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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!

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

CO-ORDINATED LAND USE PLANNING REVIEW

TECHNICAL BRIEFING WEBINAR

OPPI is holding a webinar with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on June 13th to provide a technical briefing on the [Province's updated Growth Plan](#) for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and the Niagara Escarpment Plan. This briefing will include a presentation, led by Provincial staff who worked on the updated plans, that will walk you through the major changes, followed by a chance to ask questions. This session is specifically designed for key stakeholder organizations that have a direct interest these policies. **This webinar is sold out** - it is not intended for municipal planners attending one of the in-person ministry training sessions. The Institute is working on a second webinar for the same day; details to follow soon.



Can't attend the webinar or didn't get a spot? No problem, a recording will be available on [OPPI's YouTube](#) channel and [Digital Learning](#) three business days after the event. Questions about the Act? Please contact the [Ministry of Municipal Affairs](#).

CCO OF PLASTICITY LABS TO GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT #OPPI17



OPPI is pleased to announce that [Jennifer Moss](#), Cofounder and Chief Communications Officer of Plasticity Labs, will give a 2017 OPPI Conference keynote address.

Jennifer is the Cofounder and Chief Communications Officer of Plasticity Labs, a research and technology company that is on a mission to give one billion people the tools to live a happier, higher-performing life. She is an expert on the data-driven science happiness and emotional intelligence in the workplace. Jennifer teaches leadership teams how to measure their happiness initiatives as a means to define and defend a rational for more emotionally intelligent organizations. She has 20 years of professional experience, with close to a decade spent in Silicon Valley.

Her morning keynote, Boosting Workplace Happiness and Productivity, will explore the direct correlation between a healthy, productive workplace culture and attainment of a company's goals. She will share case studies of knowledge-based company leaders who focused on providing their staff with the tools to live happier, higher-performing lives.

For more details, please click [here](#). To register now and save, click [here](#).

EXPLORE BLUE MOUNTAIN AT #OPPI17

Attending the 2017 [OPPI Conference](#)? Plan to make a weekend out of it? If you're attending, why not stay a little longer. The Nottawasaga Bay area is well known across Ontario, as well as Canada as a premier destination to experience the natural beauty of the Great Lakes. Blue Mountain is itself an internationally recognized, four-season resort!



Early-bird rates are available until August 4th so [register today and save!](#) Additionally, exclusive discounts are available for registrants of the Conference to extend their stay before or after the Conference. For more information on this opportunity, contact OPPI@absolutevents.com !

OPPI WANTS YOUR INPUT!

Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds



Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

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.

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

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Bill can be found [here](#) .

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

HAS THE PUBLIC REALM GONE TO THE DOGS?

The challenges of incorporating dog ownership into planning

As Toronto's core continues to grow vertically, parks are taking on new roles in the City's landscape. Downtown parks are being reinvented as backyards, front porches and even as public living rooms for new populations in the downtown core. In particular, growing numbers of seniors and families with young children rely on public parks for a good quality of life. But these same parks are also having to address another energetic, rapidly growing and noisy population: dogs.



This month in the [Planning Exchange blog](#), Barbara Carou, RPP, and Bria Aird, OPPI Student Member, explore how we can redesign our public spaces to accommodate our four-legged friends without losing sight of equitable access to parks for all residents.

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BUILDING RPP

BILL 122 RECEIVES SECOND READING



Bill 122 - the [Registered Professional Planners Act](#) , 2017, received Second Reading on May 11th and was passed unanimously. It has since been referred to the [Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills](#) . The Institute looks forward to the Bill being passed this summer or in the fall.

This legislation, if passed, will raise further awareness about the importance of planning and the role of the planning profession in creating and fostering healthy communities - putting the public

interest first.

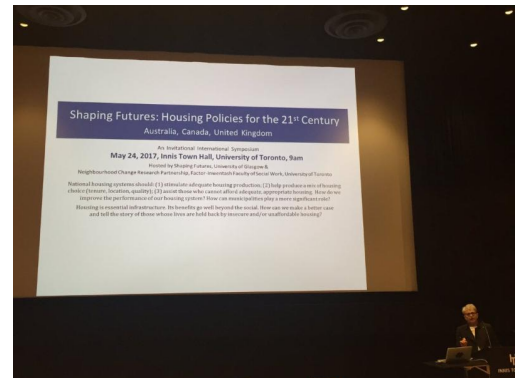
As a Registered Professional Planner, it is important that we continue to make our voices heard on the importance of this Bill being passed. By continuing to contact your MPP by phone or email, you

can make a difference for professional planners across Ontario and the communities we serve.
[Find out how to contact your MPP.](#) **We are OPPI. Be involved.**

