

Mayoral Candidates



Olivia Chow

Olivia Chow has been a NDP Member of Parliament (MP), city councillor and school trustee. She has a proven track record engaging people to build stronger families and better neighbourhoods. In 1985, Olivia was elected to the school board and earned a reputation as a champion for children. She was elected to the former MetroCouncil in 1991 and 1994, and to the new City of Toronto's council in 1997, 2000 and 2003. Former Mayor Mel Lastman appointed her to the budget committee, where she helped deliver five straight balanced budgets. Mayor Lastman also named her the city's first child and youth advocate, where she delivered better kids' dental services, student nutrition programs and youth safety initiatives. In 2006, Olivia was elected as an MP. She was re-elected in 2008 and 2011 when her late husband Jack Layton became Leader of the Official Opposition. In 2014 Olivia resigned as an MP in order to run for Mayor of Toronto, at which time she was the NDP's Transportation Critic.



David Soknaki

David Soknaki is a successful entrepreneur and a former city councilor. In 1986, he founded Ecom Food Industries, which imports, manufactures and exports her ban spice ingredients for commercial use. David was first elected to office as a councillor in the former City of Scarborough in 1994. He then served as a councillor in Toronto after amalgamation, winning a by-election and two general elections to represent Scarborough East. David led Toronto's budget process as Council's budget chief from late 2003 until 2006. He later served as chair of the Board for Canada's Downsview Park Corporation. Since he retired from Council in 2006, he has also been a candid critic of City Hall as a columnist for Metroland newspapers, where he promoted a balanced approach to urban development, pushed for evidence-based city planning, sought greater civility at City Council, and called for a strategic review of Toronto's public safety services. David earned his Bachelor's degree in Commerce from the University of Toronto, and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario.



Karen Stintz

Karen Stintz was first elected City Councillor for Eglinton-Lawence in 2003 in a surprise win over the 20 year incumbent. In 2009,. She founded and co-led the Responsible Government Group that opposed former Mayor David Miller's increases in spending, property taxes and business taxes and presented an alternative budget that proposed to cut \$80 million from the City budget. In 2010,. Her colleagues elected her Chair of the TTC and in that role she has committed to strengthening the organization's customer service focus, driving change improving the transit network. Accomplishments during her tenure included a Customer Service Charter, balancing the budget with a 10% reduction in the subsidy, realigning services to match revenue, contracting out garbage and maintenance services, launching Wi-Fi in the subway system, and approving the introduction of the Province's electronic fare system. Karen's passion for Toronto not only got her elected, but has continued to drive her success at managing and delivering healthcare programs in both the public and private sectors. She is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, holds a Master of Science in Journalism from Boston University and a Master of Public Administration from Queen's University.



John Tory

John Tory is a businessman, lawyer, volunteer and community activist. Many know John as the evening host of CFRB radio's Live Drive with John Tory. He has also served in public office as a Member of Provincial Parliament, Leader of the Ontario PC Party, and Leader of the Official Opposition at Queen's Park. John was CEO of one of Canada's largest publishing and broadcasting companies, and Commissioner and Chairman of the Canadian Football League. As a result of his passion for Toronto and his commitment to the values of tolerance and compassion, John has been a volunteer director for the Canadian Paraplegic Association, Crimestoppers, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto Association for Community Living, the United Way, the Women's Legal Education & Action Fund, and in 2012, he chaired a special panel on revitalizing Ontario Place. John is also a founding member and former Chair of the Greater Toronto CivicAction Alliance.

Speakers



Joseph Berechman

**City College of New York
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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 has 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.



Bill Denning

**Ontario Ministry of Transportation
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Bill has managed MTO's Transportation Economics Office (TEO) since 2009. The office was created that year to promote and oversee applications of economic within the Ministry. The office has been concerned with microeconomics in the application of cost benefit analysis to transit and provincial highway projects across Ontario. The office also undertakes macroeconomic analysis in conjunction with the Ministry of Finance (MOF) to explore the effects of transportation activities on output and productivity. Bill has worked on international economic assignments for Canadian Pacific Consulting Services and the World Bank, and closer to home in the mid-1990's at GO Transit. He has been part of the Ontario Public Service since 2003, working initially at MOF before moving to Transportation. Bill has a BA in Economics and Geography from the University of Toronto and an MA in Regional Science (spatial economics) from the University of Pennsylvania.

