring Toronto's Emerging Waterfront by Bike

Long an industrial center for the region, Toronto's waterfront is now transforming into a series of connected and sustainable 21st century communities. Join staff from Toronto's Waterfront Secretariat, who will lead a bike tour that highlights mobility and transportation projects that have contributed to the waterfront's ongoing redevelopment. Participants will ride on the Martin Goodman Trail, a multi-use waterfront path, and visit Queens Quay Boulevard, the booming district's multi-modal main street. New and upcoming mobility projects will also be highlighted, including a pedestrian and cycling bridge connecting Fort York to nearby neighborhoods, and the Bentway, a public trail built beneath an expressway. This tour is an opportunity to see the role transportation plays in creating connections to and through developing communities.

**Lead:** Brett Howell, Toronto City Planning
**Speakers:** Christian Giles & Bryan Bowen, Toronto City Planning; Chris Glaisek, Waterfront Toronto
**Mode:** Cycling
**Accessibility:** Moderate cycling, uneven surfaces

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## Return of the Grid: Regeneration in Regent Park

Since 2005, the Regent Park neighborhood has been undergoing a revitalization process that aims to redevelop the aging Toronto Community Housing social housing stock into a mixed-income, mixed-use community with private, public, and community spaces. Join City Planning staff on a walk through Regent Park, where we will visit the Daniels Spectrum community cultural hub, the aquatic center, community center, and new park spaces. Throughout, participants and WalkShop leaders will discuss the role that transportation infrastructure—including an expanded, reconnected, and enhanced street network—can play in developing inclusive and complete communities.

**Lead:** Thomas Rees & Ran Chen, Toronto City Planning
**Speaker:** Alison Platt, Daniels Corporation
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, accessible transit

**Thursday, September 12**
***Times Vary***

If you plan to attend Thursday WalkShops, because space is limited, it is important that you commit to attending the WalkShops you registered for. Attendance at all WalkShops is mandatory to maintain the integrity of the community experience, and your WalkShop leaders will appreciate it too! **If for any reason you cannot make it to a WalkShop, please modify your registration ahead of time.**

## Active Transportation

### York University Cycling Tour

**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Explore recent and future cycling infrastructure investments near York University, a suburban area approximately 20 km (12.4 miles) north of downtown Toronto. After a ride on the newly built Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension, participants will visit a number of projects near the University to discuss opportunities and challenges for installing cycling infrastructure in an auto-oriented context. From the Finch West bicycle station, we'll pedal the Hydro Corridor Trail, with connections to York University's biking network and the Black Creek Trail, and visit treatments that highlight on-street bike lanes, different types of cycle tracks, and trail infrastructure. You'll also learn about the City's work with York University to coordinate efforts and plan for cycling connections within and beyond the University campus.

**Lead:** Adam Popper, Toronto Transportation Services
**Speakers:** Matt Armstrong, Toronto City Planning; Kate Whitfield and Joe Gilpin, Alta Planning + Design; Marnie Shepley, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
**Mode:** Cycling, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate cycling, mostly flat, with alternative route possible around one elevation change (valley).

## Port Credit: Mississauga's Village on the Lake

**8:30 am - 1:30 pm**

Take a journey to Port Credit, a pedestrian-friendly, transit-connected lakefront neighborhood at the mouth of the Credit River in Mississauga. After riding the train to Port Credit GO Station, participants will explore the village center and Port Credit Harbour Marina, the largest freshwater marina in Canada. Walk the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail as staff from Mississauga's Transportation Planning office discuss their work to plan an active transportation network for both commuters and recreational users. Other projects intended to facilitate Port Credit's continued emergence as a connected, mixed-use destination will be explored, including planned LRT and Regional Express Rail connections, proposed multi-modal improvements for the Lakeshore Corridor, as well as transit-supportive development planned for a nearby brownfield site. Participants will have the option of traveling back to Toronto together by GO train or may opt to linger in one of the village's many restaurants and cafes.

**Lead:** Mark Vandersluis, Mississauga Transportation Planning
**Speakers:** Joseph Milos, Advisor - Station Planning, Planning and Development, Metrolinx
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking

## Cycling Toronto's Western Waterfront

**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Join this WalkShop to bike through Toronto's western waterfront and discover the area's parks and varied neighborhoods. Starting with a trip over the iconic Humber Bay Arch Bridge, a pedestrian and bicycle bridge linking Toronto's waterfront over the Humber River, this relaxed distance ride will take participants from the multi-use Waterfront Trail to bidirectional on-street cycle tracks on leafy Lake Shore Boulevard West. While touring and examining waterfront biking infrastructure, we'll visit the dense residential communities and traditional main streets these routes connect, all while catching great skyline views of downtown Toronto. Participants are encouraged to pack a picnic and come ready with mobile music requests!

