

Speaker Bios

(in order of appearance)



Dr. Joseph Berechman

**City University of New York
New York, New York, USA**

Dr. Joseph Berechman is the Marvin Kristein Professor in the Department of Economics and Business at the Colin Powell School, the City College of New York. Between 2007 and 2014 he was the Department's Chairman.

Before coming to CCNY he was the CN Chair Professor in Transportation and International Logistics at the Sauder School of Business, the University of British Columbia, Canada. Dr. Berechman received his Bachelor degree from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, his MBA from the Wharton School and PhD degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Subsequently, he was on the faculty of SUNY Buffalo, Tel-Aviv University and the University of California, Irvine. He also was a Fellow at The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies. Dr. Berechman has consulted on a variety of transportation and urban projects in different countries and has been a principal investigator in several major studies done for the European Union. For the past several years he is engaged in major cost and investment studies of transportation infrastructure projects in New York and elsewhere. He has published numerous journal papers and five books. Dr. Berechman's current research interests focus on transportation infrastructure investment evaluation and decision-making; and the relationships between transportation development and regional and national economic growth.



Matti Siemiatycki

**University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario**

Dr. Matti Siemiatycki is Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Program in Planning at the University of Toronto. He holds a Ph.D in urban planning from the University of British Columbia and a

Master's in Geography from Oxford University. His teaching and research focuses on infrastructure planning, financing and project delivery. His recent studies explore the merits of delivering infrastructure mega-projects through public-private partnerships, especially as they relate to value for money, risk transfer, and the meeting of public policy goals. His research draws on experiences from across Canada and around the world to provide insights into the global state of practice with public-private partnerships.



Deborah Brown
WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff
Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Deborah Brown is Principal Consultant at WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff. She advises the firm's clients on strategic transportation planning and development solutions including public-private partnerships (P3). From 2010 to 2014, Deborah served as the Strategic Delivery Team Leader for the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Innovative Program Delivery, where she led the development of the Model P3 Contracts Guide for State and Local Governments. She also provided strategic direction in the planning, development, and implementation of the FHWA P3 Toolkit, which provides a platform for training state and local transportation officials in evaluating the P3 procurement and delivery model for highway projects. Prior to her role at FHWA, Deborah held several leadership and management positions with the Virginia Department of Transportation, including Director of the Office of Innovative Finance and Revenue Operations; Debt and Innovative Finance Manager; and Project Finance Manager. She led the financial and commercial negotiations for Virginia's P3 program, which included the Coalfields Expressway, I-95 Express Lanes, Pocahontas Parkway, and the Capital Beltway Express Lane project. She also oversaw Virginia's toll road program. Deborah holds a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor of science in accounting from the Virginia Commonwealth University. She is a member of the American Road & Transportation Builders Association P3 division and the Transportation Research Board's P3 subcommittee.



John McKendrick
Infrastructure Ontario
Toronto, Ontario

John McKendrick has been with Infrastructure Ontario since its inception in November 2005. Having been an integral part of the major projects division from the outset, he has had the unique opportunity to participate in and drive the evolution of the program. As the interim Executive Vice President and Group Head of Major Projects, John is responsible for the planning, development, and procurement of major public infrastructure projects. His portfolio includes hospitals, colleges, courthouses, a data centre, Pan Am Games' infrastructure projects, and the Civil Infrastructure program. John came to Infrastructure Ontario with over 17 years of experience in the Provincial government. During that time, he gained expertise in finance and infrastructure project development and delivery. Before joining Infrastructure Ontario, he was an Assistant Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal (now the Ministry of Infrastructure). John had also served as the Director of the Corporate Finance Branch at the Ontario Financing Authority where he was involved in the financing of a number of infrastructure projects across various sectors, including asset-based and other financing structures.

**John Jensen****Metrolinx
Toronto, Ontario**

John Jensen is Vice President, Rapid Transit, Capital Projects Group at Metrolinx. He is currently responsible for the delivery of over \$8B worth of Light Rail projects in Toronto Canada. John has extensive experience in public transportation with the City of Ottawa and the City of Calgary. Prior to joining Metrolinx, John was Director of Rail Implementation for the City of Ottawa where he was responsible for leading the planning, design, procurement and delivery efforts for the successful selection of a Design Build Finance and Maintain consortium for the Confederation Line, a \$2.1 billion Light Rail Transit project and a \$200 million Build Finance expansion of Highway 417 in Ottawa, Canada. John was also the transit agency lead for the previous Ottawa North-South Light Rail Project, one of the first successfully procured Design Build Maintain light rail projects in Canada. John has a M.Sc. degree in Urban Transportation and Land Use from the University of Calgary and a Master's Certificate in Operational Risk Management from the Sprott School of Business, Carlton University.

