

-
-
-
-



THE PLANNER

IN THIS ISSUE

DEC

- We are OPPI
- Knowledge Exchange
- Building RPP
- Your Professional Journey

- What You Need To Know
- Featured Video
- Career Opportunities
- Upcoming Events and Courses



WE ARE OPPI

2017: A YEAR IN REVIEW

The holidays are a time of reflection, a time to look back on the many accomplishments and meaningful interactions with members throughout the year. In early 2017, we were excited to deliver more value to our members through [INSPIRE OPPI in Action](#). It has been a busy year! Here are just some of the actions we've delivered on this year:

Promote Professionalism

- Moving forward on Bill 122 through [First and Second Reading](#)

Build the RPP Brand

- Worked towards further building RPP through the development of a [communications strategy](#)
- [Provided input to government](#) on regulations to planning systems

Knowledge Exchange

- [Promoted the Call to Action](#) on the Public Realm to stakeholders
- Delivered [webinars](#) to align with strategic priorities

Empower Member Ownership

- Launched OPPI's [Volunteer Onboarding](#) learning module

As we continue our work on [INSPIRE OPPI](#) , we look forward to providing valuable programs and services that support you in your professional journey. Happy holidays from everyone at OPPI!



RENEW YOUR 2018 MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Registered Professional Planners inform choices and inspire communities. We look forward to providing you with valuable programs and services that support you in your professional journey. We also look forward to your ongoing support, feedback and contribution.

Renew your OPPI 2018 membership prior to January 2, 2018. Go to the OPPI website at ontarioplanners.ca and log into your Member Profile to renew, update your profile and record your 2017 CPL activities (for Full and Candidate Members). For further information, contact renewal@ontarioplanners.ca .

APPLY FOR AN OPPI SCHOLARSHIP!

In 2018, OPPI will be offering the Ronald M. Keeble Undergraduate Scholarship, the Gerald Carrothers Graduate Scholarship and the Andrea Bourrie 2018 Scholarship. [Learn more](#) !

The winners receive cash prizes (Undergraduate Scholarship, \$2000; Graduate Scholarship, \$2500; President's Scholarship, \$3000), are profiled in the [Ontario Planning Journal](#) and on [OPPI's website](#) . The winners also receive a complimentary registration for the 2018 OPPI Symposium being held in Sudbury, Ontario, October 11-12, 2018, and are recognized at an awards event. [Apply online now](#) !



VOLUNTEER IN YOUR DISTRICT!



OPPI's Districts Leadership Teams (DLTs) - led by your peers - facilitate exchange of knowledge and expertise for the betterment of planning in Ontario and connect members and volunteers locally. Be sure to thank your [DLT volunteers](#) at your next District event!

Are you currently volunteering with your DLT or interested to volunteer at your District? The [volunteer onboarding tool](#) will help you understand the roles and responsibilities within DLT, and the resources available to help fulfil the roles. You can also log into your member profile and sign up to [volunteer in your District](#) .

[Back To Top](#) ▲

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

IS YOUR COMMUNITY READY? TELL YOUR STORY

Ontario's communities are facing imminent and future challenges related to climate change, economic uncertainty, and more. It has never been more important for planners to gather together and share their knowledge on how we can support the sustainability of our built, social and natural environments.

This is your *last call* to submit a proposal to speak at OPPI's 2018 Symposium! We are accepting proposals on topics related to **Community Readiness** in a variety of session formats until December 11th and we want to hear from you. For more information, click [here](#).



PLAN AHEAD TO GET AHEAD - USE OPPI'S LEARNING PATH!



No matter how your professional journey progresses, you will be required to learn new skills and competencies along the way. Use OPPI's [Learning Path](#) to plan ahead and help you identify what you can do in the coming year to address your professional learning needs.

The Learning Path is free to use; try it today!

REALIZING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The planning profession's growing interest in Indigenous communities parallels the slow awakening in Canada generally of the history of colonization and its aftermath. This is a sobering reality - the 'truth' part of Truth and Reconciliation.

In [this month's Planning Exchange](#), Calvin Brook, RPP, shares some sobering statistics about Canada's Indigenous population, and how professional planners have an obligation to do their part to help realize Reconciliation.



BUILDING RPP

BIG QUESTIONS. INSPIRING IDEAS.



