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Aderonke joined the City of Toronto in 2011 in Tower Renewal, and later became the Project Manager. Aderonke has a Master of Science in Planning, Specialized in Urban Planning & Development focusing on Sustainable Community Planning.



**ANDRÉ COTE**

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO,  
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Andre has worked on major initiatives in the public sector, including the development of Ontario’s Digital Government strategy, the reform of student financial assistance programs for Ontario post-secondary students, and the launch of the government’s Centre of Excellence for Evidence-Based Policy.



**ANNA PALAMARCHUK**

WATERFRONT TORONTO  
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Anna is a project manager in Waterfront Toronto’s Environment and Innovation group, providing research, planning, and project support for sustainability initiatives. These initiatives work towards implementing the corporation’s objective to transform the waterfront into a series of sustainable, mixed use communities.



**BLAKE POLAND**

DALLA LANA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC  
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*Associate Professor*

Dr. Poland is a professor in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, co-lead of the Healthier Cities & Communities hub at the DLSPH, and Director of the Collaborative Program in Community Development at the University of Toronto.

**BRENDAN CALLERY**

INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY  
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Brendan Callery is a planner at the IESO with the resource integration team, focusing on electricity sector carbon emissions and cap and trade policy. His previous roles at the IESO involved transmission integration planning and energy conservation. Brendan was a renewable energy consultant in Scotland, and has worked on transportation planning in Ontario and environmental engineering in Ireland. Brendan is a Queen’s engineering graduate.



**BRIAN DEPRATTO**

TD ECONOMICS  
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Brian’s work focuses on the Canadian economy, as well as environmental issues. He has over five years of experience in central banking, with an emphasis on international economics, as well as the economies of the euro area and Japan. He contributes to a number of different TD publications, and his analysis is frequently referred to in the financial media.



**BRYAN PURCELL**

TORONTO ATMOSPHERIC FUND  
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Bryan manages TAF’s LightSavers and TowerWise programs and oversees carbon quantification. Bryan is leading a project to implement energy-efficient retrofits in 10 high-rise residential buildings, seven of which are owned by Toronto Community Housing. Bryan also works with City staff on environmental policies related to the built environment.



**CHERISE BURDA**

RYERSON CITIES INSTITUTE  
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As director of the Ryerson City Building Institute, Cherise brings together research, policy analysis and leaders from diverse backgrounds to address today’s critical urban challenges. Prior to assuming this role, Cherise was the Pembina Institute’s Ontario Director, where she led research, advocacy and communications strategies for transportation, sustainable cities and clean energy solutions in Ontario.



**DEB DONCASTER**

EARTH DAY CANADA  
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Deb Doncaster is President of Earth Day Canada. Previously, she was Executive Director of Community Power Fund, Project Manager of the Toronto Renewable Energy Co-operative, and founding Executive Director of the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association. Deb received the City of Toronto’s Green Living “Market Transformation Award” in 2009 for spearheading the campaign for Ontario’s Green Energy and Economy Act.



**DEVIN CAUSLEY**

FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES  
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Devin has been with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities since 2003 working on managing and developing programs on climate change, energy and sustainable community planning, including the Partners for Climate Protection program. Devin holds a Master of Applied Environmental Studies in Local Economic Development and a Bachelor of Environmental Studies in Planning from the University of Waterloo.



**DUSHA SRITHARAN**

TORONTO ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE

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Dusha Sritharan works with the Toronto Environmental Alliance as a Campaigner with a focus on climate change. Through her work, she looks to draw connections between climate change and other grassroots issues such as housing, public transportation and public health. Her work has focused on identifying and testing best practices for climate engagement to build broad-based public support for a low carbon future.



**EMMAY MAH**

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Emmay is currently the Director of Programs and Policy at Dignitas International. She is also a founding member of the People’s Climate Movement.



**FERNANDO CAROU**

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Fernando Carou leads the Community Energy Planning program and is also in charge of assembling the technical, business, and policy framework for new low-carbon District Energy Systems in the City of Toronto. Fernando holds an engineering degree from the University of Toronto and has Sustainability training from the Harvard University Extension School.



