Quayside, Toronto

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Why did we select this research?

Quayside has been presented to Torontonians as the ultimate solution to tackle the obvious challenges posed by urban growth. This futuristic neighbourhood in Toronto aims at being a front-runner and standard-setting example for housing affordability, mobility, sustainability and economic opportunity for cities worldwide. It is also interesting to analyze particular cases because they can provide insight and new perspectives into current challenges faced by cities and how to solve them in the most sustainable way.

Key findings:

1. Initiative to create a new mixed-use complete community on Toronto's waterfront. Combination of new and innovative urban design and digital technology to create a people-centered neighbourhood (Master Innovation and Development Plan, which basically is a public engagement process. This includes partnerships with indigenous communities).

2. Re-thinking how to build cities in the 21st century and re-definition of urban life understanding. Conversion of urbanism and technology to lead to positive change which involves new ways of processing, planning, technology and community

3. 27 recommendations included in the report, ranging from how to deal with privacy and data protection (which is, for the time being, the aspect that has been receiving the harshest criticism and biggest concerns), to transportation or social infrastructure.

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