Earlier this year at the 2017 Conference, the Stakeholder Engagement Task Force launched an initiative called "Big Questions. Inspiring Ideas" to continue the great dialogue that led to our new Strategic Plan, [INSPIRE OPPI](#). We received more than two hundred in-person and online responses. Here are some of the responses we received from you:

I am an RPP (or an aspiring RPP) because...

"It represents a knowledge and skillset and an ethical practice that serves the public interest and adds value to community building and environmental conservation."

What do you do in your community to increase awareness of the RPP brand?

"I get involved with planning issues in my community and tell them I am an RPP."

What could you do in your community to increase awareness of the RPP brand?

"Make a presentation to Council to raise awareness of RPPs across the organization, to be done in concert with World Town Planning Day."

Join the conversation! Post your ideas to OPPI's new [Members' Forum](#). Just [login to your Member Profile](#) and click on Members' Forum under the Access OPPI's section of your dashboard. Together, we can be what we aspire to be, informing choices and inspiring communities.

THE FUTURE OF RPP

For those members who could not make the Conference, we launched our new Communications Strategy for OPPI's Strategic Plan - INSPIRE OPPI. [Watch the video launching OPPI's new communications strategy: Informing Choices. Inspiring Communities.](#)

In the coming months, OPPI staff will work with Tenzing to build out a content strategy and an externally-focused, responsive website that allows for visual storytelling of the cause and to convey the very positive effect of hiring an RPP. These tools will provide the foundation for delivering meaningful, relevant context of an RPP's value for all community stakeholders. Stay tuned!



[Back To Top ▲](#)

YOUR PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY

BILL 122 - A PATH FORWARD



As we reported in the [November issue of *The Planner*](#), sponsorship of [Bill 122](#) was transferred to MPP Ted McMeekin with the unanimous consent of the legislature.

In late November, OPPI staff met with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to discuss details of Bill 122 in anticipation of Third Reading. OPPI will continue to work with MPP McMeekin in the coming weeks to move forward Bill 122.

We look forward to providing you with more updates in December!

[Back To Top ▲](#)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

How are You Connected to Water? Share Your Insights and Contribute to Research

Resilience and Community Health are key themes for professionals and communities across Ontario right now and water is central to this. You are invited to participate in research exploring how Ontarians characterize their connectedness to water and how storytelling can affect this connectedness (if at all). To take the survey, visit:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/WaterConnectedness

Take the Dalhousie Survey on Secondary Home Ownership and Community Planning

Resear chers at Dalhousie University want to hear from you, Ontario's RPPs, on the planning challenges surrounding second home ownership. Take this [online survey](#) today and contribute to vital research on this issue.

Record Your 2017 CPL!

RPPs are the professionals specifically educated, ethically committed and trained to guide decision makers, the public and people in all sectors along the better-informed path to inspired communities in the public interest. Questions about CPL? Have a look through OPPI's [CPL Program Guide](#) and log your [CPL Units](#) now!

Your Member Profile

Keeping your profile updated helps us to continue to engage you in the many programs and services we provide that support you along your professional journey. [Update your member profile today!](#)

[Back To Top](#) ▲

FEATURED VIDEO

This month's [featured video](#) from happiness expert Jennifer Moss was originally presented at the 2017 OPPI Conference. Ensuring ongoing happiness at the workplace is an important consideration for effective managers and leaders, and also for your own health and professional growth! Check out this video, and many more, on [OPPI Digital Learning](#) !



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.

[LEARN MORE](#)



[Back To Top ▲](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Western Lake Ontario District Annual Film Night and Holiday Social - Dec. 4](#)
- [Eastern District - Livestream: A Primer on Bill 139 - Dec. 5](#)
- [Eastern District Ottawa Winter Social - Dec. 5](#)
- [7th Annual Summit on Public Consultation & Engagement - Dec. 6-7](#)

[Back To Top ▲](#)

Ontario Professional Planners Institute

234 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 201
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1K5

Contact

Telephone: 416-483-1873 or 1-800-668-1448
Fax: 416-483-7830
E-mail: info@ontarioplanners.ca



Ontario
Professional
Planners
Institute

Institut des
planificateurs
professionnels
de l'Ontario

Confirm that you like this.

Click the "Like" button.