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## WE ARE OPPI

## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT - A SIGNIFICANT YEAR

**Excerpt of Message from OPPI President,  
Andrea Bourrie, RPP:**

*"Significant. That's the word I have chosen to  
describe my second year as OPPI President.*

Together, we've dealt with:

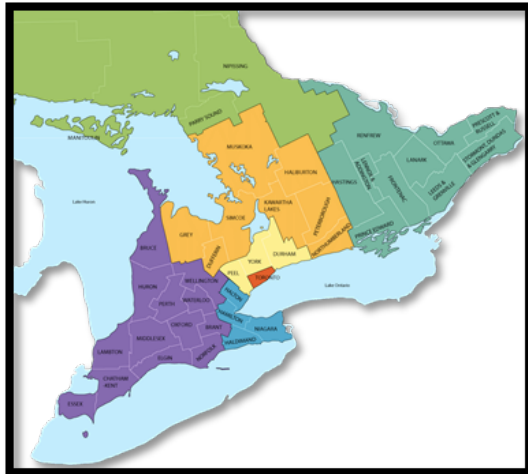
- Updates to planning legislation
- Inspiration through the execution of our new strategic plan, *INSPIRE OPPI*
- Anticipation of new professional regulation

*Significant effort has gone into everything we've touched. Hundreds of volunteer and staff hours turn ordinary tasks into extraordinary achievements and make OPPI the envy of associations across the country."*



Read the full 2017 Annual Report, including Financial Summary, Notice of Meeting, AGM Agenda, Recognition, and more [here](#).

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!



Our [seven Districts](#) engage, connect and recognize members and volunteers locally. They also facilitate the exchange of knowledge and expertise for the betterment of planning in Ontario.

OPPI is working on a new onboarding tool to help District Leadership Team volunteers understand their roles and responsibilities, and the resources available to help fulfil their roles.

Consider volunteering with your District . Connect with your District Chair, learn about leadership opportunities, and sign up to [volunteer in your District!](#)

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## YOUR PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY

## BILL 122: PERSISTENT AND HOPEFUL

As we shared in the August issue of *The Planner*, Bill 122, *Registered Professional Planners Act*, 2017, was introduced by then MPP Peter Milczyn and received [First and Second Reading](#) in the legislature this spring. The Bill received support from all three parties thanks to the more than 200 OPPI members who persistently contacted their MPPs. In late July, MPP Peter Milczyn, sponsor of Bill 122, was promoted to Cabinet as Minister of Housing. As Minister, he is no longer eligible to sponsor Bill 122, and we are currently seeking a new sponsor. Once the new sponsor is confirmed, we hope that it will continue to go to committee and then to Third Reading.



We are confident that the government will acknowledge the value of what we do and the proposed RPP Act will pass with all party support in the near future. On Oct 4th, we will be celebrating RPP at our Conference networking dinner where we are hopeful to make a significant announcement on Bill 122.

As summer draws to a close, if you have not yet contacted your MPP, [please do so now](#). Follow up now with another email message, call or in-person meeting. We look forward to celebrating RPP with you at Blue Mountain!

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## SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



[today](#) !

Our [six universities](#) offering accredited planning programs will welcome the Outreach Committee in September to speak to their planning students.

Outreach Committee members welcome them to our professional community and introduce OPPI as a valuable resource to student planners.

Are you interested in supporting our 500 Student Members transition along their professional journey? [Volunteer](#)

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## BUILDING RPP

## CHECK OUT OPPI'S NEW COMMUNICATIONS

# STRATEGY

Have you [registered for #OPPI17](#)? If so, we can't wait to see you there. We have an exciting launch planned for you. When you visit the INSPIRE OPPI Hub, be sure to check out a short video on our new Communications Strategy for OPPI's Strategic Plan - [INSPIRE OPPI](#). OPPI staff, Council and branding and communications firm, Tenzing, have been working for several months gathering information from our members to develop a sound communications strategy for the future of the Institute. Come by the Hub as we unveil a sneak peek of what's to come in the coming months.



## BRANDING RPP ON SOCIAL MEDIA

If you are a Full Member of OPPI in good standing, you may use your RPP designation after your surname, academic degrees and professional licenses, but before other memberships and affiliations.

