

Time for Real Action

“A lot of us felt it was time for real action,” says David Pecaut, when he shares the story of how the Toronto City Summit Alliance came to be.

Pecaut is the Chair of the Toronto City Summit Alliance (TCSA). TCSA grew out of the Toronto City Summit held in June 2002 that brought together the City Region’s leaders to consider Toronto’s strengths and challenges. Leaders realized that the city, though performing well economically, was on the verge of decline.




TCSA was formed to address the challenges the Summit identified as critical to the future health and wealth of the city – finance, infrastructure, education, immigration and the health of the regional economy. It’s a big task, but one that TCSA is well positioned to do thanks to its ability to attract diverse leadership to work on issues of concern.

TCSA brings both the *usual* and *unusual* suspects (those who might not naturally be attracted to the work or issue) to the table.

Bringing new faces and voices to the table, says Pecaut, adds to the credibility of the entire group. It also adds new expertise and a new perspective to the issue at hand, increasing the chance of finding a solution that works because it builds on the expertise of a diverse, and representative, community voice.

 [Check out Tamarack’s seminar on TCSA for more info on this collaboration!](#)

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- [Audio interview with David Pecaut, TCSA Chair \(Windows Media\)](#) 
- [The Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council – Learn more about this TCSA initiative in this Tamarack seminar!](#)

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