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Here is what OPPI members need to know this week:

- **We are pleased to announce our THIRD and FOURTH keynotes for OPPI20!** OPPI is ready to provide a timely and informative [program](#) headlined by several special [keynote speakers](#). We have two more to announce - Jay Pitter and our keynote panel on affordable housing in the GTA. More information can be found below in our OPPI20 section.
- **Join us for our final Forum Friday webinar on August 28th.** OPPI invites members to join us for our final 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.
- **Register for a free 12-week online course through the University of Alberta exploring Indigenous histories and contemporary issues.** More information can be found in our member resource section.



- **The bi-weekly Planner eblast will transition back to a monthly eblast beginning November 2.** The move back to a monthly eblast will complete the transition of this member eblast during the pandemic. If the public health situation changes, OPPI will revert back to a weekly/bi-weekly eblast to support members. If members have any questions about this switch, please contact OPPI at communications@ontarioplanners.ca.

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Bring The Keynote to the Park



Sometimes you just have to attend the biggest planning event of the year from the local playground. We get it.

The [OPPI20 keynote speakers](#) will carry on regardless of how many times you have to tell Katie to stop hitting Tommy with a stick, and no matter how many withering looks you have to give.

Announcing Our Third Keynote - Jay Pitter!

We're pleased to welcome Award-Winning Placemaker, Author, John Bousfield Distinguished Visitor in Planning, UofT, [Jay Pitter](#), to our exciting list of keynote speakers.

Facing the Future

This keynote will historically spatialize this moment of reckoning while calling urban planners to embrace both aspiration and accountability for creating equitable cities.



Author, John Bousfield Distinguished Visitor in Planning, UofT, Jay Pitter, MES, is an award-winning placemaker whose practice mitigates growing divides in cities across North America. She spearheads institutional city-building projects specializing in public space design and policy, forgotten densities, mobility equity, gender-responsive design, inclusive public engagement and healing fraught sites. What distinguishes Jay is her multidisciplinary approach, located at the nexus of urban design and social equity, which translates community insights and aspirations into the built environment.

Ms. Pitter also makes significant contributions to urbanism theory and discourse. She has developed an equitable planning certificate course with the University of Detroit Mercy's School of Architecture and taught a graduate level urban planning course at Ryerson University, among others. Jay also delivers keynote addresses for entities such as the United Nations Women and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

She is the co-editor of *Subdivided: City-Building in an Age of Hyper-Diversity*. Her forthcoming books, *Black Public Joy* and *Where We Live* will be published by McClelland & Stewart, Penguin Random House Canada in 2021.

The OPPI20 topics were chosen at the end of 2019; however, OPPI is mindful of current events and the ongoing protests against systemic racism in our society.

It is our hope that through sessions at this year's event, future learning events and future Conferences hosted by OPPI, we can work together with equity-seeking organizations and diverse people and communities to elevate their voices, perspectives and lived experiences. OPPI would like to provide greater attention to the realities of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia and ableism within our society and explore how we, as professional planners, can work to create more inclusive and equitable communities in Ontario.

Announcing Our Fourth Keynote - A Panel Discussion on Affordable Housing in the GTA

Ontario is currently experiencing a housing crisis. Existing affordable housing stock is limited

and to make matters worse, the 2016 Census projects that the population of Ontario will grow by 38% by the year 2046, and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) is poised to be one of the fastest-growing parts of the province.

How can planning, and planners, address current and future housing needs? Moderated by Jeanhy Shim, President & Founder of Housing Lab Toronto, this exclusive keynote panel will discuss these questions through the exploration of affordable housing initiatives from municipalities in the GTHA.

We're pleased to welcome Jeanhy and our four panel speakers to our exciting list of keynote speakers.



Panel Moderator Jeanhy Shim, President of Housing Lab Toronto



Curt Benson, RPP, MCIP



Sarah Cameron, RPP, MCIP



**Naheeda Jamal, MES, MPA,
RPP, MCIP**



Nick Michael, RPP, MCIP, PLE

Wherever you are, 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

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OPPI Continuous Professional Learning

OPPI Forum Friday: Ontario Rises! Opportunities in the Post COVID-19 World (August 28)



On August 28, from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m., OPPI invites members to join us for our final Forum Friday webinar conversation on the opportunities in the post-COVID-19 world for planners and the profession.

The province and planning profession are forever changed because of COVID-19 and opportunities are presenting themselves in ways that were not available pre-COVID-19. What does recovery and post-recovery look like in Ontario? What are some of the challenges in seeking these opportunities? What are some emerging

areas that planners will want to pay attention to? How can planners and the planning profession take advantage of opportunities and address challenges to solidify their leadership roles in communities across Ontario? Guest speakers include:

- **John Michael McGrath**, Digital Media Producer, Current Affairs and Documentaries at TVO
- **Andrea Miller**, RPP, General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth at the City of Barrie
- **Leela Viswanathan**, PhD, RPP, MCIP, Principal and Founder of Viswali Consulting

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.

