



# THE PLANNER

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## WE ARE OPPI

## WELCOME OPPI'S NEW STUDENT DELEGATE



OPPI is pleased to announce Keith Marshall as our 2018-2019 Student Delegate, succeeding Alex Gaio, for a one-year term. Keith previously served on OPPI's Student Liaison Committee (SLC) as Ryerson's Undergrad second-year rep.

As OPPI's Student Delegate, Keith will chair the SLC, which serves as a leadership network linking students across the six accredited planning schools to OPPI. The SLC meets throughout the school year, and working with their student colleagues, Keith and the SLC will promote the benefits of membership in OPPI, and events and programs targeted to students: OPPI's student scholarships, participation in our annual event, the Student Case Competition, and nominations for student representatives and our next Student Delegate.

In addition, Keith will have the opportunity to participate in OPPI's Outreach Committee and help organize outreach events for students across the six accredited planning programs about the benefits of OPPI student memberships, becoming an RPP and careers in planning.

Please join us in welcoming Keith onboard as Student Delegate. We look forward to working with him and the SLC this year!

## UPDATE FROM JUNE COUNCIL MEETING



On June 22nd, OPPI Council met with the Planning Program Directors to discuss aligning research priorities with their programs. In addition to meeting with the Planning Program Directors, the following items were discussed by Council:

- Approval of the Terms of Reference for OPPI's Indigenous Planning Task Force
- Strategic framework for OPPI's Policy and Public Affairs
- Technology and its impact on the planning profession

OPPI would like to thank the Planning Program Directors and Mackenzie Keast from NXT City Prize for joining us at Council to discuss a number of strategic issues and topics.

OPPI Council meets four times a year. Council approved agendas and minutes are available upon request to [the OPPI office](#).

The goal is to engage members in shaping the direction and initiatives of OPPI, and continue to deliver on our INSPIRE OPPI Strategic Plan 2020. Members are encouraged to speak up and get involved, and stay in touch throughout the year through OPPI's many communication channels.

## TECHNOLOGY AND PLANNING MEMBER SURVEY FOLLOW-UP



OPPI would like to thank its members for your overwhelming feedback to our recent member survey about technology and its impact on the planning professions.

Some of the information emerging from your feedback includes:

- A majority of members have experience with day-to-day platforms such as email, word processing, presentation software and GIS as part of your planning work
- Where experience can be developed is with emerging technologies such as: 3D modelling, drone technology, augmented/virtual reality, and emerging techniques like interactive public consultation tools and web-based spatial mapping applications
- One of the discoveries coming from member feedback focused on disparity in three areas:
  - Between public and private sector organizations
  - Geographic locations and access to infrastructure
  - Between small and large organizations

Your feedback guided the discussion at June's Council meeting and will be used to determine the best methods to provide you with relevant, timely and practical learning resources.

In addition, on September 20, OPPI President Jason Ferrigan, RPP, will hold a Twitter chat with members and followers discussing the impact of technology on the planning profession. Stay tuned for more information in the near future.

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## YOUR PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY

### OPPI BY-LAW UPDATE



As we mentioned in our June newsletter, OPPI is embarking on an update of its by-law.

Members should keep an eye out for information and an electronic ballot at the end of August.

Also, 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 make these updates in your Member Profile.

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## BUILDING RPP

### LEADING AND "PLANTING A FLAG" WITH OPPI'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS FRAMEWORK



At June's Council meeting, OPPI's updated Public Affairs framework was introduced to Council members. This framework advances the work of our INSPIRE OPPI Strategic Plan and focuses on three areas:

