

Placemakers 13: A place-based approach to creating vibrant downtowns

Friday, May 5, 2023

8:00 – 10:00am

Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall,
Calgary Central Library

Presented by CMLC, in partnership with The City of Calgary and Calgary Public Library, Placemakers 13 will feature a keynote by award-winning city executive **Tommi Laitio** who will share his expertise on place-based design, sustainable programming models, vibrant downtowns and the importance of innovative city-building.

Tommi Laitio

- **What is the role of public space development + activation?**
- **What are the opportunities to create vibrant downtowns?**
- **How do you establish sustainable programming models?**

Keynote From Tommi Laitio

As the inaugural Bloomberg Public Innovation Fellow at Johns Hopkins University, Tommi Laitio is currently taking his more than 20 years of combined experience as a researcher and culture executive to apply his expertise into a two-year research project that focuses on how cities lead, join, and enable partnerships in the development of parks, trails and public libraries.

Panel Discussion

A panel discussion with **Kate Thompson**, CMLC's President & CEO, **Thom Mahler**, The City of Calgary's Director of Downtown Strategy, and **Sarah Meilleur**, Calgary Public Library's CEO will follow the keynote.

**Free event,
pre-registration
is required**