**FRANZ HARTMANN**

TORONTO ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE

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Franz has been advocating for a green Toronto since 1990 when he first volunteered at TEA. In 1998, after 8 years of studying and participating in urban environmental politics in Toronto, he received his PhD in Environmental Politics from York University. Franz has also been involved in advocating green energy, and solutions for smog, waste management, and a green economy at the municipal and federal levels.



**HARVEY LOW**

CITY OF TORONTO,  
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*Manager, Social Development,  
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Harvey has 30 years of experience as an urban planner and community worker with focus on social research. He is currently a City of Toronto Open Data Champion, and serves as cluster representative on the City’s new staff Open Government Committee His team manages the City of Toronto’s data visualization tool called Wellbeing Toronto.



### JESSE COLEMAN

CITY OF TORONTO,  
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*Big Data Innovation Team Lead*

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Jesse Coleman leads the Big Data Innovation Team in the City of Toronto's Transportation Services Division. The team has the mission of leveraging emerging transportation datasets together with existing City data to develop a new understanding of transportation issues across all modes in the City. Prior to joining the City, Jesse worked in the private sector as a consultant with IBI Group where he worked in transportation planning with a focus on travel demand forecasting and transportation policy.



### JOHN CARTWRIGHT

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John is President of the Toronto & York Region Labour Council, representing 205,000 union members in Canada's largest urban centre. A carpenter by trade, he was formerly Business Manager of Construction Trades Council and co-chair of Metro Jobstart Coalition. John has served on the Boards of Waterfront Regeneration Trust, United Way Toronto, Toronto 2008 Olympic Bid, and the Labour Education Centre.



### JOHN ROBINSON

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, MUNK  
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Professor Robinson has a global reputation in the areas of urban sustainability, building sustainability, community engagement processes, and university sustainability programming. From 2012-15, he was Associate Provost, Sustainability, at UBC. He is currently also an Adjunct Professor with the Copenhagen Business School, leading the sustainability component of their campus redevelopment process.



### KEIR BROWNSTONE

TORONTO COMMUNITY HOUSING  
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Keir Brownstone is a sustainability expert working as an Energy Manager at Toronto Community Housing. Previously Keir worked with the Tower Renewal Office at the City of Toronto. Keir was the General Manager of GLOBE delivering sustainability programs to social housing providers across Ontario and the General Manager of Greensaver, one of the first non-profit companies to offer residential Energuide energy efficiency audits in Ontario.



### KIM JARVI

REGISTERED NURSES' ASSOCIATION  
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*Senior Economist*

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Kim works in the RNAO Policy Department. His environmental portfolio includes transit, climate change, clean energy, toxics, pesticides and neonicotinoids. He also works on economic policy, health policy and nursing HR policy.



**KRIS HORNBURG**

CITY OF TORONTO,  
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Kris is currently a Project Lead for the City’s Solid Waste Management Services Division, working on resource utilization and green revenue opportunities. Kris first started his career with the City as part of the Toronto Urban Fellows Program, and prior to that he worked for the Drive Clean Office with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.



**LISA SALSBERG**

METROLINX  
*Manager of Systems Planning and Strategic Policy*

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Lisa is a planner and MBA with over 15 years’ experience working at the City of Toronto, the Greater Toronto Services Board and the Ontario Ministries of Public Infrastructure Renewal and Transportation. She has led numerous transportation and growth management planning projects, including the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, which won the prestigious Daniel Burnham Award from the American Planning Association.



**MARCY BURCHFIELD**

NEPTIS FOUNDATION  
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Marcy has worked in the forefront of regional planning in the Toronto region for the past 15 years. In her various roles at the Neptis Foundation, Marcy supported, conducted, designed, and presented research and analysis that has informed the Province of Ontario’s Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan, the Big Move.

**MARIA VARLOKOSTAS**

CITY OF TORONTO,  
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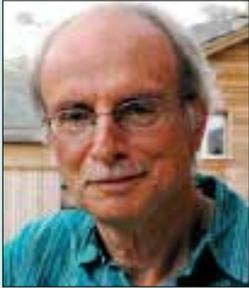
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Dr. Hatzopoulou’s research bridges transportation and environmental analysis; her main expertise is in modelling of road transport emissions and urban air quality as well as evaluating population exposure to air pollution. Marianne has also extensive experience in the development of evaluation tools for bridging transport policy analysis with decision making.

