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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

You are receiving this eblast as OPPI has switched its monthly *The Planner* newsletter to a bi-weekly eblast during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to share the most important information and resources with members. If you have any questions, suggestions and ideas, please contact us at communications@ontarioplanners.ca.

Here's What You Need to Know Right Now

Member Updates for the Weeks of July 28 and August 4

Here is what OPPI members need to know this week:

- **OPPI20 registration is now open!** OPPI recently announced that registration for [OPPI20](#) is now open. [Register today](#) and save your seat for our very popular event. In addition to this news, OPPI is also pleased to announce TWO of our conference [keynotes](#) - Nova Nicole and David Wachsmuth. More information on our conference can be found below and on our [conference](#)

[webpage](#).

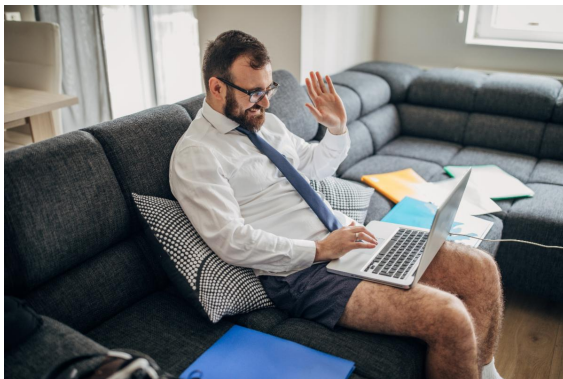
- **Planners Connect is now live!** Yesterday, OPPI launched its Planners Connect member engagement platform. To learn more about Planners Connect and how to join our member community, please find more information below.
- **Join us for our next Forum Friday webinar on July 31st.** OPPI invites members to join us for our seventh Forum Friday webinar focusing on the state of land development in Ontario after COVID-19. We've invited panelists from the development industry to talk to planners about their experiences and what to expect coming out of COVID-19. More information on this webinar can be found below in our CPL section.
- **Our July 17th Forum Friday webinar is now available on Digital Learning.** Our July 17th webinar focusing on the state of Ontario's planning schools is now available on Digital Learning for members to view.
- **Mark your calendars! OPPI is pleased to announce the remaining Forum Friday webinars on August 14 and 28.** Registration for these webinars will open in August, and members will be notified when we get closer, but more information on these webinars and guest speakers can be found below in our CPL section.



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You're probably reading this in between more Zoom calls in the new uniform: business on top, casual on the bottom.

COVID-19 changed the game for everyone, including the planning community. Social distancing moved everything digital, from calls with colleagues to town halls, and also removed everyone's pants. So how is this virtual

conference going to be any different?

Human contact. Not physically, but through genuine interactions online and in real time, on social media and on our Chime Live app. RPPs are always switched on, always connecting with people, and this annual event will keep that going. Those things haven't changed.

Except now you can finally attend a Conference semi-nude. So can the keynotes.

[OPPI's Annual Conference](#) is officially [scheduled](#) and it's not just a webinar. For members who may have missed our initial save the date eblast, we have announced the dates for OPPI20.

Spend a few hours each Wednesday over four weeks exploring the topics of Housing and Demographics at OPPI20:

#OPPI20 #AlwaysON

REGISTER NOW

We've Confirmed TWO OPPI20 Keynotes!

OPPI is pleased to offer a [great program](#) and several timely, fantastic keynote speakers for [OPPI20](#): Nova Nicole (Sept 30) and David Wachsmuth (Oct 14). Stay tuned for further OPPI20 keynote announcements. Register for our conference by visiting our [registration webpage](#).



Nova Nicole

Nova is a Workplace Mental Health Advisor and Leadership Development Facilitator at Shopify. Nova's also a fixture on the internationally syndicated talk show CTV's "The Social", and has been profiled in outlets like Huffington Post, The Globe and Mail, The Walrus, Chatelaine, CBC and CTV.



David Wachsmuth

David Wachsmuth is the Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance at McGill University, where he is also an Associate Professor in the School of Urban Planning. He is the co-lead of the Adapting Urban Environments for the Future theme of the McGill Sustainability Systems Initiative.

