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Great Plans Need Great Planners

May 23, 2017, Toronto – On May 18th, 2017, the Province released updated land use plans to help grow the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH).

Following two years of extensive consultation, the Province released [four updated land use plans](#) - Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan to help manage growth in the GGH. These are the latest step in the government's reform of Ontario's land use planning system.

OPPI's Bill 122 - the [Registered Professional Planners Act, 2017](#) had Second Reading on May 11th by MPP Peter Milczyn. If passed, it will raise further awareness about the importance of planning and the role of the planning profession in creating and fostering healthy communities.

The timing of Bill 122 is particularly important given that OPPI members are instrumental in implementing the changes to Provincial planning legislation. OPPI will work with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to help facilitate these new reforms. Accredited professional planners are key to the successful navigation of this process and will ensure best outcomes for all Ontarians for many years to come.

“The timing of these key changes is critical for Registered Professional Planners as we move to modernize our Act. Implementation of these changes will depend on the independent professional advice of RPPs. We look forward to working with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and hope that Bill 122 is passed to better protect the public for generations to come. Great plans need great planners.”

Andrea Bourrie, RPP, OPPI President

About the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI)

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