

#### **EVENT REPORT & SELECTION OF PHOTOS**

The organisers would like to extend a warm thank you to all sponsors, partners, exhibitors and visitors for their enthusiasm and support in relation to the first TORONTO OF THE FUTURE® event.

Please see below our event report and selection of photos for your perusal.

We look forward to your participation in the second biennial edition of the event which is scheduled for June 2017.

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We thank you in advance for your interest and cooperation.

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#### **EVENT REPORT**

Informa Canada & RJV Communications as well as leading players in the Toronto real estate and architecture domains introduced the **Toronto of the Future**® event for the first time in Toronto last June. This unique event displayed ideas for commercial, industrial, residential developments, urban infrastructure and transportation projects shaping Canada's most dynamic city for years to come.

The entrance fee to **Toronto of the Future**® was complimentary and visitors enjoyed a unique and diverse exhibit which showcased major architectural concepts. The event was held from June 1 to 5, 2015 at MetroCentre / Metro Hall (55 John St.). The event's Title Sponsors were Oxford Properties Group and Brookfield Canada Office Properties. NAIOP Greater Toronto was the exhibit's Principal Supporting Association, on behalf of the development industry.

Featured at the event were 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 included various projects that were either under construction, approved, planned or envisioned. Key stakeholders from the private and public sectors were brought together to demonstrate to the public and media their leadership in contributing to the evolution of Toronto.

Thousands of visitors viewed the showcase, in addition to the many workers and passersby who go through Metro Hall / Metro Centre every day.

Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner, of the City of Toronto Planning Division of the City of Toronto (the official host of the exhibition at Metro Hall), declared in her speech during the opening night VIP reception: "Toronto is leading all cities in the Western Hemisphere with respect to the unprecedented scale of urbanization, redevelopment and renewal in this metropolitan area. The trend that we are experiencing is expected to be a permanent characteristic in the evolution of our city. As a result, the timing is excellent to present TORONTO OF THE FUTURE®".



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#### OTHER EXHIBITING PARTNERS

- Hariri Pontarini Architects \* including a large scale model of the entire downtown core showing existing and future buildings.
- •Dundee Kilmer Integrated Design Team: architectsAlliance and KPMB Architects in association with Daoust Lestage Inc. architecture design urbain and MacLennan Jaunkalns Miller Architects.
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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION / EVENT OVERVIEW**

TORONTO OF THE FUTURE® was modelled upon another similar event that takes place with great success in Montreal every two years since 2006 under the title 'MONTRÉAL DU FUTUR®'. RJV Communications took the lead and organized with the help of Informa Canada, a Toronto version of this unique public event, to showcase multiple major commercial-office, residential, institutional real estate projects as well as transportation/infrastructure projects shaping the skyline of Metropolitan Toronto over the next few years. The vision of this free event was to bring together several key business and civic organizations who contributed to the future development of the city, as well as the media and the general public.

#### **EVENT GOAL**

For the first time, TORONTO OF THE FUTURE® brought together key real estate stakeholders in a unique neutral, educational and information-sharing setting. This urban development and infrastructure event attracted significant media exposure and public interest.

**SALIENT DETAILS** The event featured 25 exhibitors, most showcasing multiple projects.

TORONTO OF THE FUTURE® included various types of projects:

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

Target audiences of TORONTO OF THE FUTURE® included:

- 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 1**

The Opening Ceremony was co-sponsored by the City of Toronto, WeirFoulds LLP, ki modern japanese restaurant & The Shore Club Steak and Seafood, and Provencher\_Roy Architects. This official opening ceremony and reception (the only activity not open to the public free of charge) took place on Monday June 1st at 6:00 p.m. with participation of hundreds of leaders in the real estate and business communities as well as representatives from different levels of government, including Blake Hutcheson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Oxford Properties Group; Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner, City Planning Division, City of Toronto; and Craig Smith, President, NAIOP Greater Toronto.

The first part of the opening night took place in the beautiful rotunda of Metro Hall, with some remarks and a symbolic ribbon cutting ceremony. A cocktail reception followed in Metro Hall and in the winter garden of Oxford's North-side office building (at 225 King Street) that is part of MetroCentre.

The reception was hosted by Toronto radio personality Howard Glassman and was an opportunity for many architects, builders, developers, planners and real estate executives to network and passionately discuss the growth and future of the revitalization of the city.

This special event was BY INVITATION ONLY.



From left to right: Robert J. Vezina, Blake Hutcheson, Jennifer Keesmaat. George Przybylowski



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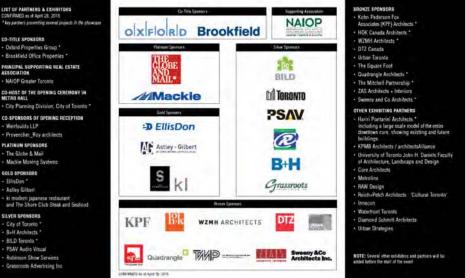
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#### OFFICIAL OPENING EVENT PROGRAMME

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(at time of print)







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