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Member Updates for the Weeks of September 22 and 29

Here is what OPPI members need to know:

- **OPPI20 is one day away!** Please see below in our OPPI20 section more information about our conference. If you have not registered yet, it's not too late. Please visit the [OPPI20 website](#) for more information.
- **Eastern District has a self-guided urban canopy walking tour available for members.** Please visit our Member Resources section to take the self-guided tour.
- **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



OPPI20

OPPI President Justine Giancola Welcomes Members to OPPI20

OPPI President Justine Giancola welcomes members to OPPI20 happening over four days - September 23 & 30, October 7 & 14. OPPI20 will teach you, inspire you, and delight you! Because we know as planners you're always learning, always guiding, always inspiring - AlwaysON.



Don't Forget to Register for OPPI20!

There's still time to register for [OPPI20](#). Our virtual conference explores the topics of housing, demographics, planning and planners (that's you) through four keynote presentations and 50+ breakout sessions over four days - **September 23 & 30, October 7 & 14**.

Just a reminder for OPPI Student Members that full conference registration only costs \$25!

Want to attend OPPI20 as a team? Consider registering for our corporate packages.

Please visit our [registration webpage](#) for pricing and we look forward to seeing members virtually at OPPI20!.



OPPI20 Keynote Speaker Lineup Aims to Create Virtual Space and Place

OPPI is pleased to offer a [great program](#) and several timely, fantastic keynote speakers for [OPPI20](#).



Jay Pitter - Facing the Future - September 23

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



Nova Nicole - September 30

Nova Nicole will share tools and techniques that you can use to better manage stress and anxiety, help to navigate grief and isolation, and deal with challenges associated with context switching.



GTA Affordable Housing Panel Discussion - October 7

How can planning, and planners, address current and future housing needs? Moderated by Jeanhy Shim, our keynote panel will discuss this question and others through the exploration of affordable housing initiatives from municipalities in the GTA.

David Wachsmuth - October 14

David Wachsmuth will explore what professional planners need to



know about short-term rentals. This includes their rise in Ontario and the world, their impacts on existing housing stocks, why some communities are fighting back, and how planners can contribute to regulating this industry in the public interest.

Play Along on Social Media During OPPI20 and Win a Prize!

We want to get everyone attending OPPI20 talking - to us, and with one another. Conferences are about getting to know your planning peers as much as they're about professional learning, and a virtual event won't change that (ok maybe a little!).

So stay tuned for FOUR social media games taking place on Twitter and Instagram, just before and during the Conference. We've got all the necessary details on the [OPPI20 website](#), but here's what you need to know:

GET TO KNOW ME

Name

A planner I've never met but whose work I follow

Job

Location

My area of focus/interest/expertise

A planner I'll miss seeing in person at this year's conference

The 'Get to Know Me' Game

Keep an eye out for the #OPPI20 template on Instagram and Twitter with questions about YOU.

Fill it in and share to your Instagram, or reply-to-win on Twitter, and you'll be entered into the draw for **1 of 3 \$50 gift cards** to a local store of YOUR choice!

Get to Know Me
THIS OR THAT

Planner or RPP for Less Than 10 Years	Planner or RPP for More Than 10 Years
Introvert	Extrovert
Young at Heart	Old Soul
Urban	Rural
Telecommuting	Back at the Office
Urban Explorer	Nature Explorer
Walking/Cycling	Driving
Fiction Reader	Non-fiction Reader

The 'This or That' Game

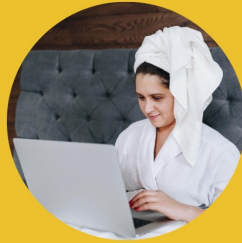
Look out for the #OPPI20 'either-or' icebreaker on Instagram!

Fill it in and share to your Instagram, or reply-to-win on Twitter, and you'll be entered into the draw for **1 of 3 \$50 gift cards** to a local store of YOUR choice!

Our Photo Contest



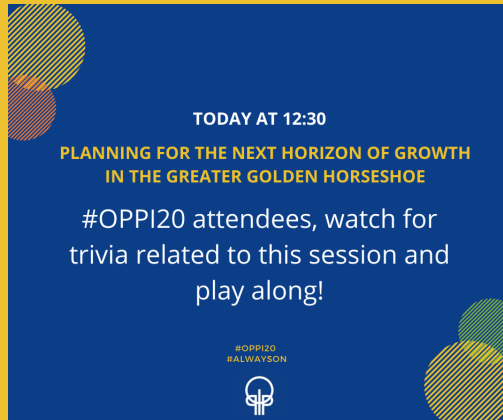
PHOTO CONTEST ALERT!



WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD

We want to see where you're really attending the #OPPI20 from. Keep an eye out for the prompt on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook from us, and reply with your 'on set' shot! The wackier the better!

Every photo entry is a chance to win a **\$100 gift card** to a local store of YOUR choice!



Trivia!

A classic pub game brought to you! Also on Twitter and Instagram, you'll be able to pick from multiple choice answers to answer questions related to #OPPI20 program sessions.

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

#OPPI20 #AlwaysON

REGISTER NOW

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OPPI Continuous Professional Learning

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](#).

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Legislative Corner Updates

Health Preparedness and Rebuilding the Economy Top Priorities in Ontario's Fall Legislative Agenda



On September 15, 2020, the Ontario Government returned to Queen's Park to begin its fall legislative session. Ahead of its return, the government announced several priorities for the fall session. For more information on these priorities, please visit the [Government of Ontario website](#).

September 18 Marks Start of Two-Year Transition Period for Funding Community Infrastructure



On September 18, 2020, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced the start of a two-year transition period towards a new framework for funding community infrastructure and services. Under the new framework, municipalities are able to use Development Charges and the new Community Benefits Charge to pay for infrastructure and services.

