

Planners Network Conference 2000



Toronto, June 22-25, 2000

**Insurgent Planning,
Globalization and Local Democracy**

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Planners Network Statement of Principles

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic system.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment in order to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. This includes in particular racial injustice and discrimination by gender and sexual orientation. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

We seek to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives.



Conference Context

In recent years, the city of Toronto has been buffeted by the adverse effects of globalization, and by the downloading of responsibility for social services onto the municipal government. Local communities are organizing to resist these developments with varied success. This conference will provide an opportunity to meet with some of these communities to share strategies and experiences.

Toronto has been described as the most multicultural city in North America. It is also home to a large and vibrant gay and lesbian community. The conference coincides with a week of festivities culminating in Toronto's Gay Pride parade on Sunday, June 25. Toronto's Pride Festival is one of the oldest and largest on the continent. Some of the conference activities will be integrated with Gay Pride events.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Legend

- ▲ Activities sponsored by the Fannie Mae Foundation
- Interactive Workshops
- RCC Rogers Communications Centre
- PH Pitman Hall

NOTE: Detailed tour descriptions and meeting locations start on page 11.



Thursday, June 22

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| 8:15 – 9:15 am | Continental Breakfast and Conference Registration
Rogers Communications Centre (RCC), 2nd Floor. |
| 9:15 – 9:30 am | Welcome
Room: RCC 204
Barbara Rahder, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto |
| 9:30 – 10:15 am | Keynote Address.
Room: RCC 204
Gerda Wekerle, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto. "Planning and Civil Society." |
| 10:15 – 10:30 am | Coffee Break |



10:30 – noon Concurrent Sessions

■ ***Insurgent Planning and Collaboration.***

Room: PH 200

- James McKenzie, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University & McKenzie Paris Conflict Management / Collaborative Planning, Toronto.
- John Douglas, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto.

▲ ***Building Community Through Housing.***

Room: RCC 201

Moderator: Iain De Jong

- John van Nostrand, Planning Alliance, Toronto.
“Building Community Through Housing in Africa and Canada.”
- Alison Guyton, Executive Director, Habitat Services, Toronto.
“Community Development in Boarding and Rooming Houses.”
- Iain De Jong, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.
“Social Housing in Turmoil (SHIT), What Now?”

Immigration, Ethnicity, and Space.

Room: RCC 203

Moderator: Diana Iorio

- Yasminah Beebeejaun, University of Sheffield, U.K.
“Race and Planning in Britain.”
- Roxanna Ng, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto.
“Globalization, Recolonization, and Worker Resistance: the Case of Garment Workers in Toronto”
- Diana Iorio, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto
“Making a Case for Multicultural Planning: the Redevelopment of Downsview Airforce Base.”

Globalizing Cities: Partitioned Worlds.

Room: RCC, 204

Moderator: Kanishka Goonewardena

- Peter Marcuse, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University, New York.
- Pablo Idahosa, African Studies, York University.
- Tom Angotti, Pratt Institute, GCPE, New York.
- Kanishka Goonewardena, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

▲ ***Mixing it Up: Local Housing Issues in Canada and the US.***

Room: RCC 205

Moderator: Alex Murray, York University

- Sue Bunce, Former Board Member of Kensington Market Action Committee, Toronto.
“The Loft Condo Craze: ‘Yuppification’ in Downtown Toronto Neighbourhoods”
- Mark Guslits, City of Toronto Housing Company.
“Affordable Housing after Government Programs.”
- Cheryl Wilson, Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement, University of Illinois, Chicago.
“Public Housing ‘Transformation’ in Chicago.”

Noon – 2:00pm Break for Lunch
Try out one of Toronto's many fine local eateries!

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2:00 – 5:00 pm Tours of Toronto and Area

1. Accidental Village:

Church and Wellesley (Queer Toronto)

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: Rick Bebout, Canadian Gay and Lesbian Archives (CGLA).

2. Traditional Toronto: A Walk Through Neighbourhoods Built 100 Years Ago.

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: David Gurin. Former Commissioner of Metro Toronto Planning.

3. Rouge River Valley: Watershed Management at the Eastern Edge of the City.

Van tour.