**Lead:** Katie Wittmann, Toronto Transportation Services
**Speakers:** Kanchan Maharaj, Saikat Basak, Dave Dunn, Toronto Transportation Services; Sabrina Salatino, Samuel Baptiste & Emilia Floro, Toronto City Planning
**Mode:** Cycling
**Accessibility:** 30 km distance cycling. Flat route with public washrooms at various stops.

# Partnerships

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**Lead:** Amy Harrell & Brodie Johnson, Toronto Financial District Business Improvement Area; Sandro Tersigni, Toronto Transportation Services
**Speakers:** Chris Ronson, Toronto Transportation Services (TO360)
**Mode:** Walking
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking

# Perspectives on Toronto

## Toronto Pearson Airport: Airport Operations and the Union Station West Plan

**8:30 am - 12:30 pm (Ending at airport; +30 minutes on the UPX train back to downtown)**

One last WalkShop before flying home! Join the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) for a behind-the-scenes tour of Toronto Pearson Airport. We'll experience airport operations firsthand and watch the live action on the apron and airfield. Participants will begin the tour with a discussion of GTAA's "Union Station West" plan, an initiative aimed at improving transit access to the Airport Employment Zone, Canada's second largest employment area, accommodating approximately 1,000,000 trips daily.

Logistics: This WalkShop will travel by shuttle bus to GTAA's headquarters. Participants will be able to bring their luggage, and after the tour they will be provided with transportation to Terminals 1 and 3 for departing flights. In order to participate, flights out of Pearson Airport must be booked for after 3:30pm (15:30) to allow for time to get to the terminals and check-in, clear security etc., as the tour will not take place in the terminal buildings. *All participants must bring a valid government-issued photo ID and must be prepared to be security-screened as if going through standard airport security.*

**Lead:** Russell Cruickshank, Greater Toronto Airports Authority
**Mode:** Walking, Shuttle bus
**Accessibility:** Fully accessible. The airfield tour is by bus, with a limited capacity for 2 wheelchairs. Please let NACTO know if you require a wheelchair seat.

## The Toronto Islands: The Car-Free Neighborhood in a Park

**8:15 am - 12:45 pm (walking)**
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm (cycling)**

Toronto Island Park, also known as the Island, is an iconic local tourist and recreation destination in Toronto, a car-free community with 800 residents just south of the downtown core. After a short ferry ride across the inner harbor, WalkShop participants will discover the Island on foot or bike, including the area's parkland, beaches, boardwalk, cafes, and residential areas. We will take in views of Toronto while discussing the Island's natural and designed landscapes, learning about the history and heritage of this unique place, as well as the community land trust established to manage the Island's land and buildings.

**Walking Tour:**
**Lead:** Catherine Campbell, Toronto Transportation Services
**Speakers:** Manuel Cappel, island resident, artist; Cheryl Degras, island resident, artist, former Toronto Island Trust board appointee; Leida Englar, island resident, artist, curator
**Mode:** Walking, Ferry
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, not mobility device accessible

**Biking Tour:**
**Lead:** Lori Ellis, Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation
**Speakers:** Janette Harvey, Warren Hoselton, James Dann & Alex Deighan, Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation
**Mode:** Cycling, Ferry
**Accessibility:** Moderate cycling, flat route

# Public Transit

## The Better Way: A Toronto Transit Commission Streetcar Tour

**10:00 am - 1:30 pm**

With more than 300,000 daily passenger trips, Toronto has one of the largest legacy streetcar networks in North America. The system provides frequent service and excellent access to much of downtown Toronto and adjacent neighborhoods, with streetcars operating in mixed traffic as well as on semi-exclusive rights of way. Join the Toronto Transit Commission on this three-hour WalkShop, as officials lead a walk and ride along the Toronto streetcar network. Experience the city's high capacity streetcar services firsthand and learn from TTC staff about how the streetcar was integrated with Toronto's broader transit network and urban fabric and designed to run so effectively.