**MICHAEL WRIGHT**

CITY OF TORONTO, CITY PLANNING  
*Manager, Research and Information*

Michael manages municipal planning research and information support to the City of Toronto's City Planning Division. His team monitors the changing demographic, economic and built form conditions of the city and tracks active development projects, profiles the city's population, surveys employment, and builds projections. The team employs geospatial and quantitative analysis to inform land use planning policy and corporate decision-making.



**PAUL ANTZE**

TORONTO CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK  
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Health promoter with background in planning and urban design. Working to engage local stakeholders in planning and transportation decisions. Facilitating programming on cycling and urban planning (for health!)



**PAUL YOUNG**

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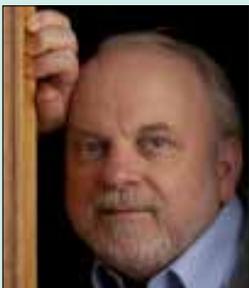
Paul is a retired professor of Social Science at York University who now volunteers to advance grassroots responses to our current environmental crisis. He was founding Chair of the Toronto Climate Action Network and continues to serve on the Steering Committee of Green Neighbours 21. Most recently he facilitated a series of locally-sponsored community conversations providing citizen input for TransformTO.



**PETER VIDICUS**

CITY OF TORONTO,  
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*Manager, Research and Information Systems*

Peter Vidicus has a B.A. in Economics from the University of Toronto and a M.B.A. from the University of Western Ontario. Peter has worked at the City of Toronto for over thirty years in a series of policy/research positions in planning and economic development. He currently leads a research group undertaking economic research into a wide variety of issues affecting City businesses as well as municipal fiscal impacts.



**RALPH TORRIE**

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Ralph is known for combining visionary thinking, intellectual leadership and rigorous analysis, and has made original and important contributions to the field of sustainable development. He is an expert in the field of energy and environment with 35 years of entrepreneurial, management and consulting experience that includes hundreds of initiatives in research, business development, and public policy.



## **RAVI JOSHI**

SOCIAL PLANNING TORONTO  
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Ravi Joshi is a passionate storyteller and communicator with over 10 years of experience in public relations and communications within the non-profit sector. Before joining the team at Social Planning Toronto, he served as Special Assistant to a Toronto City Councillor, and as the Online Campaign Coordinator for Make Poverty History Canada.



## **RICHARD JOY**

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Mr. Joy was appointed Executive Director of ULI in 2014. He has more than 20 years of urban leadership experience across municipal and provincial government and the private sector. In his position as Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Joy was the lead advisor on the City of Toronto Act (2006) and key advisor on numerous major legislative reforms.

## **ROBERT MAXWELL**

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Rosemarie is an executive manager with over fifteen years of experience in Human Resources Management, Workforce Development, Labour Market Planning and Cooperative Development. Her environmental advocacy work with residents in Jane Finch has earned several awards including the Canadian Urban Institute, The City of Toronto and the YMCA of Greater Toronto.



## **SANJAY KHANNA**

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Sanjay Khanna is a futurist, speaker, and thought leader. Between 2011 and 2015, he was affiliated with the University of Toronto's Massey College as futurist-in-residence. Sanjay was named "an exemplar of social wellbeing" by Corporate Knights, the magazine for clean capitalism. In 2009, Sanjay launched the world's first conference on how climate change may affect human psychology, society, and culture.



**SARAH GINGRICH**

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Sarah is a Health Policy Specialist with Toronto Public Health. She has 15 years of experience leading research, policy analysis and advocacy on environmental health issues, including air quality, emissions from the transportation and electricity sectors and conservation of green space. Her current work includes strategies to protect vulnerable people from extreme heat in apartments, and promoting the health benefits of achieving Toronto’s GHG emission-reduction targets.



**SEAN HERTEL**

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Sean is a professional planner who leads his own Toronto-based practice, specializing in policy formulation and programs related to transit, transit-oriented development, housing, and suburbanization. He is a frequent writer, speaker, teacher and researcher; currently holding research and teaching positions at York University and Ryerson University.



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Sonja is an expert on youth and cities and co-founder & Global Director of YouthfulCities, a social enterprise leading a global movement of data-driven urban regeneration. Sonja is responsible for engaging and youth in the world’s largest cities in order to rank them from a youthful perspective.