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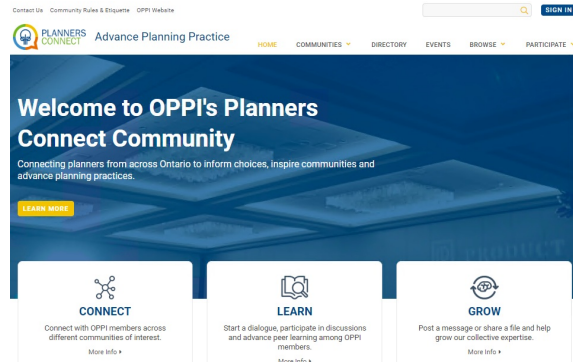


OPPI's Planners Connect is Live!



OPPI is pleased to bring our member engagement platform, Planners Connect, to members across Ontario to connect, learn and grow.

OPPI's Planners Connect launched yesterday for members and is live! As you explore our platform, take the opportunity to enhance your experience on Planners Connect by doing these three things to get you started:



1. **Log on:** Go to plannersconnect.ontarioplanners.ca/home and click on the blue "Sign In" button. Enter your OPPI Member Portal login details to access Planners Connect.
2. **Complete your profile:** Update your contact information, upload a photo and bio for yourself. This will help members from across Ontario connect if they know who you are!
3. **Start a dialogue/share a resource:** Share your expertise and resources or start a dialogue, or join a conversation, that can help you in your practice.

Don't forget to check out our [Getting Started Guide](#) for more information.

Join us on Planners Connect as we embark on a new way to build and encourage member engagement. Members with any questions about Planners Connect can contact OPPI at membership@ontarioplanners.ca.

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OPPI Continuous Professional Learning

OPPI Forum Friday: The State of Land Development in Ontario After COVID-19 (July 31)

On July 31, from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m., OPPI invites members to join us for our seventh Forum Friday webinar conversation on the state of land development in Ontario after COVID-19.

Planning is closely tied to land and economic development. Since the declaration of the COVID-19



pandemic, portions of these industries were declared essential services, but much of the work taking place in Ontario has been limited to key infrastructure projects. Once Ontario recovers, what can planners expect to face in their practice and municipalities as the economy restarts? Through this conversation, learn about the immense pressure and challenge in building and restarting Ontario's economy coming out of COVID-19. What has changed as a result of this pandemic and what do planners need to know about working with the industry in restarting the economy? Guest speakers

include:

- **Heather LaLonde**, CEO of the Economic Developers Council of Ontario (EDCO)
- **Howard Paskowitz**, Director of Development at Starlight Developments
- **Dave Wilkes**, President and CEO at the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD)

If you haven't already, please register for this free webinar and submit your questions in advance by clicking on the button below. More information on future webinars will be shared with members. 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

OPPI Announces Remaining Forum Friday Webinars



OPPI is pleased to announce our remaining Forum Friday webinars in August and when registration opens for these webinars. Members are also invited to [visit our website](#) for more information on our Forum Friday series.

Registration details will be shared through eblast, and in the bi-weekly Planner eblast, closer to the webinar dates. Once registration opens, members are welcome to submit questions to our panelists prior to the event. Stay tuned for registration details. Members with questions

about our webinars can email OPPI at communications@ontarioplanners.ca.

August 14, 2020 - What is the Future Role of Ontario's Planners? (Registration opens on August 7)

For our eighth webinar we're hosting a roundtable conversation on the future of planners and planning as a profession in Ontario. Through this conversation, 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:

- **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

August 28, 2020 - Ontario Rises! Opportunities in the Post-COVID-19 World (Registration opens on August 21)

For our ninth and final webinar, we're hosting a roundtable conversation on the opportunities a post-COVID-19 world offers planners and communities across Ontario. 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:

- **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

We hope members are able to join and view our remaining webinar sessions in August. 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 webinars.

RPP Interview Series on Recovering from the COVID-19 Crisis: Nicole Hanson, RPP and Sam Jones



COVID-19 is affecting every aspect of life in all communities across the province and the country and around the world. While many RPPs are playing important roles in responding to the immediate crisis, planning skills and expertise will be especially needed in guiding decisions throughout the recovery process and establishing measures that build resiliency for the future. In this series of special interviews, we asked RPPs what they are focusing on now as we look towards recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Cemeteries play lots of roles beyond storing and disposing of human remains, e.g. locating grief, facilitating cultural and personal expression, providing green space, and maintaining records of local history. [We need to] understand that cemeteries are non-intrusive, green, and environmentally friendly and do not impact groundwater and wells. Cemeteries are part of complete communities and are compatible with other land uses."

The fourth interview in this series comes to us from [Nicole Hanson, RPP and Sam Jones](#) and focuses on cemetery planning.

