

IMAGINING >>2080

November 1 - 3, 2023
> Hamilton, ON

Delegate Kit




Future of Canada
Project

Forum Agenda

Below is an agenda outlining activities on all three days of the Forum. Please refer to the email we sent you to identify which concurrent sessions you have been assigned to.

Day 1 Wednesday, November 1

6:00 pm –
7:00 pm

 L.R. Wilson Hall, Main McMaster Campus 1280 Main Street West - Hamilton, ON

Registration

Arrive between 6:00 pm-7:00 pm to register.

7:00 pm –
9:00 pm

Opening keynote event and reception


Join us for a captivating evening led by Autumn Peltier, the Chief Water Commissioner for the Anishinabek Nation and a prominent Indigenous rights and water activist. Autumn will share her vision for our sacred futures and follow her remarks in conversation with Habon Ali, Future of Canada Project Council member.

Opening comments featuring: Santee Smith, Makasa Looking Horse, Dawn Martin Hill and Pamela Swett.

A reception will take place following the keynote, sponsored by Wilson College of Leadership and Civic Engagement.

Day 2 Thursday, November 2


8:30 am –
9:30 am

 At David Braley Health Sciences Centre
100 Main Street West – Hamilton, ON

2nd Floor
Lobby

Light breakfast and registration




9:30 am –
10:00 am

 At David Braley Health Sciences Centre

Auditorium

Welcome address

Featuring McMaster President David Farrar and Future of Canada Project Council member Sara Wolfe.

<p>10:00 am – 11:30 am</p>	<p> At David Braley Health Sciences Centre</p>	<p>Auditorium</p>
<p>Imagining 2080: Hopeful visions What might Canada look like in 2080? When thinking about our futures, dominant narratives focus on dystopian possibilities. To help us imagine hopeful futures for Canada in 2080, a series of speakers from across Canada will share their visions for 2080. These highly engaging and deeply aspirational visions for Canada will touch on a variety of key themes, inviting Forum delegates to imagine a range of aspirational futures for 2080.</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Vass Bednar, Jackie C.K. Cheung, Jayne Engle, Cherilyn Jolly-Nagel, Julius Lindsay, Samantha Matters, Raïsa Mirza, Michael Morden</p>		
<p>11:30 am – 1:00 pm</p>	<p> At David Braley Health Sciences Centre</p>	<p>Various Rooms</p>
<p>Lunch Delegates will be provided with a boxed lunch to take to one of the breakout rooms. Introduce yourself to fellow delegates and discuss your reflections after listening to the presentations.</p> <p>Room assignments will be found on your lunchbox.</p>		
<p>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Afternoon concurrent sessions</p>	
<p> At David Braley Health Sciences Centre</p>		<p>Auditorium</p>
<p>Track 1: Future of Canada Project Symposium Explore the impact of the Future of Canada Project's 14 supported research initiatives, spanning healthcare, Indigenous education, democratic resilience, senior well-being, and systemic racism. Engage with McMaster University's interdisciplinary experts as they discuss Canada's evolution and the imperative challenges that lie ahead. The symposium will be moderated by Don Abelson, Academic Director, Wilson College of Leadership and Civic Engagement.</p> <p>A break will take place between 2:45-3:00 pm.</p>		

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Track 2: Field trips to the future

Delegates will visit participate in one of the field trips to places in and around Hamilton. Each field trip will explore a specific topic related to the future. At each location, participants will learn about changes happening in the present that may impact the future.

Transportation is arranged directly from David Braley - to find your group look for the colour sign associated with your field trip.

Future of Cities and Community

Do you want to learn about how the City of Hamilton is planning for the future? Take a trip to Pier 8 to learn about Hamilton's West Harbour project to explore how the city is changing with a tangible example of how the public waterfront is being rejuvenated next to industrial lands. This field trip will involve walking/wheeling along paved portions of the waterfront. Please dress comfortably. Transportation will be provided.

Blue group

Future of Accessibility in the Arts

Take a trip to the [VibraFusion Lab](#) at Centre[3] to explore one of the current projects. This is an opportunity to learn about how technology will expand the reach, accessibility and lead to new artistic practices and artistic experiences. Participants will have an opportunity to experience Haptic Voices and learn more about [Centre\[3\]](#). This trip is a short walking/wheeling distance from the main Forum venue and can be easily accessed from ground level.