Your social media is a key platform that will help build the RPP brand in Ontario. We spoke with RPPs who are already doing just that.

*"I am proud to be an RPP and I want everyone on social media to know I am part of a group of highly skilled professionals."* - [Tracey Pillon-Abbs, RPP](#)

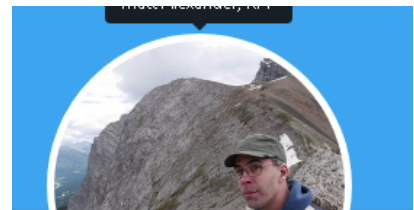


### Tracey Pillon-Abbs, RPP

Freelance Land Use Planning Consultant -  
Windsor/Essex/Chatham-Kent  
Ontario, Canada | Government Administration

Current	Tracey Pillon-Abbs Planning Consultant
Previous	Town of Essex, Municipality of Leamington, Essex Region Conservation Authority
Education	York University - Schulich School of Business
Websites	Company Website

500+  
connections



### Matt Alexander, RPP

@MattA\_RPP Follows you

Senior Planner at Weston Consulting.  
Tweets are my own views.

📍 Toronto, Ontario

📅 Joined August 2017

*"Identifying myself as a Registered Professional Planner helps raise awareness of the RPP designation and reminds me to maintain a respectful and professional tone when engaging with other Twitter users."* - Matt Alexander, [@MattA\\_RPP](#)

## KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

### PLANNING EXCHANGE BLOG: I AM AN RPP

#### What does becoming or being an RPP mean to you?

RPPs are highly educated, ethically committed and trained to guide communities through evolutionary change for the public good. In this month's [Planning Exchange blog](#), OPPI Director Ben Puzanov, RPP, shares his thoughts on what RPP means to him.



### READ OPPI'S BILL 139 POLICY SUBMISSIONS

Building Better  
Communities and  
Conserving Watersheds



Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

Read OPPI's Policy Submissions on 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 welcome and appreciated. Special thank you to Paddy Kennedy and Mark Dorfman along with the many volunteers from the Planning Issues Strategy Group and from within the membership that contributed. Read OPPI's policy submission [here](#).

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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. at Blue Mountain Resort in the Town of the Blue Mountains, Ontario.

### Download the #OPPI17 Conference Mobile App Today!

Network and converse with other planners, plan your schedule, learn more about speakers, sessions and attendees, and much more! For more information on how to download the app, click [here](#)!

### World Town Planning Day

November 8th is the annual celebration of World Town Planning Day! Every year, planners around the world engage in [events and activities](#) on or around November 8th to raise awareness of the importance of planning in their communities. Stay tuned for details on you can get involved in 2017!

### 2017 Excellence in Planning Awards - Save the Date

The [Excellence in Planning Awards](#) recognize innovation, creativity, professionalism, problem-solving, and communications in urban and community design, planning studies or reports, and public education. This year's event takes place on November 1st at Queen's Park. Visit the Excellence in Planning Awards [webpage](#) to find out more about this year's winners!

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## FEATURED VIDEO

### District Webinar Series: The Implications of Condominium Development: Part 1 & 2



The first entry in OPPI's District Webinar Series explores the complex long-term regeneration issues that arise from condominium ownership. Doctors Brian Webb and Steven Weber, RPP, discuss the findings of their research in this two-part webinar recording. This webinar was planned and coordinated with the assistance of the Western Lake Ontario District Leadership Team.

[Watch now for free 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



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

- [TD Accessibility and the TTC - Walking Tour SOLD OUT - Sept 7](#)
- [Northeastern Ontario Planning Authorities Workshop - Sept 12-13](#)
- [yBILD Seminar: What Would You Build? - Sept 13](#)
- [Lakeland District Designing Public Spaces to Support Vibrant Communities SOLD OUT - Sept 15](#)
- [Road Safety & Risk Management for Bicycle Facilities Workshop - Sept 21](#)
- [Toronto District Trillium Park and William G. Davis Trail Walking Tour - Sept 21](#)
- [Southwest District: A Walking Tour of Carriage Crossing - Sept 28](#)

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