Capacity: 18 (2 vans)

- Guide: Michael Bunce, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

4. West of Toronto's Downtown:

A walking tour of the Spadina District.

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: Jon Caulfield, Urban Studies Program, York University.

5. ▲ A Cross-section of Toronto, from the Centre to the New Urbanist Suburbs.

Bus tour.

Capacity: 48

- Guide: Ted Relph, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

6. The Great Indian Bus Tour of Toronto.

Bus tour.

Capacity: 45

- Guide: Rodney Bobiwash, Native Canadian Centre of Toronto

7. ▲ St. Lawrence Neighbourhood:

Downtown Success Story (Mixed Income Post-Urban Renewal).

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: Frank Lewinberg, Urban Strategies, Toronto

8. Garment District

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: Gunter Gad and Norma Rantisi, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

9. ▲ Co-op Housing Downtown:

Non-profit Resident Managed Communities.

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: Doug Young, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.

6:00 – 7:30 pm Buffet Dinner

Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West.

Toronto City Hall Rotunda, Cash Bar

7:30 – 9:30 pm

Views on Planning and Local Democracy in Canada, the USA, and Mexico

Moderator & Discussant: Roger Keil, York University

- Gustavo Romero Fernández, Presidente del Consejo Directivo, Fondo Solidario de la Vivienda, A.C. (FOSOFI), (Chair, Solidarity Fund for Housing), Mexico.
- Winnie Frohn, Département D'études Urbanes et Touristiques, Université de Québec à Montréal.
- Peter Marcuse, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University, New York.



Friday, June 23

7:30 – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast and Conference Registration

Rogers Communications Centre.

8:30 – 10:00 am Concurrent Sessions

Toronto 2008: Labour's Divergent Views of the Olympics.

Room: RCC 201

Moderator: Steven Tufts, Centre for Research on Work and Society, York University

- John Cartwright, Building Trades Council.
- David Kidd, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 79.
- Jan Borowy, Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) & Bread Not Circuses Coalition.
- Paul Clifford, Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union (HERE) Local 75.

Millennial Visions:

Planning Issues in Toronto

Room: RCC 203

Moderator: Ellie Perkins

- Roger Keil, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, & Stefan Kipfer, Community Social Planning Council, Toronto. "Toronto at the Millennium: Still Planning to be Different?"
- Ellie Perkins, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University & Paul Young, Community Planner, South Riverdale Community Health Centre, Toronto.
"Contesting Visions of Sustainable Development on Toronto's Waterfront."

■ *Shared Experiences of Gender Based Planning.*

Room: RCC 205

Moderator: Allison Meistrich, Women Plan Toronto (WPT)

- Reggie Modlich, WPT, Toronto. "History of Women PlanToronto."
- Melanie Hare, WPT, Toronto. "Women Plan Toronto's Official Plan Project."
- Connie Guberman, METRAC, Toronto. "Safety Initiatives in Toronto."

Solutions Flowing from Design—An Ecovillage Permaculture View

Room: PH 200

Moderator: J.P. Warren

- Jeff Gold/Denis Bowman, Wholevillage King
- Dorothy Mazzeau, CoHousing Ontario
- Jason Whitfield, Faculty of Environmental Studies, University of Waterloo
- Scott Dawson, Permaculture Community Action Network

10:00 – 10:30 am Coffee Break

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10:30 – noon Concurrent Sessions

Resisting the Growth Machine.

Room: RCC 201

Moderator: Richard Milgrom

- Kelly Snow, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University "Is Resistance Futile? Thoughts and Images from Protests in Toronto and Washington DC."
- Richard Milgrom, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University & Bread Not Circuses Coalition.
- Jan Borowy, Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) & Bread Not Circuses Coalition.

▲ *Comparative Approaches to Community Development.*

Room: RCC 203

Moderator: Jim Ward, York University

- Alejandro Rofman, Undersecretary for Regional Development, Government of the City of Buenos Aires. "Community Revitalization in Buenos Aires."
- Xavier Morales, Arizona State University, Tempe. "Insurgent Communities: Beyond the Planner."
- Pierre Clavel, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. "CDCs: An Emerging Third Sector in Planning."
- Heather McLean, Department of Geography, University of Toronto. "Gender Policy and Planning: The Roles of Men."

