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Towards Prairie TOD: Opportunities for Winnipeg?

Winnipeg has a rich history in leading prairie development in Canada. As cities across the globe transform to become denser, more walkable, and therefore more sustainable, Winnipeg is faced with the challenge of adapting already built up areas to accommodate rapid transit. To do so, it's critical to rethink growth, density and what makes for a liveable city in the 21st century. Using precedents from elsewhere, Jennifer Keesmaat will offer a provocative take on the opportunities facing the city of Winnipeg.

Speaker Bio:
Jennifer is an internationally recognized, award winning urban planner, an entrepreneur, and the former Chief Planner at the City of Toronto. In her tenure as Chief Planner, she oversaw astronomical growth and change in North America's fourth largest city.

Jennifer's objective is to ensure that as cities becomes denser, they also becomes more liveable. Her work focuses on inclusion, housing affordability, transit expansion, resilience and the creation of an urban fabric focused on people: complete streets, a high quality public realm, and great parks.

She has been repeatedly recognized as one of the top 10 most influential people in Toronto by Toronto Life magazine, and has been recognized as one of the top 50 most powerful people in Canada by Macleans magazine. Jennifer has contributed chapters to several books, including Cultural Places: Complete Communities, and Why the World Won't Wait, Why Canada Needs to Rethink its International Policies, and is currently working on her first book.

She was recently named the Bousfield's Distinguished Visitor in Residence at the University of Toronto, and urban affairs contributor to Maclean's magazine.

Jennifer's TED talks include Walk to School and Own Your City. Her widely acclaimed podcast can be found at invisiblecitypodcast.com.

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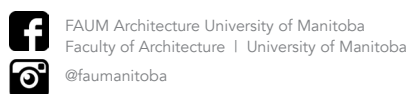
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