Orange group

Future of Nuclear

Did you know that McMaster has a [nuclear reactor](#) on central campus? For over 60 years, the McMaster Nuclear Reactor (MNR) has been safely operating to provide neutrons for research and the production of life-saving medical isotopes. This field trip will involve a tour of one of the few publicly accessible nuclear reactors in Canada as well as a presentation by MNR staff about how they utilize their unique infrastructure and personnel expertise to support and develop next-generation technologies in energy, materials, and medicine. Transportation will be provided.

Please note all visitors to the reactor are required to present one original piece of government-issued photo ID (e.g. driver's license). In addition, please ensure you are wearing full length pants and flat, closed-toe shoes.

Green group

	<p>Future of Innovation Districts and VR</p> <p>Experience the entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem taking shape at the McMaster Innovation Park. Learn about new businesses that are emerging and experience the new VR Room where you will be guided through virtual reality experiences that showcase the limitless possibilities of this technology. Transportation will be provided. This field trip can accommodate all mobility levels.</p>	<p>Purple group</p>
	<p>Future of Land and Stewardship</p> <p>Do you want to spend some time outside during the Forum? Take a trip to the McMaster Forest Nature Reserve for a short hike and then visit the McMaster Carbon Sink Forest where we will plant trees and learn about how this model forest is a working lab to study atmospheric carbon and ways to mitigate climate change. The Nature at McMaster and McMaster Centre for Climate Change teams will be present to facilitate this field trip. This trip will happen rain or shine and will involve walking and standing for longer periods. Please dress comfortably. Transportation will be provided.</p>	<p>Red group</p>
<p>4:00 pm – 6:00 pm</p>	<p> Art Gallery of Hamilton - 123 King Street West Hamilton, ON (a very short distance from the David Braley Health Centre)</p>	<p>The Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Pavilion</p>
	<p>Party like it's 2079</p> <p>Join fellow delegates for a fun and relaxing post-session reception fostering discussions on the day's insights. The party will feature music, participatory activities and food stations to engage attendees in sharing their newfound knowledge.</p> <p>The Art Gallery of Hamilton is open (and free!) to the public on Thursday evenings until 9pm so feel free to stay and enjoy the collection after the party.</p>	


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Day 3 Friday, November 3

8:00 am – 8:30 am	 At David Braley Health Sciences Centre	2 nd Floor Lobby
Light breakfast and conversation		
8:30 am – 9:00 am	 At David Braley Health Sciences Centre	Auditorium
Opening remarks Featuring Future of Canada Project Academic Lead and Dean of McMaster Faculty of Humanities Pamela Swett; and Future of Canada Project Council member Mide Akerewusi		
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Morning concurrent sessions	
	 At David Braley Health Sciences Centre	Various Rooms
Track 1: Ideas forum Delegates will have a chance to lead or participate in conversations that align with their work or interests. To allow for emergent conversations, topics will be finalized the morning of Day 3. If there is a topic, idea or conversation about Canada’s futures in 2080 that you would like to lead or participate in, please complete this short form . A break will take place between 10:15-10:30 am.		
	 At David Braley Health Sciences Centre	Auditorium
Track 2: Building stories and narratives of 2080 Building on Day 2’s exploration of a variety of hopeful futures of 2080, delegates will have an opportunity to co-create new narratives of 2080. This session will engage delegates in a facilitated scenario development activity using game-play where they will build aspirational stories about 2080 in a group. Building on ideas shared on Day 1 and 2, the purpose of this session is to provide an opportunity for delegates to articulate their hopes for 2080. A break will take place between 10:15-10:30 am.		


11:30 am – 1:00 pm	 At David Braley Health Sciences Centre	2 nd Floor Lobby
Lunch		
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Afternoon concurrent sessions	
 At David Braley Health Sciences Centre		
Track 1: Action Planning with Ayana Webb, Co-creative at Harbingers Delegates will have a chance to translate what they learned throughout the Forum into tangible near- and long-term actions using backcasting. The purpose of this session is to provide space for delegates to identify tangible actions to advance their hopes for 2080.		
 At David Braley Health Sciences Centre		
Track 2: Artifacts from the Future with Jen Rae, Centre for Reworlding, and Syrus Marcus Ware, McMaster University During this session, delegates will have an opportunity to further explore aspirational narratives of 2080 through the creation of tangible objects that might exist in these futures. The purpose of this session is to explore, experiment, and interrogate our preferred future of 2080, to make it real and build shared understanding.		
 At David Braley Health Sciences Centre		
Track 3: Open Discussion and Reflection with Kelly Kornet Weber Delegates will have a chance to connect and process together, reflecting on questions and ideas that have emerged over the course of the Forum. To carry the dialogue forward, delegates will be invited to set an intention for 2080.		
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break	

