

Is Winnipeg built for the 21st century?

*Former mayor and internationally celebrated architect among speakers
at conference focused on Winnipeg's future*

September 18, 2018, WINNIPEG – As the review of the city's long-range growth planning strategy OurWinnipeg nears completion, several high-profile leaders are weighing in on what it takes to build a livable city. A half-day conference hosted by The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, September 19 features several speakers, including the global perspective of Jan Gehl, the Danish architect who pedestrianized New York City's Time Square, and insights from former Winnipeg mayor Glen Murray.

"Winnipeg's public spaces are evolving. With current and future iconic destinations like Portage and Main, True North Square, Market Lands, and Railside at The Forks gaining national attention, we want to ensure we're building a city that attracts excitement and investment," says Loren Remillard, President & CEO of The Winnipeg Chamber. "This event is a chance for Winnipeggers to get up-to-date on our current climate and see how we compare to other Canadian cities."

The aim of the gathering is to discuss Winnipeg's future, the opportunities for transformation and the economic imperative of change. The line-up of national and local leaders at the **Building a Smart, Livable Winnipeg for the 21st Century** conference specialize in a variety of industries, including:

- development
- transportation
- urban planning
- design
- and placemaking.

Glen Murray served as mayor of Winnipeg from 1998-2004. During his tenure, he led the successful fight to transfer the five cents/litre federal gas tax to municipalities, developed the city's urban Aboriginal Policy, helped create more affordable housing for low and moderate income citizens, and much more.

Jan Gehl Hon. FAIA is a Danish architect and urban design consultant based in Copenhagen whose career has focused on improving the quality of urban life by re-orienting city design towards the pedestrian and cyclist. He is a founding partner of Gehl Architects.

Morning Session: Building a Smart, Livable Winnipeg for the 21st Century

Keynote: Glen Murray, Former Mayor of Winnipeg

When: Wednesday, September 19

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Keynote at 10:50 am

Where: The Fort Garry Hotel

More conference information, including full list of panellists:

<http://www.winnipeg-chamber.com/livablecitiesconference.html>

Luncheon Session: Livable Cities for the 21st Century

Keynote: Jan Gehl, Founder of Gehl Architects

When: Wednesday, September 19

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Keynote at 12:40 pm

Where: The Fort Garry Hotel

More luncheon information:

<http://www.winnipeg-chamber.com/september-luncheon-livable-cities-for-the-21st-century.html>

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