



2016 OPPI Symposium
Hamilton, Ontario
October 5 & 6, 2016

Last call for **Early Bird!**
The [program](#) for the 2016 Symposium is available and it's turning heads. This year we have more than sixty sessions including keynote speakers, interactive training sessions, mobile workshops and much more, all designed to bring the best of the public realm in Ontario to you.

[Register](#) before **July 29th** to save \$75 off the cost of a regular, full admission to the Symposium.

In addition to saving money, early bird registrants may also decide to register for mobile workshops. Year after year, mobile workshops are one of the most popular features of the Symposium, and they sell out very quickly after general registration opens. The sooner you commit to #OPPI16, the sooner you can book your space on the mobile workshops of your choosing!



Inspire OPPI
Professional Planners in the
Public Interest
Strategic Plan 2020

OPPI Council is pleased to announce [Inspire OPPI Strategic Plan](#)

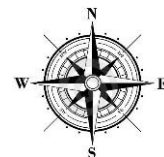
[2020](#). We had input from over 1700 people. The new plan sets out OPPI's vision, mission and strategic directions. Thanks to all of you who participated. We couldn't have done it without you!

Plan to join us at for the official kick-off of our new Strategic Plan at the 2016 Annual General Meeting in Hamilton on October 5, 2016. The launch is really just the start. Our goal is to keep you engaged every step of the way. Watch for opportunities to keep the Plan dynamic as we ask for your input, feedback and participation in achieving [Inspire OPPI](#).

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Professional Regulation

The legislature has risen now for the summer, but MPP Peter Milczyn has a "slot" early in the fall session to introduce his Private Members Bill for public regulation of the planning profession in Ontario. Meanwhile, in a [July 28 webinar](#), Ann Joyner, the Chair of OPPI's Professional Regulation Strategy Group, will update the membership and answer questions. Members unable to participate at that time can view the webinar later, posted on the OPPI website.



Contribute to OPPI Policy Submissions!

OPPI will be making submissions to the Province of Ontario on several key planning-related documents. We want to hear from you! Contribute to OPPI's public

We hope to see you in October.



Want to be a blogger?

We are currently accepting submissions for the Planning Exchange Blog and you are invited to participate! This is a great way to present ideas and to discuss relevant planning issues across Ontario.

Since its launch in 2015, it has increased significantly in popularity and is a great option for CPL! OPPI would like to thank its guest contributors so far for taking the time to create content for the blog.

Would you like to be a contributor? Head on over to the [Planning Exchange blog](#) to learn more!



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policy efforts. Your input is welcome and appreciated.

Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation: A Guidebook in support of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014 - DRAFT

The Proposed wildland fire assessment and mitigation standards: Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation: A Guidebook in support of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014 - DRAFT is posted on the [EBR](#). OPPI wants to hear from you. Please use the table posted on the [OPPI website](#) to submit your comments to the Institute for consideration for inclusion in OPPI's submission. Please note in the subject line of your email: Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation: Guidebook and send in your comments to submissions@ontarioplanners.ca by **Tuesday, July 12, 2016**.

Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016

The Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016, if passed, would make amendments to various Acts, including the Planning Act, as part of the government's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update. The bulk of the proposed amendments relate to inclusionary zoning. Further information can be found on the [EBR Posting](#). Please use the tables posted on the [OPPI website](#) to submit your comments to the Institute for consideration for inclusion in OPPI's submissions. Please send in your comments to: submissions@ontarioplanners.ca by **Tuesday, July 12, 2016**.

Province Launches Review of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB)

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Ministry of the Attorney General are working to develop proposed recommendations to improve how the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) works within the broader system of land use planning. A consultation paper will be released in the fall 2016 for further comment. In the meantime, the province is seeking input on the following topics:

- Meaningful citizen participation and local perspective
- Clear/predictable decision making
- Hearing procedures and practices
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Timely processes and decision making

Further information can be found [here](#). We want to hear from you. Please use the table posted on the [OPPI website](#) to submit your comments to the Institute for consideration for inclusion in OPPI's submissions. Please send to: submissions@ontarioplanners.ca and note OMB in the subject line by **Friday, July 15, 2016**.

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Contact the [OPPI office](#) for complete instructions. If this is not possible, please log in to your [Member Profile](#) and change your work email to your home email address.



Your OPPI Profile

OPPI wants you to keep your [Member Profile](#) up to date. Your email address is the most important as that is our main avenue for reminding you of your membership status, renewal details, CPL updates, events and more!

If you have a work email on file with OPPI, please remember to change it if you leave that workplace, or go on parental leave, etc. Otherwise, you may miss important information. Log in to your [Member Profile](#) to update your email on file or contact the [OPPI office](#).

Thank You!

Thank you for Contributing to OPPI Policy Submissions!

Thank you to the members who sent in comments on the submissions that OPPI will be making to the Province of Ontario on several key planning-related documents. Your input was appreciated. Copies of the submissions will be posted on the [OPPI website](#).



