

From September 23 to 24, 2026, the Crowne Plaza Toronto – North York will host the *Waterfront Revitalization and Urban Renewal Conference*. Organized by Trueventus, this international summit serves as an essential platform to explore innovative strategies that respond to the evolving needs of growing and emerging communities. The event – tailored for port and municipal authorities, planners and urbanists, civil engineers, landscape architects, financial institutions, and environmental consultants – will bring together government leaders, policymakers, real estate developers, investors, and community organizations to examine international case studies and share concrete solutions for the sustainable growth of waterfronts.

The choice of the host city is highly strategic: Toronto is currently undertaking one of the most ambitious urban renewal and waterfront regeneration programs in North America. The Waterfront Toronto agency is transforming approximately 800 hectares of former industrial land along the lakefront, catalyzing over CAD 13.2 billion in private investment to deliver 16,600 new residential units, over 1.4 million square feet of retail space, and 4 million square feet of office space, while significantly expanding parks, public transit, and cultural facilities and services.

Discussions will focus on how to convert underutilized zones into vibrant mixed-use districts, while ensuring social inclusion and climate resilience for established communities. The conference's proceedings and insights will be structured around three main thematic macro-areas:

Waterfront Regeneration and Landmark Projects

Sessions will examine the technical and financial frameworks of major coastal and riverfront redevelopment interventions. Flagship projects such as the *Port Lands Flood Protection* initiative and the *East Bayfront* redevelopment will be presented. The objective is to showcase how converting brownfields and disused industrial zones can unlock space for tens of thousands of new homes and jobs, while

integrating over 70 acres of green and ecological parkland open to the public.

Urban Modernization and Social Inclusion

This thematic track will address critical challenges surrounding infrastructure, livability, and sustainability in inner-city neighborhoods. Cutting-edge initiatives like the *Tower Renewal* program will be analyzed, focusing on modernizing aging apartment buildings to improve energy efficiency and affordability. The sessions will also feature neighborhood projects in *Regent Park* and *Bathurst Quay*, designed to create mixed-income housing and new public spaces capable of reconnecting residents to the urban fabric.

Investment Strategies and Sustainable Development

Panel discussions will bring together key public and private stakeholders to discuss financing models and economic returns linked to modern urban renewal. Actionable insights will be presented to overcome complex bureaucratic, technical, and managerial barriers associated with territorial regeneration, demonstrating how waterfront investments can enhance a metropolis's global competitiveness while ensuring equitable and long-term development.

More Information

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