Grassroots Groups and the Preservation of Regional Open Spaces.

Room: RCC 205

Moderator: Eduard Sousa

- Anna Tilman, Save The Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM). "Pushing to Save a Natural Heritage."

- Bob Johnston, University of California at Davis. "Uses of GIS for Citizens Groups in Regional Planning."
- Eduard Sousa, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University. "They May Have Piped Up the Creek but Not the Process: Exploring the Intersections of Natural Heritage, Urban Ecology and Community Development."

Noon – 2:00 pm Luncheon

Room: Pitman Hall Cafeteria

Greeting: Jim Carr, Fannie Mae Foundation.

▲ *Social Inequalities and Urban Governance in Brazil*

Moderator: Tom Angotti

- Orlando Alves dos Santos Junior, Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional da UFRJ "Social Capital and the Mandate of Big Cities: Social Activism and Socio-political Participation in the Metropolitan Regions of Brazil."
- Fabricio Leal de Oliveira, Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional da UFRJ "Competitiveness and City Strategic Planning: the Agenda of Multilateral Agencies and Urban Policy in Rio de Janeiro."
- Pedro de Novais Lima Junior, Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional da UFRJ "A Place of Struggle in the Struggle for Place: A View on the Role of the University within the Symbolic Disputes that Dominate the Planning Arena in Brazil."
- Mariana Fix, Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional da UFRJ "Three Cases of Local Resistance to Private-Public Partnerships in Sao Paulo During the Last Decade."



2:00 – 5:00 pm Tours of Toronto and Area

■ Planning a Barrier-Free Toronto:
A Field Simulation of the Physical Reality Faced
by People with Disabilities

Capacity: 20

Room: RCC 203

- Al Reeves, Accessibility Awareness Committee, York District
- Shane Holten, Toronto Joint Citizens Committee for People with Disabilities

10. ▲ Straw Bale House:
Experimental House Under Construction in a
Western Suburb.

Van tour.

Capacity: 18

- Guide: Martin Liefheher, Architect.

11. ▲ East of Downtown:
Homelessness, Public Housing, and
Brownfields.

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: Jim Ward, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.

12. Bring Back the Don River:
Community Led Effort to Revive a Sick River.

Walking tour.

Capacity: 20

- Guide: David Stonehouse, Taskforce to Bring Back the Don.

13. ▲ Alternative Housing:
Getting off the Streets.

Van tour.

Capacity: 8

- Guide: Richard Milgrom, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.

14. South Etobicoke Regeneration

Van tour

Capacity: 9

- Guide: John Graham, Planner

15. Portlands and Waterfront Redevelopment

Van tour

Capacity: 18

- Guide: Peter Zimmerman, City of Toronto

16. ▲ Foodshare and Community Gardens and
Growing Cultures: Immigrants and Their
Gardens.

An Exhibition of Photographs by Vincenzo Pietropaolo.

Exhibit research by Gerda Wekerle, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.

Van tour.

Capacity: 9

- Guide: Laura Berman, Community Gardening Coordinator, Foodshare.

5:15 – 5:45 pm

Meet volunteers at the Registration Desk to take TTC to Field to Table.

6:30 – 7:00 pm

Field to Table Warehouse Tour

200 Eastern Avenue, Tel: (416)363-6441

7:00 – 9:30 pm

Field to Table Dinner and Discussion

Moderator: Sue Bunce

Speakers

- Debbie Field, Executive Director, Foodshare Metro Toronto
- Lauren Baker, Seeds of Our City

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Saturday 24 June

7:30 – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast and Conference Registration
Rogers Communications Centre.

8:30 – 10:00 am Concurrent Sessions

Walkin' the Walk: Techniques for Empowerment.

Room: PH 200

Moderator: Ken Reardon

- Ken Reardon, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University
- Cathy Klump, East St. Louis Neighborhood Technical Assistance Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- LaTonya Webb, East St. Louis Neighborhood Technical Assistance Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Pierre Clavel, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University

Cities for Sale: Planning in the Face of Privatization.