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3:15 pm – 3:20 pm	 At David Braley Health Sciences Centre	Auditorium
	Closing comments Featuring Future of Canada Project Council Chair Samantha Nutt	
3:20 pm – 4:00 pm	Remembering Our Future: 2080 and Beyond with Jesse Wenté In this exclusive talk, Anishinaabe writer and thinker Jesse Wenté discusses what it is to dream of Canada's future, what his own dreams of the Nation look like and how we might work to have our dreams become real. From calamities to overcoming colonialism, Jesse will share what possibilities he sees for our shared future.	

Resources

Positionality Statement

The Future of Canada Project, housed at McMaster University, is designed to deepen our understanding of Canada's past, present, and future on issues as diverse as Canada's global relations, business and the economy, education, family and community life, health and healthcare, governance, the impacts of technology, and public policy.

The Project is focused on creating a Canada that is equitable, sustainable, resilient and prosperous. A world where hope, community cohesiveness, redistributed power and well-being exists for all. The intent of this Forum is to build on this vision to host a pan-Canadian conversation about Canada's future. Since there isn't one future of Canada, at least not one that represents all perspectives, *Imagining 2080* aims to explore a range of preferable futures, to tap into our collective hope for the future.

McMaster University is a guest on the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe where we have the privilege to study, live and work. For many thousands of years, the first people sought to walk gently on this land, offering their assistance to the first European travelers and sharing their knowledge for survival in what was at times a harsh climate. We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect. May we be guided by love and right action as we transform our personal and institutional relationships with our Indigenous friends and neighbours.

At McMaster University, we are committed to the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion. As hosts of this important pan-Canadian conversation about Canada's future, we are being intentional to seek out participant diversity. By encouraging diverse participation, we hope to seek out new ideas and to stretch our collective thinking in order to imagine a future that we can be excited about.

Participation Expectations

As a delegate of Imagining 2080, we ask that you participate in the following ways:

Embrace possibilities: Help us explore, discuss and imagine deeply aspirational futures for Canada. We will by no means ignore the challenges that our futures may present, but the overall goal of this forum is to take a possibility-minded approach to imagining our futures.

Be open: Be curious and open to experimenting with new ideas, approaches, and experiences, and embracing a diversity of perspectives. This may feel uncomfortable at times, but we ask that you embrace curiosity and openness if possible.

Be respectful: Imagining 2080 is committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all delegates and participants. Delegates are expected to embrace a diversity of views and contribute to fostering a positive and welcoming environment for all, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, and political views.

Be bold: A famous futurist named Jim Dator once said that, “any useful idea about the future should appear to be ridiculous”. As we imagine versions of 2080 that we want, we encourage you to embrace big, bold, deeply aspirational ideas, even those that may seem impossible today.

Be changed: As we experience this journey into 2080 together, we ask that you be willing to be changed or have your opinions challenged as biases surface about what we expect for Canada’s futures. We also ask that you share ideas that you encounter at the forum with your community.

Video and Audio Recording

Portions of the Forum will be captured via audio and video recording. If you do not wish to be recorded during your time at the Forum, please reach out to fcf@mcmaster.ca and let us know.

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Parking Information

Parking is available at both L.R. Wilson Hall on the main McMaster Campus as well as at the David Braley Health Sciences Centre downtown. For more information on parking and rates, please visit this website: <https://parking.mcmaster.ca/visitor/>

Wi-Fi

These are the login details for wi-fi at David Braley Health Sciences Centre

Network: Mac-WIFI

Username: DBHSC1

Password: McMaster1!

Dress Code

Please dress casually and comfortably for the Forum.

COVID-19 Protocol

McMaster University is committed to providing and maintaining healthy, physically and psychologically safe working and learning environments for all workers, students, volunteers and visitors. McMaster University will continue to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation and masks may be mandatory in specific Faculty of Health Sciences work locations, which includes the David Braley Health Sciences Centre where the Forum is being hosted. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.

[Please visit this site](#) for more information.

A Guide to Hamilton

Food

 [14 James St. N.](#)

Earth to Table Bread Bar

Local and sustainability-focused menu. Vegetarian friendly.

 [242 King St. W.](#)

Tomah

Heart-shaped falafels and much more. Halal, vegan and gluten-free friendly.

