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KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SAVE ON #OPPI17!

It's not too late to save on #OPPI17! **Early-bird rates end on Friday, August 4th.**

The [Conference](#) is OPPI's largest annual event taking place this year from October 3-5 at Blue Mountain Resort. This idyllic, internationally recognized location

serves as a perfect backdrop for the biggest planning event of the year.

Looking for a lively discussion with colleagues?

Attend a "[bear pit](#)" [accountability session](#) on October 5th in which the Associate Chair of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and the Executive Chair of the Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario (ELTO) will answer questions from the audience about anything to do with the OMB and proposed reforms.

Have a look at the [program](#) to check out our more than 80 interactive sessions and mobile workshops along with a design charrette that span across four major topic areas: management and leadership; infrastructure resiliency, ethics and professionalism, and conflict resolution. Additionally, our mobile workshops offer participants the opportunity to see some of the best in planning.

Don't delay - this is your **LAST CHANCE** to save before Friday, August 4th! [REGISTER TODAY!](#)



CHANGES TO THE PLANNING ACT - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



On July 1st, the biggest change to planning legislation in a generation took effect in order to help respond to the rapid growth taking place in various Ontario communities.

[This month in the Planning Exchange blog](#), author and OPPI member Monika Rau takes a look at some of the most important details that impact you, and the work you do as a professional planner.

OPPI POLICY SUBMISSIONS - BILL 139

The Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) would like to thank all of the members who contributed

to Bill 139, *Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act*, 2017 (OMB Reform). Your input was welcomed and appreciated. A copy of the submission will be posted on the [OPPI website](#) in mid-August.

Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds



Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

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YOUR PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY

BILL 122 - GET INVOLVED THIS SUMMER!



Last spring, OPPI members presented a united front by contacting more than 200 MPPs and, as a result of this action, Bill 122 received all party support in the legislature during Second Reading on May 11th.

Since then, the Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills, which was to be reported back to the House for Third Reading and passage remains on the order paper over the summer.

We expect that it can still be passed quickly once the House resumes on September 11th. There is, however, a provincial election scheduled for June 2018, and if the Bill is not passed early in the fall it will become increasingly difficult to pass it. If it does not pass, it is not clear whether it could be brought forward again after the election, or any time thereafter.

MPPs are now back home for the summer, with more time to spend on their constituents. If you previously sent an email, made a call or attended an in-person meeting, thank you. If you have not yet contacted your MPP, [please do so now](#). Follow up now with another email message, call or in-person meeting. Thank you for all your past support and interest, let's keep the momentum going!

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BUILDING RPP

USING RPP IN YOUR BRANDING

As we work to elevate RPP as the recognized brand to planners, decision makers and key stakeholders, it's important to remember there are many ways to use RPP in your brand collateral.

Use your RPP seal whenever appropriate on your website, social media profile, brochures, white papers, signature blocks, business cards, official documents, etc. The distinctive mark of a Registered Professional Planner, most style guides suggest that as a certification, **the seal belongs after your name, your academic degrees, and before other memberships.**



There is no official designation associated with being a Candidate Member of OPPI. If you are a Candidate, you are of course entitled to claim this status on your resume or curriculum vitae, or in a letter or conversation, where you can explain it clearly. Claiming a non-existent designation such as "RPP (Candidate)" on a business card etc., however, could potentially confuse other people. In a worst case scenario, it could lead to a complaint to OPPI's Discipline Committee.

Don't have an RPP seal? [Order yours today](#) !

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Save the Date: Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Join your OPPI colleagues for the [AGM on Wednesday, October 4](#) from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blue Mountain Resort in the Town of the Blue Mountains, Ontario.

Your Member Profile

Summer is a perfect time to update your member profile to ensure OPPI continues to connect you to the many programs and services that support you along your professional journey. [Update your member profile today!](#)

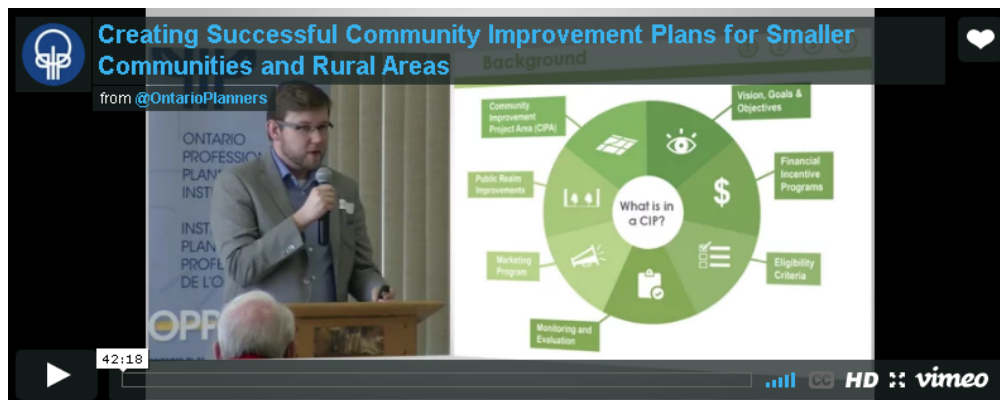
Planning Exchange blog - Your Community Tool!

The Planning Exchange blog is member-sourced, meaning it runs on *your* contributions. Do you have a planning issue you would like to share with your peers across Ontario? [Submit your post today!](#)

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FEATURED VIDEO

Creating Successful Community Improvement Plans for Rural Areas



This session discusses the potential for community improvement plans (CIPs) to be used as more comprehensive revitalization strategies, particularly within the context of a village, town or rural area.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



Searching for a Job?

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

[SEARCH NOW](#)

Are you an Employer?

Advertise your available planning positions with OPPI's Job Postings. There is no better way to reach qualified planning professionals.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Toronto District Book Club - Summer 2017 Edition - July 1- August 31](#)
- [Downtown Public Realm Walking Tour - August 10 - SOLD OUT](#)
- [Call for Entries - Ottawa Urban Design Awards - Deadline August 10th](#)
- [Oak Ridges District Meadowvale Village Walking Tour - Ontario's 1st Heritage Conservation District - August 24](#)
- [Lakeland District Summer Social at Collingwood Brewery - August 24](#)
- [The City of Toronto celebrates the 2017 Toronto Urban Design Award winners - September 13](#)
- [Toronto District Winter Social at CN Tower - Save the Date \(November 23\)](#)

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