- **Leadership on "mega issues":** OPPI recognizes the planning profession requires future-forward planning guidance, solutions, tools and other useful outputs for the work done in communities across Ontario. OPPI will proactively identify, with member input, key "mega issues" upon which to focus on. These issues may vary from year-to-year but they will be impactful to the planning profession and beyond.
- **Responding to current and emerging legislation and policy:** OPPI's primary responsibility is to the integrity of the planning profession and the protection of the role of planners in serving the public interest. OPPI will take a position and "plant a flag" on planning and development issues if such issues or legislation directly impact the profession and the ability of planners in their roles. Through "planting a flag," OPPI will continue to position RPPs as vital and important to informing choices and inspiring communities.
- **Ongoing support to knowledge development, exchange and learning:** For "mega issues" and trending public affairs matters, OPPI will seek knowledge exchange and encourage member content development to share with the membership. OPPI will work with the six accredited planning programs across Ontario to encourage relevant research. Once new topics, practices and solutions are identified, OPPI can develop learning opportunities and educational programs for members.

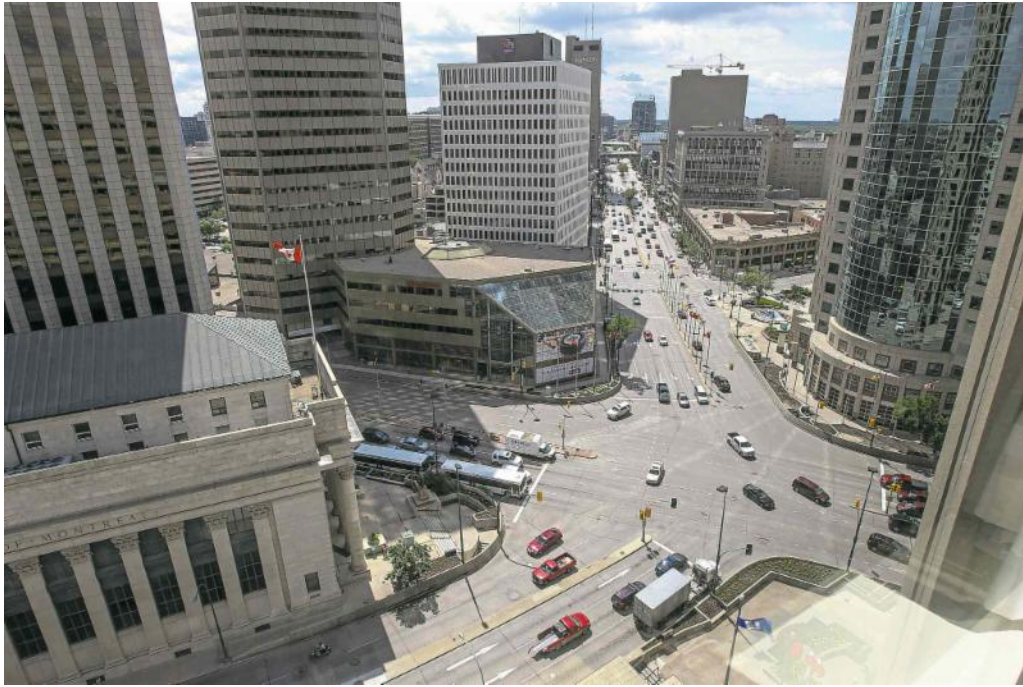
OPPI's Public Affairs framework aligns with the development of our communications strategy and with the INSPIRE OPPI Strategic Plan. This is especially important now that Ontario has a new incoming government that will begin the process of implementing its election campaign and fulfilling its promises to the electorate.

As a refresher, here are some of the announcements the incoming government has made related to planning. This list is not exhaustive and only highlights key announcements made during the campaign:

- [PC Party Platform](#)
- [Promise not to touch the greenbelt](#)
- [Relief for rural Ontario](#)
- [Get people moving for commuters and transit users](#)

OPPI looks forward to working with the new provincial government and is requesting meetings with members of the new government to discuss the issues related to the planning profession and members across Ontario.

# CONFERENCE



Portage and Main Streets in Downtown Winnipeg - photo courtesy of Winnipeg Free Press

On July 11, OPPI President Jason Ferrigan, RPP and Executive Director Mary Ann Rangam will attend the Annual Meeting of the Signatory Parties as part of the Professional Standards Committee (PSC) with members from all PTIAs. This meeting is held annually to bring together the PTIAs, PSC and Professional Standards Board to approve the work plan and budget for the following year.