**Jayne Hayes****Atlanta Regional Commission
Atlanta, Georgia, USA**

Jane Hayse directs the Atlanta Regional Commission's new Center for Livable Communities. She leads and coordinates efforts among four major divisions of metro Atlanta's regional planning agency. These divisions account for over 70 planners, engineers, and analysts in the fields of transportation planning, environmental planning, land use, economics and demographic forecasting. Ms. Hayse joined the regional planning agency in 1989 and led ARC's transportation planning division for 15 years, coordinating the development of the Atlanta region's \$61 billion long-range transportation plan. Prior to that, she worked for the Cobb County (GA) Planning and Zoning Department and for the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Ms. Hayse holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning from Florida State University. She has served in many local and national leadership positions in her field and has received numerous awards, including the 2008 National Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement in Metropolitan Transportation Planning by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. She is a graduate of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership and the Regional Leadership Institute.

**Robin Lindsey****University of British Columbia
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**

Dr. Lindsey's research interests include road pricing, traffic congestion models, paying for roads, traveler risk aversion and advanced traveler information systems. He has participated in several European Union projects concerned with efficient transportation pricing, usage of user charge revenues, and institutional factors in transport policy implementation. Dr. Lindsey has also studied private provision of roads and other topics related to market structure and efficiency. He holds a Ph.D in economics from Princeton University as well as an M.A. and B.A. (Economics and Physics) from Queen's University.

**Todd Litman****Victoria Transport Policy Institute
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Todd Litman is founder and executive director of the Victoria Transport Policy Institute, an independent research organization dedicated to developing innovative solutions to transport problems. His work helps expand the range of impacts and options considered in transportation decision-making, improve evaluation methods, and make specialized technical concepts accessible to a larger audience. His research is used worldwide in transport planning and policy analysis. Mr. Litman has worked on numerous studies that evaluate transportation costs, benefits and innovations. He authored the Online TDM Encyclopedia, a comprehensive Internet resource for identifying and evaluating mobility management strategies; Transportation Cost and Benefit Analysis: Techniques, Estimates and Implications, a comprehensive study which provides cost and benefit information in an easy-to-apply format; and Parking Management Best Practices, a comprehensive book on innovative management solutions to parking problems. Mr. Litman has worked as a research and planning consultant for a diverse range of clients, including government agencies, professional organizations, developers and nongovernment organizations. He has worked in more than two dozen countries, on every continent except Antarctica. Mr. Litman is a frequent speaker at conferences and workshops. His presentations range from technical and practical to humorous and inspirational. He regularly blogs on the Planetizen website. He is active in several professional organizations including the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and the Transportation Research Board (TRB, a section of U.S. National Academy of Sciences).

**Michael Sutherland****Metrolinx
Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

Michael Sutherland is the Director of Economic Analysis and Investment Strategy at Metrolinx. He has been with Metrolinx since 2007 where he has been involved in the development of rapid transit projects and investment including cost-benefit, and P3 appraisal. Michael has played a major role in starting Metrolinx's real estate development program, focusing on collaboration with developer partners to make transit-oriented development happen. His areas of expertise are transport infrastructure planning and finance, transport economics, public-private partnerships, urban real estate development, and cities. Previously, Michael worked in the capital planning division at the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure. He has an Undergraduate Degree in Civil Engineering from Queen's University and a Master's in City Design and Social Science from the London School of Economic and Political Science, in London, England.

**Nicole Swerhun****Swerhun Inc.****Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

Nicole helps connect decision-makers in the public and non-profit sectors to the constituencies they serve. She works to make complex, often controversial and high profile, multi-stakeholder projects constructive and manageable. Nicole does this by creating processes that get information flowing between all those involved, addressing the issues people care about, and putting a heavy focus on demonstrating how different perspectives and priorities influence the end result. Nicole's expertise includes: strategic process planning; collaborative decision making; public and stakeholder consultation; civic engagement; public participation; and facilitation. She has worked extensively in Canada, the United States and internationally – most recently on the City of Toronto's "Feeling Congested?" public consultation.

**Matthew Turner****University of Toronto****Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

Dr. Matthew Turner is a professor of economics at the University of Toronto. His research focuses on the economics of land use and transportation. Current projects investigate; the relationship between public transit and the growth of cities, whether and how 'smart growth' type development affects individual driving behaviour, whether and when land use regulation makes cities more attractive, and the role of transportation infrastructure in the economic development of Chinese cities. Recent projects examine the relationship between the extent of a city's highway network and urban growth, total driving in the city, and patterns of trade. Professor Turner holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California and a Ph. D. in economics from Brown University. His research appears in academic journals such as the *American Economic Review* and *Econometrica*, and is regularly featured in the popular press.

About Us

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 also began exploring other transportation infrastructure and policy issues related to public-private partnerships and automated vehicles.



Martin Collier

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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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