 [41 King William St.](#)

The Mule

Tacos, tacos, tacos. A Hamilton favourite. Vegan and gluten free friendly.

 [51 King William St.](#)

Mystic Ramen

Delicious ramen, vegan and gluten free friendly.


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Parks and Recreation

 [200 Harbour Front Drive](#)

Bayfront Park

Waterfront trail. Great for a run, walk, or view of Hamilton's harbour.

 [Multiple locations](#)

Royal Botanical Gardens

Nature trails, gardens, indoor greenhouses and more.

 [1000 Main St. E.](#)

Gage Park

East end park with an excellent greenhouse.

 [80 James St. N.](#)

SpinCo

6am spin class for early risers, or 7:30pm for those looking for an end of day workout.

Arts and Culture

 [123 King St. W.](#)

Art Gallery of Hamilton

Free on Thursdays after 6pm.

 [2 King St. W.](#)

Jackson Square Cinema

Landmark Cinema.

 [35 York Blvd.](#)

Hamilton Farmers Market

Indoor market dating back to the 1800s.

Words from Peter Mansbridge

In the October 28, 2023 edition of the *Globe and Mail*, Future of Canada Project Council member Peter Mansbridge shared his thoughts on the importance of thinking big and thinking far as we map out Canada's future. Please see his remarks below or view them as published in the [Globe and Mail](#).

To map out the future of Canada, everyone needs to be at the table

Next week, Canadians will engage in an important conversation to chart a course for becoming the nation we want to be in 2080 – almost six decades from now.

For the past couple of years, I have served on the Council for the Future of Canada Project. The project supports research and initiatives with the goal of creating a more equitable, sustainable and resilient Canada.

Now we are opening the conversation to a wider audience. We picked 2080 because we wanted distance – real distance – between now and then. Lots can change over 60 years, and

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of course we can only guess at what those changes may be. But what do we want the country to be in the 2080s?

I know it feels hard to focus on that right now, to separate our lives from the moment we are in today, a hard moment. The rising cost of living. A burning planet. War: physically, financially, digitally.

To really look ahead, not just imagine, but to build something so many decades down the road, is a lot to ask when next year, even next month is hard to contemplate for so many Canadians. Thinking decades into the future seems ethereal. Like something we can't wrap our minds around. But that's the challenge.

Talking about our future is important – in fact, it's critical. But let's be honest: We cannot move forward without acknowledging who has been left out in the past. So-called "important" visions of our future have long ignored the failings of our past. It's a conversation that has been dominated by one group – a group that looks predominantly like me.

So we have an opportunity here. To chart a new course. To think about who has a seat at the table. To think about who is building our future.

I've travelled across this country, from coast to coast to coast. I've seen and heard what its people are capable of. All its people. From those who have deep roots to those just starting to plant seeds.

This is not how we've done business in the past. Let's not pretend it is. That needs to change if we are really serious about our goals.

We need everyone at the table, and let's be clear – they don't need to agree. But leaving out voices that will challenge, that will push and that care enough to do both – that's not how change happens.

As a journalist, I've seen the roadblocks to change close-up. I've seen the resistance to new and difficult ideas. These days, divisions feel deeper, meaner. It's not our ability to understand each other that is up for debate, but our desire. That's a dark place.

I've never been in the business of big ideas. I've been in the business of meeting people with big ideas, of asking questions about those ideas and making sure that Canadians know about those ideas.

From politicians, to academics, to entrepreneurs, artists, activists, community leaders, researchers and students – we need to hear ideas from any and all who are engaged and who care. From those who have been using their voices for decades for change, and those who are just learning to speak up now.

So let's think big. Big and far. Sixty years down the road – what is our country going to look like? What will our shared values be, and how will we continue to grow, to learn, to exist and to prosper?

If we reverse the clock and go back 60 years to November, 1963, the world witnessed one of the most significant moments of my youth: One of that era's big thinkers was cut down in Dallas. It was a seismic shift that left so many wondering: what if?

Sixty years from now, what will the world's preoccupation be? We can't know with certainty. But here's what we can do: We can come together, dream big and chart a course for Canada. Everyone is welcome. Everyone is needed.

I think I've lost count of how many of these projects that I've been a part of over the years. Will this one be different? Will this be what we need?

I don't know. You don't know. In fact we won't know. But let's be positive and let's be innovative – let's try.

—Peter Mansbridge, Future of Canada Project Council member

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