As the series of interviews grows, members will be able to find a complete list of interviews on our [Planning Exchange Blog](#). If members have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact OPPI's Editor, Carolyn Camilleri, at editor@ontarioplanners.ca.

Parking Lot Design With Winter In Mind: LSRCA's Parking Lot Design Guidelines to Promote Salt Reduction Blog Post



Following up on her [June blog post](#), Pamela Strong of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) is back discussing the LSRCA's design guidelines for salt reduction. The use of salt in parking lots can cause major issues for the parking lot and the building infrastructure surrounding it, and ultimately the freshwater resources receiving the melt

water. As this issue becomes more predominant, there has been a push to reduce salt use

from many sources. In 2017, LSRCA worked with GHD to develop *Parking Lot Guidelines to Promote Salt Reduction* to help tackle this issue. Read more from Pamela and about these guidelines in our [July blog post](#).

July 17th Forum Friday Webinar Available on Digital Learning



OPPI would like to thank members for attending our sixth Forum Friday webinar on July 17th. OPPI would also like to thank our moderator Rob Dowler, RPP, and panelists Dr. Ryan Gibson, Dr. Markus Moos, RPP, MCIP and Dr. Luisa Sotomayor, 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. Please [visit our website](#) to learn more about our Forum Friday sessions.

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Legislative Corner Updates

Ontario Government Launches New Online Tool for Viewing Highway Improvements



The Ontario Government has released a new online tool that provides the people of Ontario and businesses with information about highway projects in their communities, including the status of projects that are already underway and major construction projects slated for the future. To learn more about this announcement, please visit the [Government of Ontario's website](#).

Ontario Takes Steps to Ensure All Ontarians Benefit from Local Research and Innovation



The Ontario government announced a made-in-Ontario Intellectual Property Action Plan to help ensure the tremendous social and economic benefits of taxpayer-funded research and innovation stays right here in the province. To learn more about this announcement, please visit the [Government of Ontario's website](#).

Communities in Ontario Receive Support for Stronger Asset Management Practices

The Government of Canada is investing over \$361,000 in



eight new projects in Ontario communities through the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP), which is delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on behalf of the federal government. As economies re-open, these projects will help communities make data-driven decisions about roads, water systems, buildings and other key infrastructure. To learn more about this announcement,

please visit the [Government of Canada'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 Amendment 1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe \(July 31, 2020\)](#)
- [Proposed Land Needs Assessment Methodology for A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe \(July 31, 2020\)](#)
- [Updating Ontario's Water Quantity Management Framework \(August 2, 2020\)](#)
- [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 \(August 22, 2020\)](#)

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Toronto District Province-Wide Online Planning Quiz Show (July 29)



Toronto District cordially invites all of Ontario to the first ever online Planning Quiz Show on Wednesday July 29th at 7:00pm.

Michael Matthys of SVN in Toronto will be hosting the event and guiding us through the challenges he's created. The event will be hosted via a video stream while utilizing the online platform Kahoot! to play the quiz. All you need is a device to view the video stream and a

device (phone, tablet, laptop) to log into the Kahoot! website.

Proper links and instructions will be email to all participants days prior to the event and a brief walkthrough at the beginning.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to Food Ontario: " From securing fresh and healthy food sources, to driving change through policy research and innovative programming, Feed Ontario unites food banks, industry partners, and local communities in our work to end hunger and poverty."

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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 Photo Contest \(June 5 - July 31\)](#)
- [Western Lake Ontario District Book Club \(June 22 - August 28\)](#)
- [Toronto District Province-Wide Online Planning Quiz Show \(July 29\)](#)
- [AM202: Managing Assets for a Sustainable Future in our Changing Climate Online Course \(August 11-12\)](#)
- [Lakeland District Province-Wide Book Club \(ends August 31\)](#)

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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:

- Manager of Policy Planning - City of Cambridge (full time)
- Senior Planner - Town of Erin (full time)
- Planning Technician - City of Richmond Hill (full time)
- Manager of Current Planning - The Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls (full time)
- Director of Planning - City of Kitchener (full time)
- Manager of Development Review - Municipality of Clarington (full time)
- Senior Planner, Development - Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville (contract)
- Director - Planning and Building Services - City of St. Thomas (full time)
- Senior Advisor, Permits, Licenses & Approvals - Metrolinx (full time)
- Land Use Planner/Project Manager (full time)
- Intermediate/Senior Level Urban and Rural Planner - Strik, Baldinelli, Moniz Ltd. (full time)
- ...and many more!

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