OPPI MEETS WITH STAKEHOLDERS & ATTENDS KEY EVENTS ACROSS ONTARIO

This May, OPPI staff attended several events to engage with key stakeholders across Ontario to help bring awareness to the RPP brand, including:

- Roundtable on the Future of an Aging Population - Ontario Universities
- Grey to Green: Quantifying Green Infrastructure Performance
- Futures: Housing Policies for 21st Century - International Symposium at University of Toronto
- Understanding the Forces Driving the Shelter Affordability Issue - Centre for Urban Research and Land Development
- Ryerson Planning Alumni Association - 19th Annual Spring Reception
- Press Conference for the Release of the Co-ordinated Review - Ministry of Municipal Affairs



Read the Stakeholder Engagement Task Force's [INSPIRE OPPI Stakeholder Engagement Framework](#) for more information on OPPI's ongoing stakeholder engagement.

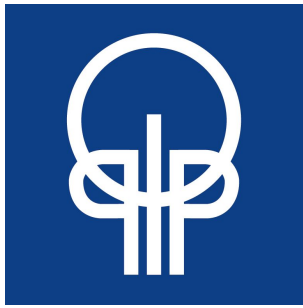
Also, [Follow us on Twitter](#) for updates on ongoing stakeholder relations to build the RPP brand!

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WE ARE OPPI

SAVE THE DATE: NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Join your OPPI colleagues at this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM). Learn about [what's new with INSPIRE OPPI](#) and the many ways OPPI is working to support professional planners along their professional journey.



The AGM is on Wednesday, October 4 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Blue Mountain Resort in the Town of the Blue Mountains. You do not need to register for the [Conference](#) to attend the AGM. Plan to attend!

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 p.m. on July 13th. Motions must be of a substantive matter and can be submitted by completing this [online form](#). Questions regarding this process can be directed to registrar@ontarioplanners.ca.

MESSAGE FROM OPPI COUNCIL

On June 24th, [OPPI Council](#) will engage in a regularly scheduled meeting to guide OPPI through policy decisions and strategic directions. We have invited the Planning Program Directors to join us to discuss the following matters:



- The value of professional planning and the role of planning programs and OPPI
- Shaping planning conversations both academically and professionally
- Provide a range of learning opportunities; how to collaborate
- Leveraging relationships to share knowledge
- 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 we will be discussing at our upcoming meeting.

Promote and Safeguard Professionalism

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

Building the RPP Brand

- Unveiling of OPPI's Communication Strategy provided by Tenzing Communications

We are OPPI

- 2017 Nominations Report
- 2020 OPPI Finance Strategy
- 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](#). We encourage you to be involved and to stay informed through OPPI's many communication channels. Council approved agendas and minutes are available, upon request to the [OPPI office](#).

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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!](#)

OPPI Consultants Directory

Looking for a Registered Professional Planner (RPP) for your work project? OPPI's [Planning Consultant Directory helps you](#) find consulting RPP's that match your particular needs!

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'd like to share with your peers across Ontario? [Submit your post today!](#)

Communication Skills for Planners

OPPI would like to thank the volunteers who recently participated in the Communications Skills for Planners focus group; their contributions were instrumental. We look forward to sharing more news with further details, including launch date, later this year.

Connect with Like-Minded Planners!

Are you looking for a Heritage Planner? How about a Transportation Planner? Find other planners in your field on the OPPI website using the [Member Directory](#).

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FEATURED VIDEO



Watch the video of Second Reading of Bill 122
on OPPI's YouTube channel! *Click on the image above to watch.*

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

- [Planning Institute of BC 2017 Annual Conference - Equilibrium! - May 30-June 2](#)
- [2017 Toronto New Urbanism Film Festival - June 1st & 7th](#)
- [Lakeland District Duty to Consult & Planning Workshop - June 2](#)
- [Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review Technical Briefing - June 13 - SOLD OUT](#)
- [Pedestrian Safety & Risk Management Workshop - June 15](#)
- [Lakeland District Planners Hike & Social Event - June 15](#)
- [Lakeland District Jane's Walks and Planners Movie Day - June 17](#)
- [Lakeland District Jane's Walk Peterborough - June 17](#)
- [Oak Ridges District 7th Annual Summer Solstice: Highway Infrastructure & City Building - June 22](#)
- [Toronto District Winter Social at CN Tower - Save the Date \(November 23\)](#)

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UPCOMING COURSES

- [Planner at the Ontario Municipal Board Course - June 2- SOLD OUT](#)
- [Planner as a Facilitator Course - June 26-27](#)

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