



NXT City Prize
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Design what's NXT for public space and you could win **\$5,000!**

It's hot up in the 6ix.

Toronto has been ranked the best place to live, the most livable city and now – according to a study by the Citi Foundation – the best economy for young people. More importantly, it's growing. Fast. Now is the time for Toronto's young voices to imagine what's possible for our public spaces. The best part? We'll help you put those ideas into action.

Bring home **\$5,000** and a chance to see your project realized!

Visit
nxtcityprize.com
to see last year's
winning idea!

Last year, nearly 150 public spaces ideas were submitted that blew our jury away. This year, we're looking for the most creative, visionary, mind-blowing, awe-inspiring, precedent-setting, media-worthy, radical, city-shifting, wish-I-had-thought-of-this ideas for public spaces. Think about projects that help us move, interact, work, commute, eat, relax, wayfind, play, exercise or gather.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS THAT FALL UNDER THESE THEMES:

Transit

Toronto is growing quickly – how can public space improve how we move around?

Accessibility

Inclusive design is responsible design – how can we create better spaces for all?

Quick-n-Fast

Often the simplest idea has the greatest impact – think low-budget, low-fi ideas!

Technology

Have a great idea for a mobile app or digital intervention? Bring it!

Programming

How can we bring spaces to life through events, services or programs?

Urban Agriculture

How can we leverage public space that produces?

How to Submit

1. REVIEW IMPORTANT DATES

Submissions Open: **August 15, 2016**

Deadline for Submissions: **October 15, 2016, 11:59 P.M. EST**

Shortlist Announced: **October 25, 2016**

NXT City Summit & Awards Ceremony: **November 4, 2016**



Set your clocks! Late entries will not be accepted!

2. ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

- You are submitting individually or as part of a team of up to 4 people
- All individuals and teams are 35 years of age or younger on December 31, 2016
- You have not previously submitted this proposal to NXT City Prize

3. PREPARE YOUR SUBMISSION

Submissions may include sketches, drawings, illustrations, photography or plans in the following format:

- A PDF (single page 11"x17" / 279mm x 432mm, no larger than 20MB)
- Please ensure project title is included on your panel
- Leave all names off to ensure anonymity
- Our jury will review digital copies of your proposals – be sure to review for resolution and clarity!

4. COMPLETE YOUR VISION STATEMENT

In no more than 150 words, tell us about your project – how does it create, activate or improve public space? How will it benefit the city?

5. COMPLETE ONLINE SUBMISSION FORM

Submission fees are as follows:

- Students (Secondary/Post-Secondary): **\$25**
- All Other Submissions: **\$50**

* Submission fee includes free admission to NXT City Night and discounted admission to NXT City Summit on Nov. 4th.

6. REVIEW AND ACCEPT TERMS & CONDITIONS

If there are two or more entrants, one signature assumes that all entrants agree to the Terms and Conditions.

Selection Process

THE JURY WILL DETERMINE THE ENTRIES TO BE SHORTLISTED USING THE FOLLOWING SCORING CRITERIA:

- How well the idea enhances, shapes or activates public space | **30 points**
 - Creativity and originality of the idea | **30 points**
 - Clarity of the presentation | **30 points**
 - How feasible the idea is to implement | **10 points**
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ABOUT NXT CITY

We're a not-for-profit organization that connects young leaders with city builders to help inspire, create and activate public spaces.

See prize details and submit your idea at nxtcityprize.com

“The NXT City Prize is important precisely because it seeks to engage young people in thinking carefully and creatively about the future city that they would like to inhabit.”

JENNIFER KEESMAAT | CHIEF PLANNER, CITY OF TORONTO

A's to your Q's

WHAT'S THIS COMPETITION ALL ABOUT?

Toronto needs big ideas. And young people need a platform. The NXT City Prize is a way to get fresh new public space ideas – big or small – in front of people that can help make it happen.

WHAT COUNTS AS A PUBLIC SPACE?

We tend to think of a public space as just parks and plazas, but our public realm is actually any space that is open and accessible to the public without general restrictions. Think marketplaces, beaches, sidewalks and even roads and laneways can be considered public spaces.

HOW FEASIBLE DOES THE IDEA NEED TO BE?

This is an ideas competition, so we do not expect you to submit budgets or final technical drawings. All ideas have potential for implementation with the right project team in place to support them. However, it is important to consider the scope of your project. For example, if a proposal requires major changes to infrastructure or needs utility service connections, it may score lower on feasibility by the jury.

WHAT TYPE OF MENTORSHIP IS AVAILABLE IF I WIN?

Should your submission win the 2016 NXT City Prize, you will have opportunity to work with a project team established to support and roll out the project, depending on feasibility.

DO SUBMISSIONS NEED TO BE ABOUT A SPECIFIC PUBLIC SPACE?

Many types of submissions, including mobile apps and event ideas, do not relate to one public space in particular. However, the more specific your idea is suited to one space, the more clearly the idea, benefits and feasibility can be articulated to the jury.

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