



Waterfront Toronto Webex Townhall Panel Member Bios

Peter Halsall, President and CEO, Canadian Urban Institute, Moderator

Peter is an award-winning engineer and entrepreneurial businessman who has led the growth of a number of innovative companies, beginning with expansion of employee-owned Halsall Associates to a firm of more than 300 people located in eight offices across Canada. Halsall Associates was consistently identified as one of Canada's best workplaces by the Great Places to Work Institute. Peter has also launched two successful consulting companies, Pivotal Projects Ltd and Loop Initiatives Ltd. as part of the Halsall group. The company was purchased by Parsons Brinckerhoff in 2010, for whom he served as the Global Sustainability Lead.

In 2012, Peter received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Sustainable Buildings Canada; he became a Fellow of The Canadian Academy of Engineering in 2011, and in 2009 was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Distinction, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, University of Toronto. Peter had 5 year terms as the engineering member on each of the inaugural Waterfront Toronto and City of Toronto Design Review Panels. He also manages the Halsall Family Trust, established at the Toronto Community Foundation.

Alison Minato, Vice President, Sustainability, The Minto Group, Panel Member

Alison is Vice President, Sustainability at The Minto Group - Ontario Home Builders' Association Builder of the Year in 2012 and Green Builder of the Year in 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2012. Minto is also one of Aon Hewitt's 2011 Top 30 Green Employers as voted by employees. This recognition is the result of Minto's long standing commitment to delivering more sustainable products and operations, championed by highly environmentally aware and engaged employees.

In her current role, Alison leads a multidisciplinary team responsible for strategies to continue to reduce the environmental impacts of Minto's new and existing buildings while delivering the high quality, comfortable, and energy efficient spaces customers value. Alison has over 18 years of integrated environmental management and commercial expertise developed through her progressive career in the public and private sectors. Her career reflects her strong belief in the need to balance business, stakeholder and environmental needs in order to achieve practical, lasting solutions and success.

Darryl Neate, Director, Sustainability, Oxford Properties, Panel Member

Darryl Neate is Director, Sustainability at Oxford Properties Group – one of Canada's leading commercial real estate firms with over 40 million square feet of Office, Retail, Industrial, Residential and Hotel property. He has over 12 years experience in the environmental field in standards development, consulting and training, and currently oversees sustainability strategy and performance management at Oxford.

Darryl is responsible for Oxford's industry-leading Sustainable Intelligence program, and has been a driving force behind Oxford's leadership as the first real estate owner in Canada to calculate its Greenhouse Gas Inventory and set a corporate reduction target – Oxford's "Target 2012" commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% by 2012, based on a 2005 base year.

Darryl is active across a range of real estate advisory groups, committees and courses in Canada and is the Canadian delegate (with REALpac) to the GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) committee that has developed an international standard for sustainability reporting by real estate companies. Darryl has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo, an MBA from the Schulich School of Business at York University, and is a LEED Accredited Professional.

Professor Eric Miller, Bahen-Tanenbaum Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Toronto, Panel Member

Professor Eric Miller, a world renowned expert in transportation engineering, holds a Bahen-Tanenbaum Chair in Civil Engineering established by John Bahen and Joey Tanenbaum. Miller joined the University of Toronto's Department of Civil Engineering in 1983. His research interests include the micro simulation of urban transportation and land-use systems, the sustainability of urban transportation systems, and improvements in conventional travel demand models. Professor Miller also serves and the Director of the University of Toronto's Joint Program in Transportation.

Daniel Hoornweg, Professor and Jeff Boyce Research Chair at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and Chief Safety and Risk Officer, Province of Ontario (TSSA), Panel Member

Dan Hoornweg was a lead urban specialist in the World Bank's central Urban Advisory Unit prior to moving back to Ontario in 2012. While at the World Bank, during almost twenty years, Dan worked with more than 400 cities in all of the Bank's six geographic regions.

Dan was lead author on Canada's first municipal Green Plan and started the first local government round table on sustainable development (City of Guelph). Dan also started Canada's first retail store for environmentally friendlier products (For Earth's Sake opened 1987). Dan's academic background includes degrees in Earth Sciences, Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Dan's research areas include energy systems, natural gas as a transportation fuel, sustainable cities, risk identification and management, urban resilience, and waste management. Dan is Senior Fellow at the Global Cities Institute, University of Toronto; a member of the Urban Strategy Council of GDF Suez; Philips Livable Cities Think Tank; and an Adjunct Professor in Civil Engineering at the University of Toronto. Dan is on the Board of Directors of Waste Diversion Ontario. He assumed the Jeffrey Boyce Research Chair at UOIT on October 2012.

Jamie James, Founder, TowerLabs, Panel Member

Jamie is the founder of TowerLabs, the non-profit organization founded by Tridel and MaRS to accelerate the adoption of green building products and services and to help advance innovative start-up companies targeting customers in the real estate industry. TowerLabs is based at the MaRS Discovery District in downtown Toronto.

In addition to his role with TowerLabs, Jamie is also a sustainability advisor to Tridel and is president of 350 Capital. Jamie has a long history of leadership in green buildings, with previously held positions with the Canada Green Building Council; LEED Neighbourhood Development (ND) advisory committee; and as an innovator of green loans, implemented through the Toronto Atmospheric Fund.

Seth Schultz, Director of Research, C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, Panel Member

Seth Schultz is the Director of Research at C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group. In this role, Seth is responsible for organizational accountability and visibility through implementing a comprehensive and cohesive research strategy. Seth works to ensure that global best practices are applied locally through specific data analysis. He is also a frequent speaker about the breadth and depth of climate actions being taken by C40 Cities and their impact around the world.

Prior to this role, Seth served as the Director of the Climate Positive Development Program (CPDP) -- a program within the Sustainable Communities Initiative of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, developed in partnership with the Clinton Climate Initiative Cities Program and the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). CPDP supports the development of large-scale urban projects striving to reduce the amount of on-site CO2 emissions to below zero.

Seth's background includes more than 10 years of consulting experience in the environmental field, in which he was responsible for managing multiple contracts and clients at the city, state, regional and federal level. He has managed nationwide federal contracts with EPA and NOAA and overseen research projects on emergency response work conducted at the World Trade Center cleanup, after Hurricane Katrina and others. He holds a bachelors degree in Environmental Science from Binghamton University and is based in New York City.