



Award for the Lieutenant Governor's Visionaries Prize Announced

\$2,500 to be awarded to each winner

TORONTO—January 30, 2017—The Walrus Foundation announced today that the six winners of the Lieutenant Governor's Visionaries Prize will each receive a \$2,500 award to help bring their vision for Ontario to life. Winners will also be featured in *The Walrus* magazine and personally honoured by the Lieutenant Governor.

To be considered for the prize, innovative thinkers aged 18 and over must identify a policy challenge Ontario will face over the next half century—and then develop a creative solution. Entrants are asked to submit a two-minute video or an 800-word essay to thewalrus.ca/LGvisionariesprize by **Monday, March 6, at 5:00 p.m. EST.**

Campaign Categories

Reconciliation: Inspiring, supporting, and promoting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples while fostering renewed relationships based on mutual understanding and respect.

Governance: Evolving our governing process to ensure that the voices of Ontarians are heard and that government is held accountable.

Inclusive Prosperity: Engineering an economy where prosperity is within reach of all citizens.

Environmental Stewardship: Fostering responsible use and protection of the environment through conservation and sustainable practices.

Social Cohesion: Creating a more integrated, inclusive, and caring society

Scientific and Technological Innovation: Contributing to Ontario's growing leadership in the science and technology fields.

Up to six finalists will be selected in each category; they will then showcase their visions in front of an expert panel of judges and the public at events across Ontario. All of the finalists' travel and accommodation expenses will be covered.

"The award illustrates this province's commitment to supporting and fostering public-policy ideas," says head judge Piya Chattopadhyay.

Judging Panel

Head Judge

Piya Chattopadhyay
Host of CBC's *Out in the Open*

Reconciliation

Waneek Horn-Miller
Human-rights activist, Pan Am Games gold medallist

Governance

Steve Paikin, OC, OOnt

Environmental Stewardship

Edward Burtynsky, OC
Photographer, co-director of *Watermark*

Social Cohesion

Sanjay Khanna

Anchor of TVO's *The Agenda*

Futurist, expert in change management, resilience, and innovation

Inclusive Prosperity

Annette Verschuren, OC
Former president of Home Depot Canada,
CEO of NRStor Inc.

Scientific and Technological Innovation

Ilse Treurnicht
CEO of MaRS Discovery District

Competition Locations

Reconciliation, Thunder Bay – September 13, 2017

Governance, Kingston – September 19, 2017

Inclusive Prosperity, Windsor – September 21, 2017

Environmental Stewardship, Waterloo – September 26, 2017

Social Cohesion, Brampton – September 28, 2017

Scientific and Technological Innovation, Toronto – October 2, 2017

What do the winners get?

Each winner will receive: (a) a \$2,500 award; (b) an all-expenses-paid trip to the corresponding competition location; (c) an all-expenses-paid trip to Toronto with all finalists for a special reception with the Lieutenant Governor at Queen's Park on October 3; (d) a physical award; (e) press coverage, including a write-up in *The Walrus* magazine; and (f) a video of the onstage presentation.

About the Walrus Foundation

The Walrus Foundation is a registered charitable non-profit organization with an educational mandate to create forums for conversations on matters vital to Canadians. The foundation is dedicated to supporting writers, artists, ideas, and thought-provoking conversation. We achieve these goals across multiple platforms by publishing *The Walrus* magazine ten times a year in print, tablet, and mobile editions; curating the national series of Walrus Talks and leadership dinners; posting original, high-quality content daily at thewalrus.ca; and creating other digital projects. The foundation also trains young professionals in media, publishing, and non-profit development. The foundation is the implementation partner for the Lieutenant Governor's Visionaries Prize.

About Ontario150

In 2017, Canada will celebrate its 150th anniversary. As a founding province of Confederation, Ontario will be marking the occasion by supporting events and programs across the province that showcase our diversity, encourage Ontarians to get involved, and celebrate and leave a lasting legacy for communities across the province to enjoy. This is a chance to reflect on our history and look ahead toward the next 150 years in Ontario. The Ontario150 program is intended to engage Ontarians of all

ages, but especially our youth, who will help lay the groundwork for strong economic, social, and cultural legacies for the next generation.

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