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WE ARE OPPI

LAST CALL FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR
#OPPI18!



[#OPPI18: Community Readiness](#) is around the corner! Members have until August 10 to register for Ontario's most popular planning event of the year and pay early bird rates.

[OPPI is offering a great program for members](#) to learn more about the theme of Community Readiness through the lens of infrastructure resiliency, economics & finance and culture and diversity. The City of Greater Sudbury is a northern Ontario city built on resilience and ingenuity, so there's no better place to explore Community Readiness.

Register today and pay our early bird rate before it's too late!

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OPPI OUTREACH TO ONTARIO MPPs



On June 29, [Ontario's new government was sworn in](#). Many returning Progressive Conservative MPPs received significant Cabinet positions in key areas that relate to the planning profession, and that OPPI has met with previously to get the Registered Professional Planners Act passed in the last session of the Legislature.

OPPI has started reaching out to key members of government, including party leaders, Cabinet ministers and party critics.

Through these introductions, OPPI is stressing the importance of RPPs and the planning profession to the Ontario government and individual ministries, finding common ground where OPPI can assist and build capacity.

Outreach will continue with the government and MPPs, including meeting with new and returning members to ensure continued support for the planning profession.

JOIN OPPI PRESIDENT JASON FERRIGAN FOR A TWITTER CHAT ON SEPTEMBER 20!

How is technology transforming planning and the roles of RPPs?

Join OPPI President Jason Ferrigan for a Twitter chat on September 20th!

Use the hashtag #OPPItech on September 20th at 12:00 p.m. EST

Do you use a drone in your planning work? Have you given any thought to the positives/negatives to the Sidewalk Labs neighbourhood on Toronto's waterfront? Or how to provide or collect planning information and details as part of an open data initiative?

In your work, you gather and analyze information from all sides of an issue. RPPs need to be able to understand what is coming in the future and how it applies to their local communities, especially in instances adopting and adapting technology in your roles.

On Thursday, September 20, at 12:00 p.m., join OPPI President Jason Ferrigan on Twitter as he answers your questions and discusses the issues planners face as technology transforms the role of planning and of RPPs. [Please visit OPPI's website](#) for more information.

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YOUR PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY

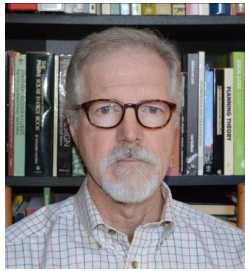
MEET OPPI'S NEWEST MEMBER SERVICE AWARD WINNERS



Back in May, we asked you for nominations for [OPPI's Member Service Awards](#). These awards recognize members for their extraordinary service and significant contribution to the Institute by OPPI's volunteer leadership.

Awards can be given to members honouring their accumulated service over a long period of time, performing a key or integral role with a special project or program, and representing OPPI and the planning profession extraordinarily well in a provincial or national forum.

With the nomination period now closed, we are pleased to announce [OPPI's 2018 Member Service Award winners](#):



Charles Lanktree, RPP



Leslie McEachern, RPP



Nancy Mott, RPP



Kelly Weste, RPP



Darryl Young, RPP

Please join OPPI in congratulating our 2018 Member Service Award winners! For more information on our winners and their contributions to the Institute, please visit our [Member Service Award webpage](#).

Don't forget, if you want to congratulate Member Service Award winners in person, OPPI will be recognizing winners at OPPI18 at Laurentian University. If you haven't already, [register today and join us](#) to help recognize the accomplishments of our winners, and celebrate in person!

OPPI BY-LAW UPDATE

As we mentioned in previous newsletters, OPPI is embarking on an update of its by-law.



OPPI is seeking an update to its by-law, specifically to update its complaints and discipline process. An updated process allows OPPI to set a framework that enhances and improves the effectiveness of the current practice.

Leading up to the voting period, OPPI will provide more information to members on the voting process, proposed by-law updates and a Frequently Asked Questions document through targeted eblasts. Please keep an eye out for this communication from OPPI. We will also inform members when they can expect to receive their electronic ballot to vote on the proposed change. Stay tuned for more information.

OPPI AGM UPDATE

OPPI's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday, October 11, at 5:30 p.m. at Science North in the City of Greater Sudbury. The AGM will be held prior to the evening reception where we will recognize our outgoing Council members, Member Service Award winners, Student Scholarship winners and Full Members celebrating their 25th anniversary with OPPI. Members do not need to register for the Symposium to attend the AGM.

Formal notice to members about the AGM will follow and will include items of business for consideration. 2018 AGM information will be posted on OPPI's website shortly.

Members are encouraged to check in periodically to review the content on OPPI's website and look out for the official AGM Notice of Meeting soon.