**Lead:** Scott Haskill, Laurence Lui & Eric Chu, Toronto Transit Commission
**Speaker:** Jennifer Besenski, Cubic Corporation
**Mode:** Walking, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking

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# Public Transit / Managing Growth & Density

## Transit as a Catalyst for Change

**8:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Ride the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension, opened in December 2017, to Vaughan Metropolitan Centre and join the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation on a tour of this emerging mixed-use, transit-oriented hub. Learn about the catalytic effect of transit investment on Vaughan's developing urban center and discuss public realm and streetscape improvements designed to support mobility, transit-oriented development, and place-making. As we explore the area, we'll observe how multi-modal services connect to the new SmartCentres Bus Terminal and to Viva Bus Rapid Transit, which runs in the center of Highway 7. We will then continue to the Richmond Hill Centre terminal, another multimodal transit hub at the intersection of YRT, Viva, GO Transit and future TTC Subway connections, to discuss the opportunities rapid transit and transit-oriented development will create for this future urban growth center.

**Lead:** Michelle Goland, Sarah Harris, Stephen Hollinger, Sabeen Makki & Christina Napoli, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation
**Mode:** Walking, Transit, Shuttle bus
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking, accessible transit stations. Washrooms at Vaughan Metropolitan Centre and Richmond Hill Centre Terminal.

## Mississauga City Centre: Building a Downtown

**8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Mississauga is a high-growth, suburban municipality located just west of Toronto. This WalkShop presents an opportunity to explore the range of new transportation investments being made in Mississauga City Centre. Starting at Mississauga City Hall, we will discuss the history and recent development of the city's downtown, with emphasis placed on the role of transportation in supporting development goals. Exploring the latest streetscape improvements near Sheridan College, we will learn about challenges and opportunities in supporting walking in this emerging, suburban city center developing around Ontario's largest mall. WalkShop leaders will also highlight the city's expanding transit connections, including GO transit, the future Hurontario LRT line, and the Mississauga Transitway, the first dedicated bus corridor to be built in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. *[To be confirmed] For the full experience, we'll ride out on the Transitway on the way back to the conference center!*

**Lead:** Matthew Williams, Mississauga Transportation and Works
**Speakers:** Alex Legrain, Mississauga Transportation Planning
**Mode:** Walking, Shuttle bus
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking.

# Urban Regeneration

## Downsview Park: From Airport to Complete Community

**8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Downsview Park is a large urban park with a rich aviation and military heritage at the center of growing, transit-supportive neighborhoods. This WalkShop will lead participants by bike between catalyzing projects in the area, including the Centennial College Aerospace Campus, Stanley Greene subdivision (a former military housing area), community projects like the Community Hub and Merchants Market, and the Bombardier airplane manufacturing plant and Downsview Airport. We will also visit transportation investments and dive into their role in facilitating the area's development, including the new Downsview Park GO Station, TTC subway station, and William Baker temporary pedestrian/cycling area. Participants will also learn about Toronto's strategy to improve pedestrian, cycling, and transit connections to facilitate investment and community development.

**Lead:** Al Rezoski, Toronto City Planning
**Speakers:** Carol Martin, Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation; Dawn Hamilton, Toronto City Planning, David Anselmi & James Cox, Canada Lands Company
**Mode:** Cycling, Transit
**Accessibility:** Moderate cycling, mostly flat route

## Transportation in the Ambitious City: Hamilton's James Street North Mobility Hub

**10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

Explore the walkable downtown and waterfront of Hamilton, a city of 530,000 and NACTO's newest Canadian member city! Staff from Hamilton's Transportation Planning and Economic Development offices will lead a conversation about how citizen-led change and targeted transportation infrastructure investment are enhancing mobility in this dynamic, historic city center. Participants will walk throughout the James Street North Mobility Hub, centered on the new West Harbour GO Station, and discuss James Street's two-way traffic conversion, on-street cycling infrastructure, the SoBi Hamilton bicycle share system, and planning for future light rail transit. On the way to the Pier 7/8 development at Hamilton Harbour, a new sustainable waterfront community, participants will discuss how neighborhood-wide traffic calming and speed limit reductions can contribute to child and family-friendly communities. If time and travel plans permit, participants can stay for the opening night of the annual Supercrawl festival, when art, independent music, and food trucks take over the streets, galleries, cafes, and bars of Hamilton's evolving core.

**Leads:** Brian Hollingworth & Peter Topalovic, Hamilton Planning & Economic Development
**Speakers:** Jason Thorne, Chris Phillips & Ken Coit, Hamilton Planning & Economic Development; Norma Moores, IBI Group (Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Person of the Year, 2017); Councillor Jason Farr
**Mode:** Walking, Shuttle bus, Optional cycling.
**Accessibility:** Moderate walking.

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