



HOUSING SUPPLY SUMMIT VIDEOS

RESCON president **Richard Lyall** and **Jason Mercer**, chief market analyst at the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board, set the table for a virtual housing supply summit that was presented March 3 by RESCON. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

The federal and provincial governments and big city mayors are aligned on the severity of the housing crisis and agree urgent action must be taken to solve the problem. Federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion **Ahmed Hussen**, provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Steve Clark**, and Barrie Mayor **Jeff Lehman**, who is chair of Ontario's Big City Mayors' Caucus, outlined their thoughts at the summit. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

A Pecha Kucha Session at the housing summit dealt with the issues of affordable housing, an overview of the C2K program, and systemic issues within the residential housing market. The event featured **Mary Ellen Bench**, lawyer at Dentons and senior advisor at StrategyCorp, **Kris Hornburg**, director, development process & performance at Concept 2 Keys, and **Paul Smetanin**, president at CANCEA. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

Provincial party leaders **Andrea Horwath** (NDP), **Steven Del Duca** (Liberal) and **Mike Schreiner** (Greens) presented their take on the housing crisis at the housing summit. All three leaders agreed that making housing available and affordable is extremely important and recognized it is a big problem in our province. [Click here](#) to watch Horwath's remarks. [Click here](#) to watch Del Duca's. [Click here](#) to watch Schreiner's.

Initiatives undertaken in Toronto and internationally were explored during a panel discussion at the summit. Speakers included **David Amborski**, a professor at the school of

urban and regional planning at Ryerson University, Toronto Deputy Mayor **Ana Bailao**, **Catherine Stone**, director of spatial planning at the Western Cape Government in South Africa, and **Anette Scheibe**, head of city planning at the City of Stockholm, Sweden. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

Innovative approaches to delivering more housing were explored during a panel discussion at the housing summit. Speakers included **Craig Ruttan**, policy director, energy, housing and economic enablers at the Toronto Region Board of Trade, **Leith Moore**, co-founder and principal at R-Hauz, AECO Innovation Lab CEO **Arash Shahi**, and **Paige Agnew**, commissioner of community services at the City of Kingston. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

Overcoming restrictive zoning for ownership and rental housing was the topic of a panel discussion at the housing summit. Speakers were **Tony Irwin**, president of FRPO, **Louis Mirante**, legislative director at California YIMBY, **Eric Lombardi**, founder of More Neighbours Toronto, and **Naama Blonder**, an architect, urban designer and planner at Smart Density. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

Labour supply shortages were the topic of a panel discussion at the housing summit. Speakers were **Andrew Brethour**, executive chairman of PMA Brethour Realty Group, BOLT executive director **Raly Chakarova**, BuildForce executive director **Bill Ferreira**, and RESCON VP **Andrew Pariser**. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

RESCON president **Richard Lyall** provided closing remarks at the housing summit. He noted that the housing shortage is affecting our economic growth and the summit provided a critical moment to build momentum for change. He said it is his hope that the summit will spur even more discussion and solutions. [Click here](#) to watch the video.