**Michael Mills****PPP Canada
Ottawa, Ontario**

Michael Mills has been with PPP Canada for 3.5 years. He was appointed Vice President Investments in May 2012 and previously served as a Director with the corporation. Prior to coming to PPP Canada, Michael has worked in various positions with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Industry Canada and Finance Canada. He has worked in federal-provincial fiscal relations and several aspects of Aboriginal policy, including: Aboriginal business and economic development; First Nation education policy; and, self-government fiscal relations. Michael has a Bachelor of Arts Honours in Political Science and Economics from the University of Regina and a Master of Arts in Economics from Queen's University.



Peter Milczyn
Liberal Party of Ontario
Toronto, Ontario

Peter Milczyn was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2014 as the MPP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore. He serves as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, with a special concentration on infrastructure development. He also serves as the Chair of Toronto Caucus and the Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. A graduate of University of Toronto's Faculty of Architecture, Peter was first elected in 1994 as a Councillor in the former City of Etobicoke and, following the amalgamation of the City of Toronto, represented Ward 5 (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) from 2000-2014. During his time on Toronto City Council, he chaired Toronto's Planning and Growth Committee, served as TTC Commissioner for eight years, served as a Member of The City of Toronto Executive Committee and as a member of BUILD Toronto. Milczyn also served as a member of several Business Improvement Areas in Etobicoke. A vocal champion for the expansion of public transit, planning reform and the provision of affordable housing for families in Etobicoke-Lakeshore and across Ontario, his experience and knowledge in the area of responsible city building, fiscally responsible, efficient government, and urban planning led to his introduction of Private Member's Bill 39: An Act to amend the City of Toronto Act, 2006, the Planning Act and certain regulations. The Bill aims to restore local decision making and provide municipalities with the tools to generate more affordable housing in partnership with the province.



Catherine Fife
New Democratic Party of Ontario
Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario

Catherine is in her second term as MPP for Kitchener-Waterloo, having first been elected in a by-election in 2012. She is currently serving as Ontario NDP critic for Finance and Treasury Board, having previously served as critic for Economic Development and Research & Innovation. For the past decade, Catherine worked tirelessly on behalf of the families of Kitchener-Waterloo to help improve the quality and their access to education. She served as Trustee and Chair of the Waterloo Region District School Board, Vice President of the Canadian School Boards' Association, and President of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association. She met the challenge of these roles by successfully balancing a 675 million dollar budget for an organization serving 60,000 students and 5,500 staff. Beyond these accomplishments, Catherine has made a real impact on the lives of children and parents across Waterloo Region. Through her leadership, an additional 1,600 new childcare spaces were created in the region at no additional cost to Waterloo Region taxpayers. The Waterloo Elementary Teachers and Wilfrid Laurier University's Social Innovation Research Group have recognized Catherine's work in Kitchener-Waterloo throughout the years.

**Michael Harris****Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario
Kitchener-Conestoga, Ontario**

Michael Harris was first elected to the Ontario Legislature on October 6, 2011, and was re-elected June 12, 2014, as the MPP for Kitchener-Conestoga. He has worked with Waterloo officials to improve regional emergency dispatching; successfully calling for Highway 7 expansion between Kitchener and Guelph; and holding government to account for two-way, all-day GO train commitments. Michael currently serves as PC Transportation Critic where he holds government to account on fulfilling its mandate to meet deadlines and budget targets when building roads, transit and infrastructure to ensure transportation investments promote economic productivity and enhance quality of life. Previously, Michael served as PC Party Vice Chair of Community Outreach and PC Environment Critic where he fought for greater environmental protection using a market-based approach that empowers individuals and business, not government bureaucracy. Michael's private member's bill, The Fair and Open Tendering Act, would both ensure all qualified contractors have the right, regardless of union affiliation, to work on local infrastructure projects and allow local officials to get the highest quality work at the best possible price for taxpayers.

**Mike Schreiner****Green Party of Ontario
Toronto, Ontario**

Mike Schreiner was elected leader of the Green Party of Ontario on November 14, 2009 and has led the GPO through two provincial elections. Mike received nearly 20% of the vote in his riding of Guelph in the June 2014 election. A leading advocate for independent businesses, local food and sustainable communities, Mike is well-known for his leadership in co-founding the award-winning Local Food Plus organization and the award-winning WOW Foods. He brings a proven track record in business and non-profit leadership roles to the Ontario political scene. Mike has served as a volunteer on boards and committees such as the Board of Directors of the Guelph based FarmStart, the Brewer's Plate Steering Committee, Green Enterprise Ontario Steering Committee, a governor for the Canadian International Peace Project, Treasurer and Board member of Campus Coop Daycare, the Toronto Food Policy Council, among others.