Six-Story Wood Frames in Ontario

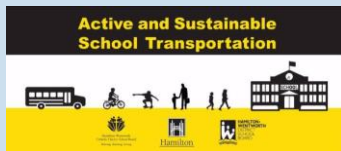
New Ontario Building Code amendments to permit six-story wood-frame construction were enacted in early 2015, creating buzz amongst developers trying to gain competitive advantage, as well as planners looking to introduce a mid-rise and mixed-use development format into challenged urban environments. The amendments increase the permitted height for multi-residential, commercial office and other mixed-use format developments from the previous four-story cap.

Learn more about this recent change in this month's [Planning Exchange!](#)

Welcome OPPI's New Student Delegate!

[Scott Plante](#) is enrolled in Ryerson University's Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning program. After two years of experience on OPPI's [Student Liaison Committee](#) (2014-2016), Scott is motivated to serve as OPPI's 2016-2017 Student Delegate. Scott looks forward to representing the OPPI student body and continuing to bring networking and student-targeted events to the planning schools. Building destinations and sustainable environments through site planning and development proposals in the real estate development side of the field is the direction that interests Scott the most. Over his third year at Ryerson, Scott and his studio team completed a development proposal project on a site in downtown Toronto for their client, Madison Group. Scott also won Real Estate Ryerson's annual Case Competition through his work on a development proposal project for Dream Unlimited. Scott's favourite courses he has taken at Ryerson are site planning, feasibility analysis of development, and planning law.





Opportunity for Consulting Firms!

Consulting firms, inquire about an exciting opportunity! Partner with the GTHA Active & Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) Regional Hub to develop ASST friendly guidelines for school site and adjacent neighbourhoods. Contact Kelly Scott for more information: kelly.scott@hamilton.ca. Please respond by July 18, 2016.

Searching for a Job?



Targeted to planners, search the [OPPI Job Ads](#) to save you time and effort when looking for a new position.

Are you an Employer?

Advertise your available planning positions with OPPI's Job Postings. There is no better way to reach qualified planning professionals from across the province. Your advertisement will

Heading into the 2016-2017 school year, Scott looks forward to chairing and working with the Student Liaison Committee and meeting other planning students at OPPI events.

OPPI would like to thank our previous Student Delegate, Kelly Graham, for her great leadership and hard work over the past year!



Advance Notice of a Motion for the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Come and join your fellow planners at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is your opportunity to find out about *Inspire OPPI* and the Institute's new Strategic Plan. Come and learn about how OPPI is supporting and promoting planners and planning in Ontario. These are exciting times for the profession. Make plans to attend!

The AGM is on Wednesday, October 5th from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm at the Convention Centre in Hamilton. This is taking place during the first day of the 2016 Symposium: *Healthy Communities & Planning for the Public Realm*. You do not need to register for the Symposium to attend the AGM.

We are currently in the process of drafting the agenda for the AGM. OPPI supports a fair process whereby members are given advance notice of proposed motions to be made by members attending the AGM. In this way as many members as possible have the opportunity to consider motions, decide whether to attend the AGM in person or to complete a form of proxy so their vote can be counted. To ensure adequate notice, any motion to be made at the AGM must be provided in writing and signed by three (3) members of OPPI eligible to vote on or before 5:00 pm on July 15th. Motions must be of a substantive matter and can be submitted by completing this [on-line form](#). Questions regarding the process or nature of motions can be directed to registrar@ontarioplanners.ca

Thank you!

On behalf of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute's Council, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to those who served on the 2016 Jury for the [Excellence in Planning Awards](#).



We sincerely appreciate the work you have undertaken to provide OPPI with this year's winners. [Learn more about this year's judges](#) as we recognize them for their assistance with this important OPPI program.

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On the go? Access our [mobile site](#).

Catch some of our videos on [OPPI's YouTube page](#).



Attend Events Across the Province

Use OPPI's [Events Calendar](#) to search and find planning related events across Ontario. Take some time to expand skills, learn more about the planning profession, gain [Continuous Professional Learning \(CPL\)](#) units, all while networking with colleagues. Attending events can assist you in discovering industry specific knowledge and achieve your CPL goals that help you grow personally and professionally.

Questions about CPL? Have a look through OPPI's [CPL Program Guide](#) and log your [CPL Units](#) now!

Events

- [Public Health and Planning 101: An Online Course for Public Health and Planning Professionals to Create Healthier Built Environment](#)
- [Lakeland District: LEGO® Community Planning in Meaford](#)- July 26
- [OPPI Professional Regulation Webinar](#) - July 28
- [Lakeland District Condominium 101](#) - September 8
- [SBE16 Toronto: Sustainable Built Environment Conference of the Americas](#) -September 19 & 20
- [Next-Generation Cities & Transportation \(online course\)](#)- September 26- December 12
- **2016 OPPI Symposium will be held October 5 & 6, 2016 in Hamilton, ON - Early Bird Deadline July 29th**
- [Building Vibrant Rural Futures: Mobilizing Knowledge & Informing Policy](#)- October 12-15

Courses

- [Managing Skills for Professional Planners](#)- September 26 & 27- **SOLD OUT**
- [Project Management for Planners](#)- October 17 & 18
- [Project Management for Planners](#)- October 24 & 25
- [Applied Project Management](#)- October 31 & November 1