Room: PH 205

Moderator: Antonio Gomez-Palacio

- Luis Octavio Silva, Municipality of Sao Paulo & Université de Québec à Montréal.
"Public/Private Partnership Financing Urban Investments: An Experience from Sao Paulo."
- Nirmita Mehrotra, Pratt Institute, New York. "Privatization of Planning in New York City."
- Cynthia J. Cranford, Department of Sociology, University of Southern

California, Los Angeles & Robert D. Wilton, School of Geography and Geology, McMaster University, Hamilton.

"Restructuring and Resistance in Higher Education: USC as the University of Sub-Contracting?"

The Good, the Bad, and the 905.

(905 is the area code for suburban Toronto).

Room: RCC 201

Moderator: Karen Wirsig

- Stephen Dale, Author of *Lost in the Suburbs: A Political Travelogue*.
"Understanding Suburban Revolt: How a Conservative 'Revolution' Overturned Decades of Small 'L' Liberal Rule in Ontario."
- Heath Preston, School of Planning, University of Waterloo.
"Social Polarization and Income Redistribution in Toronto CMA: Towards a Culture of Polarization."
- Alan Walks, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.
"The Rise and Fall of the Welfare State and the Implications for Social Segregation in the Toronto Region."
- Karen Wirsig and Stefan Kipfer, Community Social Planning Council, Toronto.
"The Paradox of the Post War Suburbs: the Case of Toronto."

Whose Rights to the City? Part 1

Room: RCC 203

Moderator: Barbara Rahder

- Herbert Glasauer, Universitaet Gesamthochschule Kassel, Germany.
"Public Space and Fear of Crime. Urban Competence Versus the Need for Security."



- Laura Lanza, Department of City and Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
"Competing Visions and Contested Spaces: An Ethnographic Study of the Meanings, Activities and Uses of Downtown Philadelphia for Different Stakeholders."
- Barbara Rahder, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto.
"Voices of the City: A Diversity of Women's Perceptions of the Urban Environment."

Lost and Found in the City: Environmental Initiatives.

Room: RCC 205

Moderator: Alex Long

- Hamish Wilson, Member of Toronto Cycling Committee, Toronto.
"The Velorution of Toronto."
- Alex Long, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.
"Informal Waste Recovery in Mexico: What are the implications for Sustainable Urban Planning?"

10:00 – 10:30 am Coffee Break

10:30 – noon Concurrent Sessions

■▲ *Seize the Moment: Popular Education, Community Organizing.*

Room: PH 200

- Chris Cavanagh, Catalyst Centre, Toronto

▲ *Social Movements and Community Development*

Room: RCC 201

Moderator: Katharine Rankin, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

- Sheri Blake, Department of City Planning, University of Manitoba.
"Community Design Centres and Methodologies: Towards Implementation of a Technical."
- Susan Seifert, Philadelphia, and Mark Stern, School of Social Work, University of Pennsylvania, " 'Irrational' Organizations: Why Community-based Organizations are Really Social Movements."
- Rachel Bland, University of Sheffield, England
"English Perceptions of Social Justice and Student Activism."
- Ben Kohl, Cornell University
"When the Center Does Not Hold, Who Does the Planning? Decentralization and Planning in Bolivia."

▲ *Local Economic Development and Issues of Metropolitan Governance: New Challenges for Community Groups*

Room: PH 205

Moderator: Pierre Hamel, Institut d'urbanisme, Université de Montréal

- Claude Piché, Études urbaines, Université de Québec à Montréal.
Montreal Case Study.
- Anne Latendresse, Centre of Urban and Community Studies, University of Toronto. Toronto Case Study.
- Jill Hanley, McGill University.
Boston Case Study.

Whose Rights to the City? Part 2

Room: RCC 203

Moderator: Christina Gallimore, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University

- Mano Kumarasuriyar, Development Planning Program, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.
"Rights of Children to the City."