Dave Jull
MMM Group
Thornhill, Ontario

In his role as Executive Vice President and Business Unit Leader, Dave Jull oversees MMM's multi-million dollar Transportation business unit which delivers some of the most innovative transportation projects across the country and around the world. With over 40 years' experience in the transportation industry, Dave has addressed our client's challenges with innovative and practical engineering solutions. Dave is recognized as one of Canada's experts in the increasingly important field of Alternative Project Delivery. With a proven record for the successful delivery of P3 projects for more than 25 years, he has participated in the pursuit, delivery and oversight of P3 projects with a total value of more than \$10 billion. In Dave's strong project portfolio are projects such as the award-winning New Brunswick Route 1 Gateway, Fredericton-Moncton Highway, Toronto Pearson International Airport, and Highway 407. Dave is a member of the firm's Board of Directors. He is instrumental in leading the firm's P3 business growth in the US through the Lochner MMM Group joint venture on whose board he serves as Vice-Chairman.



David McFadden
Fengate Capital Management
Toronto, Ontario

David is the Chair of the Canadian and International Infrastructure Advisory Boards of Fengate Capital Management's family of funds which invest in infrastructure projects across Canada and internationally. He also serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of 407 International, the world's first all electronic toll highway. He previously was Chair of Board of the Detroit Canada Tunnel Corporation. David is a partner with Gowlings and previously was a member of the Gowlings' Board of Trustees and Chair of the firm's Energy and Infrastructure Group. He has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Toronto Board of Trade and was the founding Chair of the Board of Trade's Infrastructure Committee. David was a director of the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships for over 10 years and currently serves as Chair of the CCPPP's Communications and Government Relations Committee. He is Vice Chair of the Ontario Energy Association and a member of the Board of the Energy Council of Canada. David also serves as member of the Board of Governors of York University.

**Gregg Teets****Peter Kiewit Infrastructure Company
Oakville, Ontario**

Gregg is a seasoned construction professional who has more than 30 years' experience. His background as a team player and leader has allowed him to advance in the levels of responsibility within Kiewit's mining and construction business units. His experience in managing, pursuing and estimating large public and private projects gives him a broad base of expertise. After spending two years as part of the Kiewit's start-up operations in Australia, he came to Canada in 2013. He has been instrumental in the pursuit and construction of local and remote opportunities across Eastern Canada. Prior to his ex-patriate work, Gregg worked across the central and western United States both in heavy civil and mining related construction. He holds a B.S. in Mining Engineering from Montana School of Mines and an MBA from Utah State University.

**Clive Thurston****Ontario General Contractors Association
Mississauga, Ontario**

Clive Thurston has extensive experience in the construction industry, having worked as a Superintendent, Estimator, Project Manager and former owner/operator of a Toronto-based construction company. He held the position of By-Law/Building Official with the City of Brampton and was the Chief Building Official for Prince Edward County prior to accepting the position of President of the Ontario General Contractors Association. His duties include promoting the industry, facilitating disputes between project partners, promoting education, providing advice on contracts and the supplementary conditions attached to them. Through OGCA, Clive represents the industry at the Construction and Design Alliance of Ontario (CDAO), a group of related construction industries focused on the renewal of infrastructure and the impact of Government regulations. A strong believer in consultation as opposed to confrontation, he is particularly proud of the Strategic Opportunities Committee created by the CDAO to work with Ontario Realty Corporation (Infrastructure Realty). Clive serves on the Building Advisory Committee at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and has served on the Editorial Board of the Daily Commercial News. In 2008, Clive founded the WSIB Construction Industry Task Force to work on the reformation of the WSIB and Accident Prevention system in Ontario.

**Bob Kinnear****Amalgamated Transit Union Local 113
Toronto, Ontario**

Bob Kinnear began working for the Toronto Transit Commission in 1988 at age 18. Beginning his career as a Janitor, he worked his way up as a Collector, a Bus Operator and a Subway Guard and Operator. In 2003, at age 33, Bob was elected off the shop floor as the youngest-ever President of Local 113 of the Amalgamated Transit Workers Union and was subsequently re-elected twice with increasing majorities and, in 2012, by acclamation. As President, he recast Local 113 as a socially and politically progressive union through major media campaigns against public transit privatization and numerous environmental advocacy, ethno-cultural community outreach and women's support programs and one that has given significant financial support to many local, national and international charities. Bob also greatly enhanced membership communications and was the first union leader in Canada to use advanced telecom technology to regularly inform his members of developments during collective bargaining.

