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Member Updates for the Weeks of August 11 and 18

Here is what OPPI members need to know this week:

- **We've temporarily removed the COVID-19 resource webpage banner link.** This is temporary so we can focus on OPPI20, but members seeking our COVID-19 resource webpage can still find a link in our "News & Events" menu section, or you can [click here](#). If/when a second wave comes, we will revert back and continue to promote this resource page to members. OPPI continues to update this page regularly with resources and information for members.
- **Please join OPPI in congratulating our 2020 Member Service Award recipients!** If you know any of our 2020 recipients, please take the opportunity to congratulate them on their achievement. More information and a list of our recipients can be found in the Other OPPI News section.
- **Calling all student members, pre-Candidate AND Candidate members in their first ten years of practice, the Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP) launched their annual awards program and essay competition.** As part of the essay competition, CAP seeks short essays on how young planners in the Commonwealth can contribute to making cities and human settlements resilient and inclusive. More information can be found in the Other OPPI News section.



- **Join us for our next Forum Friday webinar on August 14th.** OPPI invites members to join us for our eighth Forum Friday webinar focusing on the future role of Ontario's planners and planning as a profession. More information on this webinar can be found below in our CPL section. In addition, OPPI will upload previous Forum Friday webinar recordings to our [Planners Connect](#) member engagement platform so you can continue the conversation.
- **ICYMI: OPPI20 registration is open!** [Register today](#) and save your seat for our very popular event. Please visit our conference [webpage](#) for more information, including programming and our keynote speakers. More information can also be found below in our OPPI20 section.
- **ICYMI: OPPI's Planners Connect is LIVE!** OPPI would like to thank members for a successful launch of our member engagement platform, Planners Connect. If you haven't logged on yet, visit plannersconnect.ontarioplanners.ca/home and click on the blue "Sign In" button. Enter your OPPI Member Portal login details to access Planners Connect. More information can be found below in our Member Resources section.

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OPPI20

No More Rescuing Friends from Convos at the Conference

There's always that one person at the [annual conference](#) you or a colleague try to avoid during the session break. Now, no one has to know what's in that coffee mug *and* you don't have to talk to Pete. Ever.

Whatever you're sipping, make sure you **do stay connected** with your fave planning peers, and up-to-speed with planning best practices, at the year's biggest event: [OPPI20](#).



This conference is interactive and informative, with four half-days of [quality sessions](#) to keep you engaged and an online socializing program to keep you entertained.

September 23, September 30, October 7 and October 14

#OPPI20 #AlwaysON

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Social Media That's Actually Social

We want to get to know you - actually. Not just in the five minutes between sessions over a stale cup o' joe by the muffin table like those in-person conferences.

That is so 2019.

So we're running a 'Getting To Know You' social media program before and during the conference:



1. We'll share a fun Get To Know Me question template for you to fill out and post on Instagram and Twitter. A great way to 'meet' other attendees and for them to learn something about you.
2. We'll be running a Photo Contest during the event. Show us where you *really* are during the conference and you can **win a \$100 gift card!** The wackier the better!
3. A "This or That" question template will also result in a prize for one lucky participant – **one of three \$50 gift cards!**
4. We'll also be running an ongoing Trivia Game, and have an engaging Instagram Live MC to keep all of our social media shenanigans rolling.

Stay tuned for the games to begin!

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OPPI Continuous Professional Learning

OPPI Forum Friday: What is the Future Role of Ontario's Planners? (August 14)



On August 14, from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m., OPPI invites members to join us for our eighth Forum Friday webinar conversation on the future role of Ontario's planners and the profession.

We will take a "SWOT" analysis approach and flip it to critically focus on the pressures (threats), prospects (opportunities), and then the vulnerabilities (weaknesses) and strengths within the lens of the pressures and prospects, for the profession and members moving forward. Through this conversation, we will also

endeavour to focus on emerging issues and areas for planners to consider as part of their professional practice. Guest speakers include:

- **Councillor Brad Bradford**, City of Toronto Ward 19, Beaches-East York
- **Wayne Caldwell**, PhD, RPP, FCIP, Professor and Graduate Coordinator in Rural Planning and Development at the University of Guelph
- **Abigail Moriah**, RPP, Senior Development Manager at New Commons Development
- **Marcia Wallace**, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer for Prince Edward County

If you haven't already, please register for this free webinar and submit your questions in advance by clicking on the button below. Please note: these sessions will be recorded and uploaded to OPPI's [Digital Learning](#) site. In the meantime, you can always [visit our website](#) for information on our Forum Friday sessions.

July 31st Forum Friday Webinar Available on Digital Learning

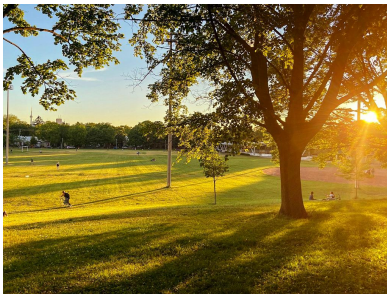
OPPI Forum Friday Webinar: The State of Land Development in Ontario After COVID-19



OPPI would like to thank members for attending our seventh Forum Friday webinar on July 31st. OPPI would also like to thank our moderator Andria Leigh, RPP, and panelists Heather LaLonde, Howard Paskowitz and Dave Wilkes.

