



## News Release

### OPPI Announces New President: Jason Ferrigan, RPP



October 4, 2017 – The Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) is pleased to announce its 2017-2019 President, Jason Ferrigan, RPP. Jason previously served on Council and as President Elect (2015-2017) and as a Director (2013-2015) and (2005-2007). He has also been an active volunteer of OPPI through his many contributions to the Journal, working groups and committees.

Jason is passionate about planning and the planning profession. As President, he will work with Council, professional planners and key stakeholders to advance INSPIRE OPPI – the Institute's Strategic Plan.

*"I look forward to advancing the planning profession in Ontario. My objective is to help build a strong and vibrant self-regulating profession, ensure that decision makers understand the value of our professional designation, promote positive change in the planning system and ensure that our members have access to the information and tools necessary to support their work."*

*Jason Ferrigan, RPP, OPPI President*

Jason Ferrigan is an award-winning planner with 19 years of progressive experience in the public, private, institutional and non-for-profit sectors. His work has taken him across Ontario and into Quebec, the United States and the Caribbean, where he successfully completed a wide range of challenging assignments. Jason's efforts have been recognized for excellence and innovation at the provincial and national levels.

Jason currently serves as the Director of Planning with the City of Greater Sudbury where he is responsible for leading a dynamic team of professionals who deliver a comprehensive range of planning services to the community. Prior to this, he served as Laurentian University's Director of Planning and Capital Projects, a Senior Planner with the City of Greater Sudbury, a Planner with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Northeast Municipal Service Office, and a Senior Planner and Associate with Urban Strategies Inc. Jason is actively involved in his community. He has been recognized as one of Sudbury's top 40 under Forty, was named Rotarian of the year and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for his service to his community.

*OPPI is the recognized voice of the Province's planning profession. Our almost 4,500 members work in government, private practice, universities, and non-profit agencies in the fields of urban and rural development, urban design, environmental planning, transportation, health, social services, heritage conservation, housing, and economic development. Our Members meet strict practice requirements and are accountable to OPPI and the public to practice ethically and to abide by a Professional Code of Practice. Only Full Members are authorized by the Ontario Professional Planners Institute Act, 1994, to use the title "Registered Professional Planner" (or "RPP"). [www.ontarioplanners.ca](http://www.ontarioplanners.ca)*

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