# Columns & Column

## Morning Panel

Architect-as-developer: Agency through equity

10:00-10:20 John McMinn: Opening remarks

10:20-10:40 John van Nostrand: Parcel Development

10:40-11:00 Michael Leckie: Speculative Architecture

11:00-11:30 Moderated Discussion

11:30-12:00 Open Q & A

### Afternoon Panel

Architecture, real estate and macro-economics

13:00-13:20 Larry Smith: Opening remarks

13:20-13:40 Peter Clewes: Vacant Lottery

13:40-14:00 John Filipetti: Space Market

14:00-14:30 Moderated Discussion

14:30-15:00 Open Q & A



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10:00-12:00

# Architect as Developer: Agency through equity

**Panelists:** 

#### John McMinn

Assist. Professor University of Waterloo

John McMinn is Professor of Architecture at the University of Waterloo School of Architecture and is a graduate of the Architectural Association and McGill University. He has taught and lectured at a variety of schools of architecture in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. He is a principal and founder of the Toronto based architectural practice MJ Architecture, whose portfolio includes building and public space design, exhibitions and art installations.

#### John van Nostrand

Founder, Parcel Development, SvN

John van Nostrand is an Architect and Planner and founder of a 40-year-old consulting practice, currently named SvN Architects + Planners - see www.svn-ap.com. He has pioneered new approaches to land development and housing in areas of rapid growth - throughout the Greater Toronto Region, across Canada and in developing cities across Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. In 2015, John founded Parcel Developments which is currently developing two condominium projects in Hamilton for households earning annual incomes ranging from \$25,000 and \$100,000. John was awarded the Jane Jacobs Award for "Ideas That Matter" in 2004.

#### Michael Leckie

Principal, Leckie Studio

Michael Leckie is the Principal and Creative Director of Leckie Studio - a multidisciplinary practice that operates at the intersection of design, art, and architecture. The goal of the practice is to challenge norms and conventions using a design research methodology for the production of work that is both disruptive and thought-provoking. Unlike most traditional architectural practices, much of the work of Leckie Studio is understood as a type of design research and/or experimental enterprise that is self-initiated and/or self-funded.



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# Architecture, real estate and macro-economics

Panelists:

#### **Larry Smith**

Assist. Professor University of Waterloo

Larry Smith is Director of the University of Waterloo's Problem Lab, whose sole mandate is to help find and understand important problems. Larry is also an Adjunct Associate Professor of Economics, and is a member of the Conrad School of Entrepreneurship and Business. He has served as a consultant to a wide range of public and private clients, including those in financial, real estate and manufacturing.

#### **Peter Clewes**

Managing Partner, architects Alliance

Peter Clewes is the managing partner and design director of architectsAlliance. Over four decades of practice, Peter has created a body of work shaped by the clarity and functionality of modernism, and a deep commitment to urbanism and city-building. Peter has expressed his design philosophy over a broad range of award-winning academic, cultural and residential, academic and cultural projects. Peter served for five years on the Waterfront Toronto Design Review Panel, and speaks to professional, academic and civic groups across Canada and the US on topics related to design, density and urban renewal.

#### John Filipetti

VP, Design and Innovation, Oxford Properties

With a background in architecture from the University of Waterloo, and over 20 years of experience in real estate development, John leads development projects with a strong retail and mixed-use focus. As a development executive, he leads internal and external teams in the completion of financial analysis, municipal approvals, co-owner liaison and project design, as well as coordination with Oxford's legal, leasing, REM and construction teams.