**Hugh Mackenzie****Hugh Mackenzie and Associates
Toronto, Ontario**

Hugh Mackenzie is principal in his economic consulting business, Hugh Mackenzie and Associates. He has worked for over 40 years in a variety of capacities related to public policy development in the trade union movement, the private sector, and at all three levels of government. Hugh is a Research Associate of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and of the Centre for Urban Studies at the University of Toronto. He is the nominee of AMAPCEO on the Ontario Pension Board, a member of the Pension Investment Advisory Committee of the Canada Post Pension Plan and chair of the investment committee of the Atkinson Charitable Foundation. From 1991 to 1994, Mr. Mackenzie was Executive Director of the Ontario Fair Tax Commission. Hugh served on the Board of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan from 2007 to 2014 and is a former member of the Actuarial Standards Oversight Committee of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries. He is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and holds a Masters degree in economics (public finance) from the University of Wisconsin.

**Mark Romoff****The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships
Toronto, Ontario**

Mark Romoff is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP). Established in 1993, CCCPP's mission is to promote innovative approaches to infrastructure development and service delivery through public-private partnerships with all levels of government. Previously, Mark was founding President and CEO of the Ontario Centres of Excellence. Over his twenty five year career with the Government of Canada, Mark served as Executive Director in the Department of Industry and as a senior diplomat in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, serving in Africa, Asia and the USA. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Quebec City Conference, the Central Canadian Public Television Association, the Empire Club of Canada, the i-CANADA Governors Council; the World Economic Forum "Strategic Infrastructure Initiative" Advisory Committee; and is Vice-Chair of the UN Economic Commission for Europe Team of Specialists on PPP Governing Council. He earned a Bachelor of Science from McGill University, a Masters in Applied Science from the University of Waterloo, and is a graduate of the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Senior Executives Program and the Directors Education Program of the Canadian Institute of Corporate Directors and holds the Certified Director designation. Mark is also a recipient of the 2012 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

**Mike Yorke****Carpenters District Council of Ontario Local 27
Vaughan, Ontario**

Mike Yorke, President and Senior Business Representative of Carpenters Local 27 of the Carpenters District Council of Ontario, has over 25 years of experience in Ontario's unionized construction industry. Local 27 represents 8,000 of the Council's 22,000 members. As President, Mike has extensive knowledge of collective bargaining and arbitration issues as well as being involved in numerous political, community and training initiatives. He has a background in workplace Health and Safety issues, from both a training and a site representation perspective. Mike is also a strong community supporter of outreach to "Youth at Risk" training programs with the City of Toronto and Toronto Housing CHOICE program, and plays an active role on the Local 27 Apprenticeship Training Centre's Board of Directors. Mike currently sits as a citizen advisory board member of Civic Action Toronto and an Editorial Advisory Board member of the Daily Commercial News. He plays an Industry Advisor role as a Board member of the Ontario Construction Secretariat, the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario and the Ontario Cast in Place Concrete Development Council. Mike holds certificates in Labour Studies from George Brown College and Human Resources Management from Ryerson University.

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Transport Futures was established in 2008 by Healthy Transport Consulting. Working with our valued advisors, staff, volunteers, sponsors and in-kind supporters, our goal is to facilitate a rational and non-partisan dialogue on mobility pricing as a key demand management and infrastructure funding measure. In 2015, we're also delving into other transportation infrastructure and policy issues related to public-private partnerships and autonomous vehicles.



Martin Collier

Director, Healthy Transport Consulting
Founder, Transport Futures
Guelph, Ontario

Besides managing Transport Futures, Martin Collier provides government, private sector and non-profit organizations with sustainable transportation and land use policy, planning, research and project/event management services. Clients have included Transport Canada, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, Pollution Probe, Poulos and Chung Transportation Consultants, Smart Cities Research Services and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario. Martin co-founded the Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation, the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation and has managed the Ontario Smart Growth Network, Moving the Economy/Transportation Options and the Community Bicycle Network. He has also provided conference programming, logistics and financial advice to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and the Niagara Escarpment Commission. Prior to his work in the planning field, Martin worked for a decade in the music industry as a guitarist and band manager. He holds a Master of Environmental Studies degree in Urban Planning from York University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queen's University.

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