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- Winnie Frohn, and Sophie Paquin, Université de Québec à Montréal.
"Does Gender Make a Difference in Planning for 'Ordinary' People?"
- Stephanie Gabel, School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia.
"Addressing the Food Provisioning Needs and Strategies of Low-income Women: Urban Agriculture and Planning in Harare, Zimbabwe."

Spatial Practices: Politicians, Planners, and the Everyday.

Room: RCC 205

Moderator: Pino DiMascio

- Antonio Gomez-Palacio, Urban Strategies, Toronto.
"Spatial Practices: The Realm of Everyday Life."
- Pino DiMascio, Urban Strategies, Toronto.
"The Professional Realm of Planning"
- Jen Keesmat, Executive Assistant to Councilor Jane Pitfield, Toronto City Council.
"Confronting the Realities of Municipal Politics: A Case Study."

Noon – 3:30 pm Break for Lunch & Take Ferry to Ward's Island.

Ferries to Ward's Island leave from Ferry Docks;\$5 Round Trip; See TTC Map for directions by subway.

3:30 – 5:30 pm

▲ *Toronto Island Communities.*

Walking tours.

Capacity: 60

- Guides: Liz Amer, Toronto Island Residents Association; Graeme Beakhust, long-time island activist; and Paul Bain, City of Toronto Planning & Development Department

■ *Collective Mural Making and Popular Arts Activities*

In front of Ward's Island Clubhouse

- Chris Cavanagh, Catalyst Centre
- Martha Bell, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University

6:00 – onwards

Barbecue dinner, dancing and fireworks. Ward's Island Clubhouse. Cash Bar.

**9:00- 11:40PM Live Music by
Sensacion Latina**

11:45PM is the last ferry back to the city. After this time, you have to take a water taxi! (Water taxis run until 2AM, \$6/person)



Sunday 25 June

8:30 – 11:00 am **PN Networking
Breakfast
(Full Breakfast)**
Oakham House, Ryerson
University.

8:30 – 11:00 am **PN Steering
Committee Meeting.**
Oakham House, Ryerson
University.

After breakfast, you can enjoy a stroll along Church Street. The Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade starts at the corner of Church & Wellesley at 2:00PM!

PARTICIPANTS,

Please submit a copy of your paper or presentation, comments on the conference, or other contributions you would like considered for publication in the next Planners Network Newsletter at the Registration Desk.

Toronto-PN Conference Organizers



Planners Network Tours

Detailed Descriptions

Thursday 2:00 - 5:00

1. Accidental Village: Church & Wellesley (Queer Toronto)

Tour guide: **Rick Bebout**

How did a nondescript intersection become the heart of a vibrant, well-known gay neighbourhood? A tour of the area, with a focus on the demographic, developmental and social forces that shaped it over the last 50 years, and that continue to shape it today.

Meet at Pitman Hall, Ryerson, 160 Mutual Street, West Entrance (under the pergola). Walking tour.

2. Traditional Toronto: A walk through neighbourhoods built 100 years ago

Tour guide: **David Gurin**

These areas are dense and diverse, but also harmonious. Includes Chinatown, the Grange Park, the University of Toronto, rebuilt streetcar lines, the Annex and Casa Loma. A bit more than five kilometres (three miles) in two to three hours.

Meet at front entrance of the Art Gallery of Ontario, Dundas Street West between McCaul and Beverley.



3. Rouge River Valley

Tour guide: **Michael Bunce**

Located on the eastern edge of Toronto, the Rouge Park is a unique experiment in multi-stakeholder protected area planning and management. This excursion will visit the established Park and tour parts of the proposed park extensions into the rest of the Rouge Watershed. Brief talks from park officials and stakeholder representatives will be included.

Transport by minivan.



4. West of Toronto's Downtown: A walking tour of the Spadina District
Tour guide: **Jon Caulfield**

The walk visits Kensington and Southeast Spadina (home of Toronto's "Chinatown"), neighbourhoods once designated by municipal plans for removal but sustained by citizen activism and by Toronto's shift away from scorched-earth planning policies. It continues south to King-Spadina, formerly dominated by industry and warehousing, lately being adapted to Toronto's post-industrial economy.