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):

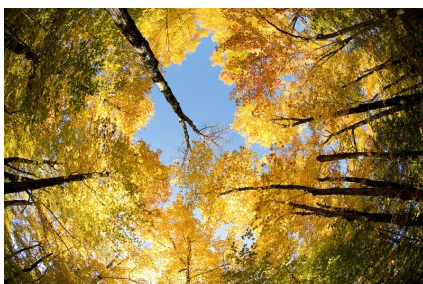
- [Proposal to extend the current moratorium on water bottling permits \(September 27, 2020\)](#)

- [Proposed regulation amendment to establish a second local forest management corporation for the Temagami Crown Forest Management Unit under the Ontario Forest Tenure Modernization Act, 2011 \(October 5, 2020\)](#)
- [Update to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries' Statement of Environmental Values \(October 11, 2020\)](#)
- [Proposed amendments to the Director's Technical Rules made under section 107 of the Clean Water Act, 2006 \(November 9, 2020\)](#)
- [Proposed Project List for comprehensive environmental assessments under the Environmental Assessment Act \(EAA\) \(November 10, 2020\)](#)

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Member Resources

Eastern District Urban Canopy Walking Tour



Many people like to have elements of nature nearby, whether it's potted plants at home or going on a hike in the woods. Trees are an important part of our cities and Eastern District has prepared a [self-guided walking tour](#) of downtown Ottawa to help OPPI's members explore the range of benefits and challenges associated with the urban canopy. With the walking tour on your mobile device, we encourage you to journey through Ottawa by foot or bike and expand your knowledge of street trees through this six-stop activity.

Eastern District Fall Social on October 2nd



We have missed you! If you are comfortable going out and meeting with fellow planners, then join Eastern District for a [Fall Social](#) from 12 to 2 p.m. on Friday, October 2 at [Tavern on the Hill](#) in Ottawa.

To comply with the governments' guidelines and regulations for COVID-19, we chose this venue as it is a large outdoor space that is perfect for social distancing but at the same time allows for reconnecting with each other. In addition, the restaurant has its own specific rules to make sure we are all safe.

Remember to bring your facial mask as they are required when social distancing is not possible. Additionally, please complete the [self-screening questionnaire](#) before the event and stay home if you feel unwell.

This event is free of charge; however, we ask that you [register](#) beforehand so that we know how many planners to expect. For drinks and food, please check the [restaurant's menu and beverage list](#).

Western Lake Ontario District Sam Lawrence Park Walking Tour



Sam Lawrence Park is situated at the top of the Niagara Escarpment and is one of Hamilton's most notable parks. It is best known for its panoramic views of the Lower City, the Dundas Valley and Lake Ontario. Over the last two years the City of Hamilton undertook the development of a Master Plan for the park to act as a 'blueprint' for future park improvement projects.

[Please join Western Lake Ontario District](#) on a walking tour as they explore the park's storied history, the issues/challenges currently affecting the site, and how the park may better-serve Hamiltonians in the years to come.

How Planners Can Help to Contain the Spread of COVID-19: Creating Safe Public Space



In his striking book, *Loss and Change*, Peter Marris observes the COVID-19 challenges we face involve grief and loss of meaning. Grief occurs when social relationships and their attendant meaning are disrupted. Predictable spaces of social encounters, spontaneous or planned, no longer exist. To recover, we need time to process our grief by reconstructing lost meaning respectfully in new and needed and as

yet uncreated spaces. Recovery is beginning but we struggle. Planners can help by designing spaces amenable to recovery of lost relationships and meaning in this perilous time.

In Edition 2 (August 2020) of the WNY APA Editorial Board newsletter, read more from George McKibbin on [How Planners Can Help to Contain the Spread of COVID-19: Creating Safe Public Space](#).

Form a New Habit This Fall With Planners Connect



The fall season is traditionally the time of year where our collective focus changes and we put our energy towards starting new habits or getting back into a rhythm and ending the year strong. Research suggests it takes 21 days to form a new habit and the more members access Planners Connect the more it becomes a regular habit.

We completed our first full month in August on Planners Connect and OPPI would like to thank members who have taken the time to log on and contribute in numerous ways. Over 320 members logged on last month! We're building on our strong start at the end of July and OPPI hopes this number will grow in September. Thirty-three discussion posts have been published this month. Many of you are introducing yourselves to the wider community – keep it up!

As we now focus and begin new habits or get into a rhythm, keep logging in and exploring Planners Connect. Keep up the great work in the community. If you have any questions, please

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.

- [OPPI20 Conference \(September 23\)](#)
- [OPPI20 Conference \(September 30\)](#)
- [Eastern District Fall Social \(October 2\)](#)
- [OPPI20 Conference \(October 7\)](#)
- [Western Lake Ontario District Sam Lawrence Walking Tour \(October 8\)](#)
- [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:

- Senior Planner - Town of Erin (full time)
- Senior Planner - Development - Town of Newmarket (full time)
- Planner - Committee of Adjustment - Town of Newmarket (full time)
- Intermediate and Senior Planners - Malone Given Parsons Ltd. (full time)
- Manager of Planning - The Township of Muskoka Lakes (full time)
- Land Use Planner - Intermediate - Novatech Engineering Consultants Limited (full time)
- Land Use Planner - Graduate - Novatech Engineering Consultants Limited (full time)
- Planner - Batavia Developments Inc. (full time)
- Director of Development Services - Township of Malahide (full time)
- Planner - Woolwich Township (full time)
- Supervisor of Planning/Planner III - The Corporation of the Town of Lakeshore (full time)
- RFP - Zoning By-law Review - Township of Tiny (contract)
- Chief Planning Officer - Metrolinx (full time)
- ...and many more!

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