



Collaborative Program Masters Program in Community Development
PUBLIC SEMINAR

Tower Renewal in Practice
Community Revitalization in Toronto Apartment Neighbourhoods

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6:30-8:00 p.m.

Health Sciences Building, 155 College Street
Room 208

Overview

The Tower Renewal program aims to improve the environmental, social, economic, and cultural aspects of Toronto's concrete apartment towers and the neighbourhoods that surround them. This presentation will showcase practical examples of projects undertaken by the City of Toronto's Tower Renewal Office. Examples will be chosen from Tower Renewal's pilot phase through to current place-based projects and programs. Focus will be placed on best practices and lessons learned in areas related to community engagement, tenant leadership, partnership and stakeholder development, private sector investment, capacity building and neighbourhood beautification.

Michael Skaljin is a project management professional with experience in community development projects in areas such as housing, homelessness, reintegration of ex-offenders, community safety, gang-exit strategies, community health and wellness. Michael has worked for the City of Toronto for 8 years and provided leadership for community development projects such as the Community Safety Secretariat and the management of the City's Community Crisis Response Program. For nearly five years, Michael has held a portfolio with the City's Tower Renewal Program including neighbourhood revitalization, community & tenant engagement, safety, employment and other projects focused on improving the quality of living for tenants of Toronto's apartment tower communities.

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