Our Future Hamilton is the 25-year Community Vision of the City of Hamilton. Nearly 55,000 residents and community partners participated in the visioning process between 2014 and 2015. The Community Vision was approved by City Council in February 2016, with six community priorities, 88 key directions, and 57 signs of success. The City of Hamilton and over 125 community partners have committed to implementing our shared Community Vision.

Hamilton’s annual community engagement summit is one of the legacies of Our Future Hamilton. Now in its fourth year, the Our Future Hamilton Annual Summit explores topical issues as prioritized by residents and stakeholders. The summit also includes annual progress reporting, strategic networking, table discussions, and keynote speakers. Over 450 participants including residents, community partners, academia, policy makers, municipalities and other stakeholders attend the free event.
8:00 a.m.  Registration, Networking and Continental Breakfast

8:15 a.m.  MUSICAL PERFORMANCE, versaCello

8:30 a.m.  Introductions by Summit Host
           Keanin Loomis, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce

8:45 a.m.  2019 Summit Welcome
           Summit Host

8:50 a.m.  Opening Remarks and Territorial Land Acknowledgement
           Mayor Fred Eisenberger

8:55 a.m.  Our Future Hamilton Progress Update
           John Ariyo, Manager, Community Initiatives

9:05 a.m.  Interactive Activity: Love your City
           Cindy Mutch, Senior Project Manager, Community Engagement

9:15 a.m.  2019 Presenting Sponsor Remarks – RBC Future Launch
           Carmela Trombetta, VP, Commercial Business Financial Services, RBC

9:35 a.m.  Keynote Presentation: Strange Ideas about the Future of Employment
           Jessica Thornton and Heather Russek, Ryerson University Brookfield Institute for
           Innovation and Entrepreneurship
10:05 a.m.  COFFEE BREAK

10:20 a.m.  Keynote Presentation: The Future of Employment in Hamilton
Jason Thorne, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department

10:45 a.m.  QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

11:00 a.m.  Special Gift Presentation: City Manager’s Office
John Hertel, Director, Strategic Partnerships and Communications

11:05 a.m.  Introduction to Table Discussions and Next Steps
Cindy Mutch, Senior Project Manager, Community Engagement

11:12 a.m.  TABLE CONVERSATION

12:12 p.m.  Special Gift Presentation 2: Hamilton Farmers’ Market
John Hertel, Director, Strategic Partnerships and Communications

12:12 p.m.  Thank You and Closing Remarks
Janette Smith, City Manager
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Maximilian and Theodor Aoki are brothers from Hamilton, Ontario. Classically trained for twelve years, they created versaCello in 2014. Together, they arrange and perform contemporary popular music on two cellos. Since then, they’ve won the 2015 JUNOs Turn It On: Sound Off competition, performed at Supercrawl 2015 and recorded with JUNO award-winning producer John “Beetle” Bailey. Both are studying Engineering at McMaster University while concurrently pursuing exciting opportunities in music. They are now working with Emmy-nominated director Warren P. Sonoda, starring in his upcoming feature film Things I Do For Money and composing its original soundtrack.
BIOGRAPHIES

SUMMIT HOST
Keanin Loomis

SUMMIT PRESENTING SPONSOR
Carmela Trombetta

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS
Jessica Thornton
Heather Russek
Jason Thorne
2019 SUMMIT HOST

**Keanin Loomis | President & CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce**

Keanin is in his sixth year as President & CEO of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that he was Chief Operating Officer of Innovation Factory, Hamilton’s Regional Innovation Centre, and a lawyer at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in Washington, DC. He is a graduate of the University of Waterloo and the College of William & Mary School of Law. He serves on the Boards of Supercrawl and the Hamilton Port Authority, and proudly lives with his wife and three children in Hamilton’s lower city.

2019 SUMMIT PRESENTING SPONSOR

**Carmela Trombetta | VP, Commercial Business Financial Services, RBC**

Carmela leads a team of financial services professionals focused on helping businesses succeed and grow in the Greater Hamilton Market. She has had a successful 29-year career with the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) holding various roles in retail banking, wealth management and commercial banking. She is a graduate of McMaster University with and undergraduate degree in Economics. Education is a high priority to Carmela where she mentors students attending McMaster University by conducting career discussions and coaching for their future.

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS

**Jessica Thornton**

| Lead Author, Turn & Face the Strange  
| Senior Projects Designer + Employment in 2030 Project Advisor  
| Director, Strategic Initiatives at Evergreen

Jessica is a creative problem solver who uses human-centred design, strategic foresight, and design research methods to advance innovation policy. Jessica led the first two phases of the Employment in 2030 initiative and continues to provide strategic guidance. Jessica holds an Honours BA in Anthropology and Equity Studies from the University of Toronto, and a Masters of Design in Strategic Foresight and Innovation at OCAD University. Currently, Jessica is the Director, Strategic Initiatives at Evergreen.

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Heather Russek
| Author, Turn & Face the Strange
| Director, Ryerson university Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship

Heather is a strategist and designer pushing the boundaries of policymaking. She experiments with innovation research methods at BII+E, including human-centred design, futures and art-based practices. Prior to joining BII+E, she worked in healthcare leadership ranging from management consulting, program management to strategy. Heather holds a Bachelor of Science from Queen's University, an MBA from the DeGroote School of Business at McMaster University, and a Master of Design in Strategic Foresight and Innovation from OCAD University.

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Jason Thorne
| General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

Jason Thorne is a professional planner who leads the Planning and Economic Development Department at the City of Hamilton, Canada. He oversees a team of 800 staff working across multiple portfolios including planning, building, development engineering, transportation planning, parking, arts, culture and economic development. Born and raised in Hamilton, Jason has been working in planning and community development his entire career. As a Manager with the Ontario Growth Secretariat and Director of Policy and Planning with Metrolinx, Jason was one of the key architects of two of the Province of Ontario’s most significant planning initiatives, Places To Grow and the Big Move regional transportation plan. Jason also worked as a planning consultant for communities across Canada, in Africa and Latin America as a Partner and Principal with the Toronto-based firm planningAlliance. Jason is a passionate advocate of community-based planning, sustainable and inclusive development, and the creation of complete, vibrant cities. Above all, he is a proud Hamiltonian who is excited to be working in his hometown.

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• What are the top employment issues facing Hamilton today?

• What can we do to address them?
The future of work may be changing, but we know you have the potential, the ambition and power to impact the world around you. That’s why we created RBC Future Launch, a program that increases your access to skill development, networking, work experience, mental well-being supports and services. Empowering you for the jobs of tomorrow. 

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