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BUILDING RPP

CPL REMINDER TO TRACK 2018 UNITS



As we all enjoy the summer months, we are more than halfway through the year and this is a good time to start logging your [Continuous Professional Learning \(CPL\)](#) units accumulated to date.

For 2017, over 98% of members met the CPL requirement, and this is great news! To date, 14 percent of members have already met their CPL requirements! We are well on our way to matching, or exceeding, last year's result.

Before the fall approaches, and everyone returns from summer vacation, take a few moments to log your CPL units in the Member Portal and avoid the rush at the end of the year to log all your units.

As a reminder, 18 learning units are required annually. One learning unit equals one hour of direct planning-related (with some exceptions). A minimum of nine learning units must be structured and a maximum of nine

learning units may be individually directed. And, up to nine structured learning units may be carried forward to the following year.

If you have any CPL-related questions, please contact OPPI at standards@ontarioplanners.ca.

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KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

OPPI STUDENT CASE COMPETITION: RE-ENVISIONING SUDBURY'S INNO-TECH PARK



The 2018 OPPI Student Case Competition winning team from the University of Waterloo's Graduate program posing with the competition's judges Caroline Samuel, RPP, Helen Huang, RPP and Tori Prouse, RPP

In this month's Planning Exchange blog, the winning student team from OPPI's Student Case Competition discuss their winning proposal of re-envisioning the City of Greater Sudbury's Inno-Tech Park.

The winning team representing the University of Waterloo's graduate planners, proposed a bioremediation and green infrastructure approach that would further the goals of Sudbury's Master Plan while remaining relevant to Greater Sudbury's economic, social and cultural context. They will also attend #OPPI18 and present a workshop on the key learnings and development of their proposal.

[Click here to read more](#)

OPPI IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WRITERS FOR OUR PLANNING EXCHANGE BLOG!



Since 2015, OPPI has offered its [Planning Exchange blog](#), facilitating the exchange of planning knowledge, best practices and issues important to members, as identified by OPPI's [Learning Strategy](#).

While the Learning Strategy continues to be the foundation on which the development of content, resources and best practices are shared, the Planning Exchange blog will also seek to promote issues of the day, from a planning perspective, and leverage partnerships and stakeholders to populate the blog with

interesting and timely posts.

And this is where you come in...

We're always looking for great topics, research and ideas to highlight, and members to write for us! Here are some examples we are looking for (and we're happy to consider others):

- Experiences with LPAT - have you gone through the process? What should members know about it?
- A day in the life of... profiling the variety of planning roles that exist across Ontario
- Are you conducting interesting research and want to profile it? Let us know!
- Issues of the day that planners can play a vital role in - do subways make sense over light-rail? How can we design safer streets for pedestrians and cyclists? How can planners help address housing affordability?
- Emerging issues - is there something OPPI isn't covering that members need to know about?
- ...and so much more!

Have we missed anything? Let us know. If you are interested in writing and contributing to our Planning Exchange blog, please contact [OPPI's Education Manager, Ryan Des Roches](#) with your article ideas.

VIEW OAK RIDGES DISTRICT'S SUMMER SOLSTICE LPAT WEBINAR



The focus at this year's Oak Ridges District Summer Solstice was the new Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). Four exceptional, experienced speakers share their own unique perspectives on how they anticipate the LPAT may (or may not) change the way planners do their job.

Hear from Bruce Krushelnicki, RPP (Executive Chair (Retired), Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario (ELTO)), Annik Forristal (Partner, McMillan LLP), Lesley Pavan, RPP (Director of Development and Design, City of Mississauga) and Anna Pace, RPP (Chair, Local Planning Appeal Support Centre). The Summer Solstice video is broken up into two parts.

To learn more and build on your knowledge of LPATs, [please visit our Digital Learning platform to view these videos](#). Thank you to Oak Ridges District for holding their annual Summer Solstice event, and to everyone who attended.

FOURTH ANNUAL LAKELAND DISTRICT JANE'S WALK

In June, OPPI's Lakeland District held their fourth annual Jane's Walk in the City of Barrie, led by:

- David Stinson, RPP (Incite Planning)
- Al McNair, RPP (McNair Consulting and Conservation Chair of Nature Barrie)
- Erich Jacoby-Hawkins (Henry George Foundation of Canada)



- Kristin Dibble Pechkovsky, RPP (Senior Policy Advisor with the County of Simcoe)

The walk began at Barrie's waterfront and focused on the themes of public realm, walkability, connectivity, mix-use, the environment and quality of life.

Attendees strolled through the new Military Heritage Park to observe some of the horticultural and design components of this landscaped memorial space. The walk continued through the wildflower meadow and trails to see first-hand the importance of such areas within a City, and to identify some of its features,

such as the numerous native red oaks of varying sizes, which can live between 200 to 400 years.

