



Western GTA Summit

Mississauga Convention Centre - May 21, 2013

Are we facing Economic Gridlock?

How will we Live, Move, and Thrive in the 21st Century?

The central question that will guide the 2013 Western GTA Summit is: **Are we facing economic gridlock?**

The keynote speakers will frame the question and provide context to the three themes of live, move and thrive; the panel discussions, including one featuring all four mayors, will develop the big question further in a regional context; and the roundtable discussions will enable engaged citizens to discuss and the important points raised during the keynote speeches.

When: Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Time: 1pm – 9pm

Where: Mississauga Convention Centre (75 Derry Road West, Mississauga)

Register: westerngtasummit.ca

The 2013 Summit will be somewhat different than those the Mississauga Summit has hosted in the past, as Brampton, Oakville and Caledon will join Mississauga for what we are calling the Western GTA Summit. We are excited that Mayors **Hazel McCallion** (Mississauga), **Susan Fennell** (Brampton), **Rob Burton** (Oakville), and **Marolyn Morrison** (Caledon) have agreed to be the honorary co-chairs of this Summit on May 21, 2013 at the Mississauga Convention Centre. Joining the mayors will be prominent keynote speakers, including, **Bruce McQuaig** (CEO, Metrolinx), **Jennifer Keesmat** (Chief Planner, City of Toronto), and **Joe Berridge** (Principal, Urban Strategies), among many others.

The Mississauga Summit is built on three pillars: Live, Move and Thrive. The 2013 Western GTA Summit will address the central question by building on each of these pillars.

MOVE: How can we address the issues of congestion, and build transit and transportation systems that move our residents quickly, affordably and seamlessly across the GTA? What will our integrated transit, road and air transportation networks look like, and more importantly, how will we pay for them?

LIVE: Do we need to change the way in which we live and design our communities? What should our future neighbourhood and city growth look like? Do we require changes in zoning, density and urban design, and what about the call for an end to sprawl?

THRIVE: Poverty rates remain a serious concern in the GTA, but how will we fight it? How will we tackle homelessness, precarious employment and the increasing use of food banks? What innovations and employment opportunities will we create for youth, seniors, new immigrants and the working poor to ensure everyone has a chance to thrive?

The 2013 Western GTA Summit will discuss the major issues facing the over 1.4 million people living in the Western Greater Toronto Area. Each of the municipalities taking part in the 2013 Summit has a citizenry that wants a say in the important issues facing their communities and the larger region. To satisfy this strong desire, the Western GTA Summit will convene the political, business and community leaders of these four municipalities and charge them with finding answers to the big questions facing our region.

Background – The Mississauga Summit

The Mississauga Summit began in 2007 a way to bring residents together to find opportunities to make our City better. There have been four Summits to date that have all sparked engaging discussions, but have also produced results, including the formation of task forces on waterfront redevelopment and revitalization; building stronger neighbourhoods; diversity and inclusion; post-secondary education; and Jobs and Innovation. The Summit's ultimate goal is to accelerate progress in Mississauga and the surrounding region. Past keynote speakers have included John Tory, Joe Berridge, David Crane, David Suzuki and Naheed Nenshi, Mayor of Calgary.

To register for the Western GTA Summit or to find additional information on past Mississauga Summits, please visit www.westernqtasummit.ca

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