



OLIVIA CHOW
MAYOR

Proclamation

World Town Planning Day

November 8, 2024

WHEREAS today on the 75th anniversary of World Town Planning Day, we celebrate planners' accomplishments in helping shape resilient, inclusive, and sustainable communities. The theme for this year's World Town Planning Day, "Homes Start with Planning," acknowledges the evolving nature of the housing crisis and planning professionals' ability to adapt and respond with equitable and innovative solutions.

Registered Professional Planners are experts who inform and ethically guide the decisions of elected officials in building sustainable communities across Toronto. Their expertise is necessary in ensuring the present and future well-being of our neighbourhoods. They do so by addressing issues such as the use of land and resources, development of facilities, and modernization of services.

Professional planners have been involved in many projects across Toronto including: the redevelopment of public spaces on our city's waterfront, the creation of neighbourhoods, including the Distillery District, and the expansion of our transit system. Planners help to protect our environment, promote health and well-being, preserve cultural heritage, and deliver community features that contribute to better outcomes for all. As a result of their contributions, Toronto is able to enjoy its status as a world-class city and an economic hub.

The City of Toronto acknowledges with gratitude the important role that planners play in helping make a positive difference that is driven by the values of equity, inclusivity and sustainability while designing spaces for communities to live, work and play in Toronto.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Olivia Chow, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **November 8, 2024** as "**World Town Planning Day**" in the City of Toronto.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Olivia Chow".

Olivia Chow
Mayor of Toronto

