

Mayor Crombie, Councillor Colle headline road tolls panel discussion

TORONTO (CNW: Feb. 2, 2017) – After the controversy surrounding the decision by Queen’s Park to not allow tolls on the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway in Toronto, public awareness and debate about road tolls in the GTA has been increasing.

The Empire Club of Canada is presenting a panel discussion called “For Whom the Road Tolls” at Arcadian Court in Toronto on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at noon. The discussion will be moderated by Postmedia chair Rod Phillips. The panellists are:

- Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie
- Toronto Councillor and TTC chair Josh Colle
- Teresa Di Felice, director, government and community relations, CAA South Central Ontario
- Mahrokh Arefi, CEO, Emovis Technologies America

Phil Gillies, municipal practice lead with event sponsor Enterprise Canada, says of the event: “The city needs \$30 billion for heavy surface rail, subway, light rail and other major capital commitments. While road tolls cannot fill that gap, it represented a way to go beyond property tax revenues. So I’m looking forward to seeing what our talented panellists have to say on Feb. 8.”

Andy Manahan, executive director of the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario says, “Toronto’s debate on road pricing has continued off and on for 15 years. Road tolls have successfully alleviated congestion north of Toronto with the 407 ETR. Despite the recent setback, road tolls are inevitable based on the more than 30 areas of the U.S. that have implemented them.”

Todd Latham, publisher of lead media sponsor ReNew Canada, adds: “User fees are the future of infrastructure. Tolls are a key part of that future.”

[Register to attend the event at this link.](#)

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