Meet at S.E. corner of Dundas Street West and Beverley Street, beside the Art Gallery of Ontario. Tour will conclude by 4:30 or 5:00 at St. Andrew subway station.

5. A Cross-section of Toronto, from the centre to the new urbanist suburbs
Tour guide: **Ted Relph**

This trip by bus runs from the inner city to the edge of the built up area. It includes central ethnic areas, different ages of social housing, reurbanised commercial strips, 1960s and 1970s residential, suburban downtowns/edge cities, suburban ethnicity, hi-tech industrial, ultra low density residential, an eastern orthodox cathedral in a field, and the neo-traditional development at Cornell.

Transport by bus.

6. The Great Indian Bus Tour of Toronto
Tour guide: **Rodney Bobiwash**

The concrete streets and high-rises of Toronto obscure the vast First Nations history of this area. "Toronto" is popularly interpreted as meaning "the Meeting Place" and indeed this area of the North Shore of Lake Ontario is a very significant place of political and cultural activity in Aboriginal history, from well prior to European occupation until the present. Join us on this tour of the city hosted by Rodney Bobiwash and learn about the very rich and diverse Aboriginal history of Toronto.

Transport by bus.

7. St. Lawrence Neighbourhood
Tour guide: **Frank Lewinberg**

The St. Lawrence neighbourhood is an urban redevelopment project undertaken by the City of Toronto in response to the urgent need for housing in the early 1970s. It is a rare and successful undertaking that has managed to escape the project mentality and stigmatizing the poor. It benefited from housing policies that went beyond goals of housing the poor to address social issues as well. The neighbourhood is seen as a great success and has been a catalyst in transforming the surrounding city.

Meet at S.W. corner of Front and Jarvis Streets. Walking tour.

8. Garment District
Tour guides: **Gunter Gad** and **Norma Rantisi**

This tour will focus on a section of the city which has served as the main site for Toronto's garment industry for over eighty years. Centred around Spadina Avenue

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(south of Dundas), the district was historically an entrepot for immigrants, many of whom served the industry, and a centre for union activism. Today it remains a centre for immigrant industrial activity and while much of the garment production process has been dispersed throughout the metropolitan area or outsourced overseas, there are still some key garment manufacturing buildings located in the district. The tour will highlight these sites, and provide an overview of the historical, political and economic trends which have shaped the district over the last several decades.

Meet at S.W. corner of Spadina Ave. and Front St. West. Tour will return to

Ryerson. Estimated length and time 2.5 km, one hour. Walking tour.

9. Co-op Housing Downtown

Tour guide: **Douglas Young**

About 160 resident managed non-profit housing co-operatives were built in Toronto between the early 1970s and mid-1990s. This tour will visit a few housing co-ops, all within a short walk of Ryerson University. Meet residents and staff; tour a few apartments.

Meet at N.E. corner Church and Gould Streets. Walking tour.



Friday 2:00 - 5:00

10. Strawbale House

Tour guide: **Martin Liefhebber**

A solar powered/grid connected co-housing residence, made from materials specifically designed to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and to spare the owners from the usual chemical vapours present in new buildings. Travel by minivan to visit this unusual house under construction in one of Toronto's suburbs. Meet the architect (Martin Liefhebber) and owner.

Transport by minivan.

11. East of Downtown

Tour guide: **Jim Ward**

Downtown East Toronto lies just to the east of Canada's most dynamic financial area. It extends from one block east of the main CBD and eastward to the Don River. Within this area are Canada's largest concentration of homeless people and the city's historic "skid row", Canada's most densely populated census tract (St. Jamestown), the country's earliest large scale public housing development (Regent Park) and one of the most underutilized waterfront areas in the country. The tour will visit each of these areas and discuss them in their urban context, their likely futures and their potential.

Meet at N.E. corner Gerrard and Parliament Streets. Estimated time and distance: 2 hours, 10 km. Walking tour.

12. Bring Back the Don River

Tour guide: **David Stonehouse**

Community organizations and government agencies have been working towards the restoration of the Don River for over ten years. This tour will include stops at a number of restoration sites in the Lower Don River Valley, including Chester Springs Marsh and the Riverdale farm Ponds. Tour themes will include the need for citizen participation in environmental planning and the role of public education in building political will.