If members missed this webinar, or you would like to review it again, the recording is now available on OPPI's [Digital Learning](#) site. All Forum Friday webinars will be uploaded to Digital Learning for members to access, and on our [Planners Connect](#) member engagement platform to continue the webinar conversation. Please [visit our website](#) to learn more about our Forum Friday sessions.

Discovering My Neighbourhood During COVID-19 Blog Post



Vice Chair of Toronto District, Justin Sharp, has written about his experiences at home during the pandemic and a rediscovery of his local neighbourhood in the east-end of Toronto. "Throughout the past months, I've observed how clusters of people have adapted to the virus — quickly and immediately based on the data being presented, only to be altered just as quickly, depending on new information." Read

more about Justin's experience in our latest [blog post](#) in our Planning Exchange blog.

Start Logging Your 2020 CPL!



The final tally shows that over 92% of OPPI members met the 2019 Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) requirement. Congratulations again! Planners have shown their willingness to commit to the public good, themselves and the planning profession.

We are looking forward to seeing you virtually at the conference [OPPI20](#) on September 23 & 30 and October 7 & 14. In addition to OPPI20, there are several ways to collect Learning Units.

One option is through our [Digital Learning](#) platform that offers free online educational content such as our recent Forum Friday webinars. Another option is OPPI's [Planning Exchange blog](#) offering an exchange of planning knowledge, best practices, and insight about the issues important to planners. If you have attended one of our webinars and/or have written content, be sure to claim these activities. One other option is through our new [Planners Connect](#) member engagement platform. Connect with members from across Ontario to learn and grow. You can claim the time you spend on this platform as CPL. If you are experiencing challenges completing CPL, please contact OPPI at standards@ontarioplanners.ca.

Remember to use our [Learning Path](#) to plan your activities, maintain the core competencies and advance your career. As soon as you complete an activity, record your Learning Units on your [Member Profile](#).

As always, you can refer to the [CPL Program Guide](#) for more information, or [contact OPPI](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

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Legislative Corner Updates

Regulations Open for Comment

Ontario's Environmental Registry website has posted an [important notice](#) temporarily exempting ministries from the minimum 30-day consultation requirements to post proposals for acts, regulations, policies and instruments to the Environmental Registry. OPPI will continue to monitor the registry website and provide items open for comment, when available.

We know members are busy working through other priorities, but for those who can provide comments the following regulatory items are open for public comment (deadlines in brackets):

- [Discussion paper on modernizing hazardous waste reporting in Ontario \(August 18, 2020\)](#)
- [Proposed changes to environmental approvals for municipal sewage collection works \(August 22, 2020\)](#)
- [Proposal to exempt various Ministry of Transportation projects from the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act \(August 22, 2020\)](#)
- [Proposed regulation for a streamlined environmental assessment process for the Ministry of Transportation's Greater Toronto Area West Transportation Corridor project \(August 22, 2020\)](#)
- [Proposal to exempt projects or activities related to land claim settlements and other agreements with Indigenous communities from the Environmental Assessment Act \(August 22, 2020\)](#)
- [Proposed exemption to the Environmental Assessment Act and a new policy under the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act for projects in provincial parks and conservation reserves \(August 22, 2020\)](#)
- [2021-2024 Conservation and Demand Management Framework \(August 22, 2020\)](#)

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Member Resources

Keep It Up on Planners Connect!



OPPI would like to thank members for a successful launch of our member engagement platform, Planners Connect. We hope you have had the opportunity to log in and explore the online community

If you haven't logged on yet, visit plannersconnect.ontarioplanners.ca/home and click on the

blue "Sign In" button. Enter your OPPI Member Portal login details to access Planners Connect. Don't forget to read our [Getting Started Guide](#) as you log on.

Thank you to members who have started several conversations, and those who have added their insights and thoughts. Members will also notice that OPPI is uploading our Forum Friday webinars with the list of outstanding questions that were not answered in the webinar. This is your opportunity to share your insights and answer our unanswered questions.

As members continue to access Planners Connect, there are a few things you can do:

1. **Introduce yourself and connect with members** - Visit our "Introduce Yourself" post and introduce yourself to OPPI's Community Manager, Kristin Bednarek, and the membership by answering the three questions she poses to everyone.
2. **Continue to create discussion posts** - Is there something the membership needs to think about as we approach the fall? Are you seeking advice or suggestions for a project you are working on? Is there something you are looking forward to as we approach our OPPI20 conference? Start a conversation today and add to the collective expertise on Planners Connect.
3. **Add resources to our library** - Do you have a resource you can share with the membership? Is there information out there that members should know about? Upload it to our library so everyone can see and use it.

