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The Planner is your one-stop for everything about the planning profession in Ontario. We have reformatted our monthly updates to make them mobile friendly as well as to highlight the Institute's key strategic areas. [Let us know](#) what you think!

BUILDING RPP

EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING - THANK YOU TO OUR JUDGES!

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 2017 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.](#)



CELEBRATING ONTARIO'S RPPs!



On Ontario's
150th Anniversary
we thank Ontario's RPPs who create
healthy places for Ontarians to live,
work and play.

This month and all year long, we celebrate the role of Registered Professional Planners (RPPs) as integrator and visionary in the space between government planning policies, the public, and other regulated professionals.

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WE ARE OPPI

WELCOMING OPPI'S 2017-18 STUDENT DELEGATE!

Congratulations to [Alex Gaio](#), your OPPI Student Delegate for 2017-2018. Alex began his term in June succeeding Scott Plante.

As the Student Delegate, Alex will chair the 16-member [Student Liaison Committee](#) representing the [six accredited planning universities](#) in Ontario.



Many thanks to Scott Plante for his leadership and accomplishments as the Student Delegate for the 2016-2017 term!

JUNE UPDATE FROM OPPI COUNCIL



On June 23rd, [OPPI Council](#) met with the Planning Program Directors in Toronto to discuss the following items:

- The value of professional planning and the role of planning programs and OPPI
- Shaping planning conversations both academically and professionally
- Providing a range of learning opportunities; how to improve collaboration
- Leveraging relationships to share knowledge
- Generating ideas to collaborate on key trends for the future of planning
- Supporting planners along their professional journey

In addition to meeting with Planning Program Directors, here are some of the topics listed under [INSPIRE OPPI](#) headings that were discussed to help inform our strategic directions:

Promote and Safeguard Professionalism

- Professional Regulation - [Bill 122 Registered Professional Planners Act 2017](#)- preparing for Committee Hearings and Third Reading

Building the RPP Brand

- Overview of OPPI's new Communications Strategy provided by Tenzing Communications

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- 2017 Nominations Report

- Professional Standards Committee 2018 Work Plan and Budget

Our goal is to engage you in shaping our direction and initiatives; putting [INSPIRE OPPI into action](#). Council approved agendas and minutes are available, upon request to the [OPPI office](#).

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KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

OPPI WANTS YOUR INPUT!

Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017

The *Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act* would, if passed, make changes to the Planning Act with the intention of giving communities a stronger voice in land use planning. The new Act would create the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal to replace the Ontario Municipal Board. The proposed changes would also create the Local Planning Appeal Support Centre.

Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds



Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

The proposed legislation would also modernize the *Conservation Authorities Act* to guide the conservation of Ontario's watersheds. The legislation is intended to strengthen oversight and accountability, provide clarity for conservation authority roles and responsibilities, encourage public engagement and modernize funding mechanisms. These proposed changes are meant to enable conservation authorities to support future provincial priorities and give them the flexibility to address growing environmental pressures.

OPPI will be making a submission to the Province and welcomes and encourages your input by **Friday, July 7th**. Please send your comments to: submissions@ontarioplanners.ca

[EBR Posting Number: 013-0590](#)

Bill can be found [here](#) .

Further information and background can be found [here](#) .

RPPs IN ACTION!



OPPI has provided comments on the [Farms Forever Discussion Paper](#) recently released by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Special thanks to the members of the Planning Issues Strategy Group and its Agriculture and Rural Affairs Working Group and the Health and Planning Working Group. RPPs in action!

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YOUR PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY

MOVING BILL 122 FORWARD

Bill 122, the *Registered Professional Planners Act*, 2017, received enthusiastic all-party support at its Second Reading on May 11th. The Bill was referred to the [Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills](#) for detailed consideration, which was to be reported back to the House for Third Reading and passage. Unfortunately the legislative agenda became occupied with other matters (including planning legislation amendments) and then the House recessed on June 1st.



The Bill remains on the order paper over the summer, and we hope and expect that it can still be passed quickly once the House resumes on September 11th. However, there is a provincial election scheduled for June 2018, and the political reality is that if the Bill is not passed early in the fall, it will become increasingly difficult to pass it. If it does indeed 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, with more time to spend on their constituents. **If you did not [contact your MPP when we asked you to earlier](#), please do so now.** If you previously sent an email, made a call or attended an in-person meeting, thank you. Please follow up now with another email message, call or in-person meeting. Thank you for all your past support and interest - let's get this done!

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Spotlight on Planning

[Spotlight on Planning](#) highlights the integral role of planning as part of a special project, program or initiative. [Submit a nomination today!](#)

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

Join your OPPI colleagues for the AGM on Wednesday, October 4 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Blue Mountain Resort! Motions may be submitted by completing this [online form](#).

Not receiving OPPI emails?

OPPI uses an email service called Constant Contact that has strict anti-spam policies, however, some workplace servers block emails from Constant Contact blocking communications from OPPI. Please contact the OPPI office at info@ontarioplanners.ca to receive instructions to send to your IT department on how to fix this or you can log in to your Member Profile at ontarioplanners.ca and update your work email address to your home email address.

Your Member Profile

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

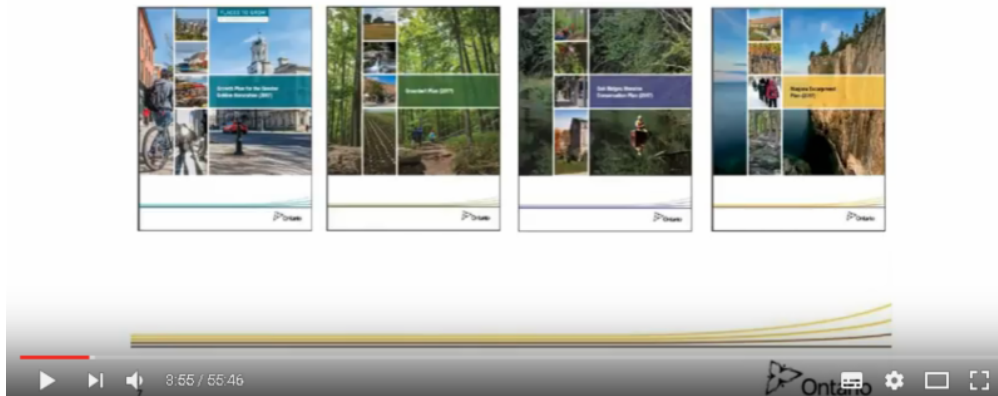
Planning Exchange blog - Your Community Tool!

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

The Revised Plans



On June 13th, OPPI hosted a webinar for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on the **Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review Technical Briefing**. A video recording of the webinar is now available on OPPI's [YouTube channel](#) and [Digital Learning](#) that you can conveniently access anytime, anywhere!

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](#)
- [Ljubljana - Making Space and Movement about People and Public Life - July 6](#)
- [Toronto District Evolution of Yorkville: A Walking Tour - July 6](#)
- [Next-Generation Transportation Certificate Info Session \(online\) - July 7](#)
- [The Institute for New Suburbanism Presents: Wendell Cox - July 12](#)
- [Women and Gender in \(Public\) Transportation Organizer Profile - July 27](#)
- [Call for Entries - Ottawa Urban Design Awards - Deadline August 10th](#)
- [Toronto District Winter Social at CN Tower - Save the Date \(November 23\)](#)

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