Meet at the entrance to the Broadview Subway Station (rain or shine). Walking tour.

13. Alternative Housing: Getting off the Streets, Tour guide: Richard Milgrom

Toronto has declared homelessness to be a national disaster. Despite a booming economy, the numbers of people without shelter or on the verge of homelessness is growing. This tour will look at examples of housing and emergency shelter models that have emerged in the last decade as housing providers have attempted to address the various needs of people who are living on the streets or whose needs are not adequately addressed by more conventional types of housing.

Transport by minivan.

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14. South Etobicoke

Tour guide: **John Graham**

This is a community-based reinvestment effort that is implementing a wide number of projects. This comprehensive effort is aimed at promoting reinvestment across all sectors of the area's economy. In contrast to other comprehensive initiatives underway on the City's waterfront, this project stands apart in terms of community support, consensus, and spirit. Learn about, tour, and discuss South Etobicoke and this community-based reinvestment strategy.

Transport by minivan.

15. Portlands/Waterfront Redevelopment

Tour guide: **Peter Zimmerman**

Discover the redevelopment initiatives of Toronto's Portlands and waterfront.

Transport by minivan.

16. Not Your Typical Community Garden Tour, Tour guide: Laura Berman

As our culture becomes increasingly urbanized it is essential that we provide opportunities for people to engage directly with nature, not as observers but as active participants. The community gardening movement that is now taking place is about making these vital connections while at the same time helping to rebuild city neighbourhoods to a human scale. Besides having individual vegetable plots, Toronto's community gardens set aside space for bird and insect habitats, children's gardens, healing gardens, herb gardens, native plants, heritage and heirloom plants, composting, and for demonstrating organic gardening techniques. This tour will visit four of Toronto's most innovative community gardens. The final stop on the tour will be at **Growing Cultures**, an exhibition of photographs by Vincenzo Pietropaolo of immigrants' gardens. **Gerda Wekerle**, exhibit researcher, will meet the tour group at the exhibition at the Royal Ontario Museum.

Transport by minivan.

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NOTES



CHANGES TO THE PN PROGRAM GUIDE

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

1. **▲ *Building Community Through Housing.***

Room: RCC 201

- Gloria Gallant will present instead of Alison Guyton, Habitat Services, Toronto.

2. ***Immigration, Ethnicity, and Space.***

Room: RCC 203

- **UNABLE TO ATTEND:** Yasminah Beebeejaun, University of Sheffield, U.K. "Race and Planning in Britain."
- **ADDITION:** Stephanie Gabel, University of British Columbia, will present on "Addressing the Food Provisioning Needs and Strategies of Low-Income Women: Urban Agriculture and Planning in Harare, Zimbabwe. A Student Proposal to Integrate Gender and Participatory Research Tools in the Field."

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

3. ***Shared Experiences of Gender Based Planning Workshop***

- Abby Bushby will be presenting instead of Melanie Hare (but the content is the same).

4. ***Lost and Found in the City: Environmental Initiatives has been moved from Saturday, June 24.***

Room: PH, 7th Floor Lounge

- Hamish Wilson, Member of Toronto Cycling Committee, Toronto. "The Velorution of Toronto."
- Alex Long, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University. "Informal Waste Recovery in Mexico: What are the implications for Sustainable Urban Planning?"

5. ***Grassroots Groups and the Preservation of Regional Open Spaces.***

- **UNABLE TO ATTEND:** Bob Johnston University of California at Davis. "Uses of GIS for Citizens Groups in Regional Planning."

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

6. ***Whose Rights to the City? Part 1***

Room: RCC 203

- **UNABLE TO ATTEND:** Laura Lanza, Department of City and Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. "Competing Visions and Contested Spaces: An Ethnographic Study of the Meanings, Activities and Uses of Downtown Philadelphia for Different Stakeholders."
- **ADDITION:** Cynthia J. Cranford, Department of Sociology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles & Robert D. Wilton, School of Geography and Geology, McMaster University, Hamilton. "Restructuring and Resistance in Higher Education: USC as the University of Sub-Contracting?"