Join us on Planners Connect as we embark on a new way to build and encourage member engagement. Start conversations, connect with members from across the province, and learn about the work others are undertaking to advance planning practice in Ontario.

Check Out OPPI's Indigenous Resource List



OPPI's Indigenous Planning Perspectives Task Force Report recommends "that OPPI facilitate access to resources and learning on Indigenous topics." One method OPPI is undertaking to facilitate access is through the creation of a curated list of resources.

The resource list provides suggestions and access to some resources to encourage learning on Indigenous topics. It is not intended to be comprehensive and should be seen as a starting point for planning practitioners and other related professions in their respective learning journeys.

The resource list is revised quarterly, to reflect the availability of new or updated resources and you are encouraged to [provide suggestions](#) for additional resources to include on the list. It can be accessed on the [OPPI website](#).

Featured Resource

August 9, 2020, marked the [International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#), and it is intended to bring awareness and protection of the unique rights held by Indigenous Peoples, as well as to recognize the achievements and contributions of Indigenous Peoples to important issues, such as climate change.

In recognition of this important date, this month we are featuring the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which was introduced in 2007. While for

several years Canada was not a signatory, in May of 2016 the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs announced Canada is now a full supporter, without qualification, of the declaration. This is an important contextual document for professional planners, and all Canadians, to better understand the unique rights of Indigenous Peoples.

For more resources on Indigenous histories, culture and perspectives, please be sure to consult OPPI's [Indigenous Planning Perspectives Task Force Resource List](#). If you have any additional resources you would like OPPI to share through its Resource List, please contact OPPI's Education Manager, [Ryan Des Roches](#).

Upcoming Member Events

As Ontario begins to recover from COVID-19, and the summer approaches, the opportunity to hold events may grow. OPPI will return to a district eblast format as more events are scheduled. We will notify members about the return to this format and the frequency when we have more information. If you need to contact OPPI about District events, please write to learning@ontarioplanners.ca. For now, we will highlight events in the Planner.

Please see the list below for current upcoming events. Members can always visit [OPPI's events webpage](#) for more information and a complete listing.

- [Western Lake Ontario District Book Club \(June 22 - August 28\)](#)
- [Lakeland District Province-Wide Book Club \(ends August 31\)](#)
- [OPPI20 Conference \(September 23\)](#)
- [OPPI20 Conference \(September 30\)](#)
- [OPPI20 Conference \(October 7\)](#)
- [OPPI20 Conference \(October 14\)](#)

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Other OPPI News

Congratulate Our 2020 Member Service Award Winners

OPPI's Member Service Awards recognize extraordinary service and significant contribution to the Institute by OPPI's volunteer leadership. Award winners have performed a key or integral role with a special project or program and have raised awareness of planning, mentored students and nurtured long-standing relationships with OPPI and its members.

OPPI would like to congratulate each of our deserving 2020 Member Service Award winners and thank them for their dedication to OPPI. Our Member Service Award members will be recognized at our AGM and Awards presentation on October 7 as part of [OPPI20](#).

When you have a moment, please reach out and congratulate our 2020 Member Service Award winners on their achievement. Please visit our [Member Service Award webpage](#) for more information on each member.



Stephen Alexander, RPP (Ret.)

Eastern District



Brian Bridgeman, RPP

Oak Ridges District



Liz Buckton, RPP

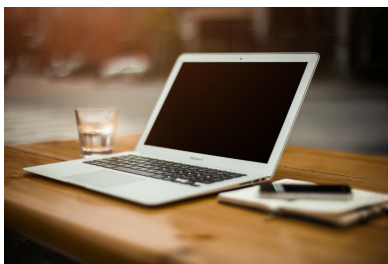
Lakeland District



Scott Taylor, RPP

Lakeland District

CAP Young Planners Network Essay Competition



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The essay competition and awards program closes on August 23, 2020, at midnight BST. For more information on the essay competition, please visit the [CAP website](#) and submit your essay before the deadline.

OPPI Job Postings

Targeted to planners, search the [OPPI Job Ads](#) to save you time and effort when looking for a new position. Please see the current active postings below:

- Neighbourhood Planner/Urban Designer - Town of Fort Erie (full time)
- Director - Planning and Building Services - City of St. Thomas (full time)
- Intermediate Urban Designer/Planner - MHBC Planning (full time)
- Senior Advisor, Permits, Licenses & Approvals - Metrolinx (full time)
- Senior Planner - T.Johns Consulting Group (full time)
- Supervisor of Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change - Town of Ajax (full time)
- Senior Planner - The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby (full time)
- Public Space Fellowship Program - The Bentway (contract)
- Urban Designer - Town of Oakville (full time)
- Land Use Planner - TULLOCH Engineering (full time)
- Land Use Planner/Project Manager (full time)
- Intermediate/Senior Level Urban and Rural Planner - Strik, Baldinelli, Moniz Ltd. (full time)
- Land Use Planner - Intermediate - Novatech Engineering Consultants Limited (full time)
- Land Use Planner - Graduate - Novatech Engineering Consultants Limited (full time)
- ...and many more!

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