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Paul Stagl's Announcement at  
2015 OPPI Conference Regarding  
Professional Regulation  
Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup>

I am Paul Stagl, RPP, President of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI), and with me is MPP Peter Milczyn (Etobicoke-Lakeshore). I am pleased to announce that Mr. Milczyn will shortly be sponsoring and introducing at the legislature a private members bill to enhance the regulation of professional planners in Ontario to further the public interest and enhance the public's confidence in professional planners.

OPPI and its more than 4,000 members are currently governed by private legislation, which is 20 years old and inadequate to address Ontario's planning challenges. Professional regulation will ensure that the information and recommendations presented to decision-makers continues to meet a high standard of reliability, consistency and quality,

while ensuring that planning advice reflects best practice, educational certification, peer assessment and independent professional opinion. The legislation will further protect the “Registered Professional Planner” title and enhance the public’s awareness of the vital contributions of these professionals.

OPPI consulted with MPPs from all parties and was heartened by the support it received. We are thrilled to have Mr. Milczyn’s involvement and support – he trained and practiced as an architect, and then when he was a long-time City of Toronto councilor, he served on the Planning and Growth Committee and the Executive Committee, and advocated for housing, transit, and community interests. His sponsorship is an important milestone in the effort to update the regulation of the planning profession. Work remains to be done to fine-tune the wording of the bill as it moves through readings and the committee stage.

Again, I am so very pleased to make this announcement. Stay tuned for further updates your incoming President, Andrea Bourrie.