The walk continued through the community of Minet's Point examining some of the area's successes, such as the residential densities, environmental buffering, and varied design. In contrast, the group observed the challenges within the community, such as street design, planning for flood prone areas and lack of mixed use opportunities within a walkable distance.

While enjoying the walk, the final stop was at a local ice cream shop, in business since the 1960s, allowing organizers to talk with attendees and link the idea of the public realm with building social capital in neighbourhoods. Relationships between neighbours can provide the foundation for mutual trust, shared efforts and resilience.

Thank you to Lakeland District for organizing this great walking tour, and to those in attendance. For more information on this walk, [please contact Lakeland District](#).

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Call for Applicants for the Canadian Red Cross



RPPs are the experts that gather and analyze information from all sides of an issue and inform elected officials, decision makers, the public and stakeholders to build inspired communities. Members have an opportunity to export this knowledge nationally and internationally by helping the world's largest humanitarian network build resilient communities after disasters.

The Canadian Red Cross is looking to expand its register of professionals that can be eventually deployed as delegates in responses within Canada and abroad. If members are interested in putting their names forward to assist the Red Cross, please click on any of the links below to apply:

- [Water, Sanitation and Hygiene \(WASH\) Delegate](#)
- [Shelter and Settlement Delegate](#)
- [Construction Delegate](#)

The Principles of Urban Traffic and Transportation Evening Lecture Series

OPPI is a promotional partner with PTRC to offer a 20-week evening lecture series starting in September 2018 and running until February 2019. The series will consist of 20 lectures delivered by local experienced transportation practitioners from the public and private sector, who are experts in their field. For more information on the lecture series, [please read PTRC's program booklet](#). To register for this series, [please click here](#).

Sustainability Network Economic Literacy Learning Opportunities

OPPI is a promotional partner with the Sustainability Network to offer the Economic Literacy for a Green Economy online course for members. This course consists of a series of six modules that will help build

organizational capacity by increasing the knowledge and understanding of economic concepts and their role in supporting a green economy. [Register today for this great course!](#)

In addition to this, the Sustainability Network, through the Economic Literacy Project, is offering a series of workshops in the fall, centering on training and knowledge building that supports the development of a smarter and sustainable economy for not-for-profit leaders. For more information on the workshops and training, [please visit the Sustainability Network's website](#) and register today.

Living City Impact Awards

The Living City Impact Awards recognize outstanding groups and individuals who have enriched communities in TRCA's jurisdiction through a notable project or accomplishment. Nominations should clearly illustrate how the actions of the individual or group have helped to advance one key pillar of TRCA's Living City Vision. These pillars make up the four award categories: Healthy Rivers & Shorelines, Greenspace & Biodiversity, Sustainable Communities, and Business Excellence. Members interested in submitting a nomination can contact the [Toronto and Region Conservation Authority \(TRCA\)](#) and/or [The Living City Foundation](#) for more information.

Update Your Contact Information!

OPPI would like to remind members to ensure their contact information is up-to-date. If you have recently moved or switched roles, and your contact information has changed, please log into the [Member Portal](#) and update your Member Profile.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



Are you in the Consultant's Directory?

Are you listed in [OPPI's Consultant's Directory](#)? If you're not in, it's time to get in! If you're looking to do some consulting on the side or looking for RPPs to work with for that big project you're leading, and everything in between, OPPI's Consultant's Directory is for you. Sign up today and get listed!

[LEARN MORE](#)

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](#)



Searching for a Job?

Targeted to planners, search the [OPPI Job Ads](#) to save you time and effort when looking for a new position. Please see the current active postings below:



SEARCH NOW

Senior Planner - Development Review - Town of Halton Hills (full time)
Parks Planner - Town of Richmond Hill (full time)
Director of Planning and Building Services - City of St. Catharines (full time)
Director of Planning & Development Services - Town of The Blue Mountains (full time)
Policy Planner - Heritage - City of Waterloo (contract)
Planner, Heritage - Town of Milton (full time)
Project Manager, Climate Change and Sustainable Development - Town of Richmond Hill (contract)
Planner II/Heritage Coordinator - King Township (full time)
Intermediate Planner - City of Owen Sound (full time)
Senior Planner, Development Review - Town of Milton (full time)
Planner I - City of London (full time)
Manager of Development Services - Corporation Town of Carleton Place (contract)
Municipal Planner - Township of Alnwick/Haldimand (full time)
Director of Community Development - Municipality of Port Hope (full time)
Planning Manager - Concord Adex Inc. (full time)
...and many more!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND COURSES

[Toronto District and Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat "Walking on Water" Walking Tour \(August 2\) - SOLD OUT](#)
[Lakeland District Mentor Mash-Up \(for new and not-so-new planners\) \(August 14\)](#)
[Lakeland District Mentor Mash-Up II \(Peterborough\) \(August 30\)](#)

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