REGISTER TODAY

Green Building Festival Goes Virtual: Oct 14-16, 2020

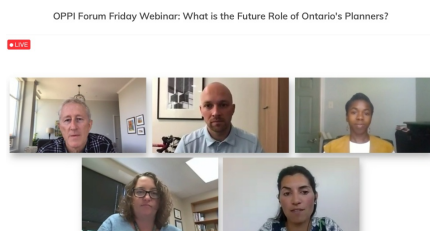


The 2020 Green Building Festival explores BIO: Ecological Principles in Buildings & Cities, and features visionary practitioners who are leveraging natural processes in design, materials, construction, and operations to deeply integration biology in urban developments.

A virtual delegate pass is only \$50CDN. Visit www.GBF20.com to learn more.

Participation may entitle OPPI members to claim up to seven learning units under the Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) Program. For more information, please consult the [CPL Program Guide](#).

August 14th Forum Friday Webinar Available on Digital Learning



OPPI would like to thank members for attending our seventh Forum Friday webinar on August 14th. OPPI would also like to thank our moderator OPPI President Justine Giancola, RPP, and panelists Councillor Brad Bradford, Wayne Caldwell, RPP, Abigail Moriah, RPP, and Marcia Wallace, RPP.

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.

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Ontario Launches First Ever Climate Change Impact Assessment



The Ontario Government has selected a consulting team led by the Climate Risk Institute to conduct the province's first-ever multi-sector climate change impact assessment. The study will use the best science and information to better understand where and how climate change is likely to affect communities, critical infrastructure, economies and the natural environment, while helping to strengthen the province's resilience to the impacts of climate change. For more information on this announcement, please visit the [Government of Ontario's website](#).

Ontario Provides Municipalities First Round of Emergency Funding as Part of Safe Restart Agreement



The Ontario Government, in partnership with the Federal Government, is delivering up to \$1.6 billion as part of the first round of emergency funding under the Safe Restart Agreement. This funding will help municipalities protect the health and well-being of the people of Ontario, while continuing to deliver critical public services, such as public transit and shelters, as the province continues down the path of renewal, growth and economic recovery. For more information on this announcement, please visit the [Government of Ontario's website](#).

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):

- [Proposed changes to environmental approvals for municipal sewage collection works \(September 6, 2020\)](#)
- [Proposed amendments to the Director's Technical Rules made under section 107 of the Clean Water Act, 2006 \(November 9, 2020\)](#)

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Stay in Touch With Digest Emails From Planners Connect



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

Since the launch of Planners Connect, you receive digest emails summarizing member comments and posts happening on our platform. OPPI is aware that many members continue to be active and busy in their roles during the COVID-19 pandemic, and there are many who are juggling more than one role at home. The benefit of the digest emails is that it keeps you in touch with the planning community and acts as an ongoing feed of the discussions that take place.

Thank you to members who have started several conversations, and those who continue to add insights and thoughts. If you have a burning question you need to ask, or are looking to share information you've come across, or anything else, log in to Planners Connect today and join the community. Find out what's happening on 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. Don't forget to read our [Getting Started Guide](#) as you log on.

Explore Indigenous Histories and Contemporary Issues Online Through the University of Alberta



The University of Alberta is offering a 12-week free online Indigenous course through Indigenous Canada.

Indigenous Canada is a Massive Open Online Course that explores Indigenous histories and contemporary issues in Canada.

From an Indigenous perspective, this course explores key issues facing Indigenous peoples today from a historical and critical perspective highlighting national and local Indigenous-settler relations. Indigenous Canada is for students from faculties outside the Faculty of Native Studies with an interest in acquiring a basic familiarity with Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal relationships.

For more information and course description, and to register, please visit the [University of Alberta's website](#).

Upcoming Member Events

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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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:

- Site Plan Control Planner - The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington (full time)
- Urban Designer - Town of Oakville (full time)
- Project Manager, Third Party Projects Review - Metrolinx (full time)
- Senior Planner - Perth County (full time)
- Planner I - City of London (full time)
- Minor Variance Coordinator - City of London (full time)
- Land Use Planner - TULLOCH Engineering (full time)
- Development Planner - Oxford County (full time)
- Senior Planner, Policy Planning and Regulation - Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (full time)
- Intermediate Planner - Halton Region (full time)
- Planner - The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington (full time)
- Director of Planning and Development - Municipality of Clarington (full time)
- Land Use Planner/Project Manager (full time)
- Senior Planning Consultant - MORGAN Planning and Development Inc. (contract)
- 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)
- Chief Planning Officer - Metrolinx (full time)
- ...and many more!

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