CIP in conjunction with MPPI will be holding their annual conference, [SOUL 2018 from July 19-22, 2018](#), in Winnipeg, Manitoba. OPPI President Jason Ferrigan, RPP and Executive Director Mary Ann Rangam will be attending CIP's conference and AGM on OPPI's behalf. In addition, a meeting of the Planning Alliance Forum (PAF) will be held during the conference. PAF members represent the PTIAs, Professional Standards Board (PSB) and Professional Standards Committee (PSC). The meeting discussion will focus on the five-year comprehensive review of the certification and accreditation standards, and enhancing advocacy efforts with external stakeholders (the general public, government agencies and related professions).

## CIP RECOGNIZES OPPI MEMBERS

In case you missed it: CIP announced their Awards for Planning Excellence recipients and newest College of Fellows in June. Some of the award winners come from Ontario. OPPI would like to congratulate the RPPs and everyone else involved in receiving awards for submissions from Ontario. For more information on the Awards for Planning Excellence recipients, [please visit CIP's website](#).

In addition to this, OPPI would like to congratulate Dana Anderson, FCIP, RPP for [being named to CIP's College of Fellows](#). Dana's career as a professional planner spans 30 years and has seen her make significant contributions in both the private and public sectors. In her role as the Director of Planning for Oakville, Ontario she delivered one of the first approved Official Plans and



Zoning By-laws to implement the Province of Ontario's 2006 Growth Plan. Dana is also a previous OPPI Member Service Award winner for her extraordinary service and significant contribution to the Institute.

Congratulations Dana on this honour!

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## KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

### LEARN MORE ABOUT #OPPI18'S MOBILE WORKSHOPS

#OPPI18: Community Readiness wouldn't be the same without some of our most popular sessions at the event - our mobile workshops! Members who signed up for early bird registration get priority access to our mobile workshops.

Learn more about the other #OPPI18 Mobile Workshops on offer this year by [visiting our #OPPI18 Program webpage](#).

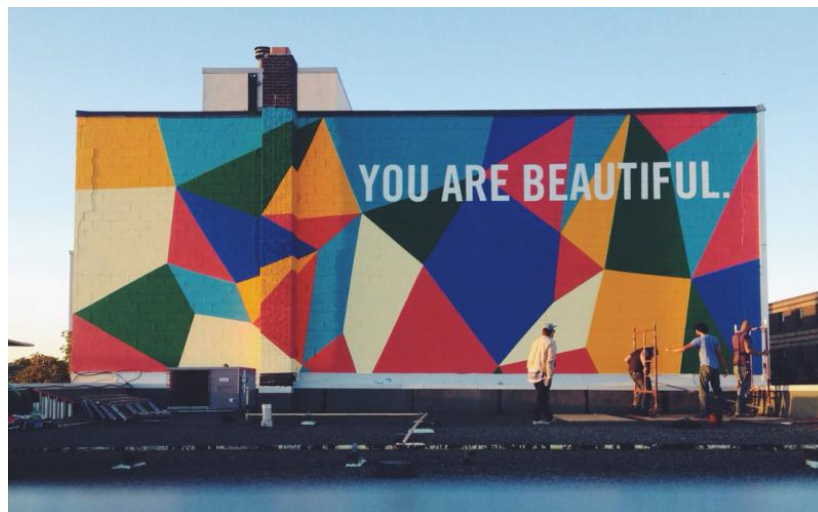


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**Up Here Mural Tour:** The [Up Here festival](#) and [We Live Up Here](#) urban arts organization have created and curated over 20 pieces of public art in Sudbury since 2013. Members can join Up Here's mural coordinators,



Photo credit: City of Greater Sudbury

**Planning to create public realm improvements:** Take a tour of two recent public realm improvements in Greater Sudbury - the Brady Green Stairs and Downtown Capreol Waterfront - that were realized through the adoption of the Downtown Sudbury Master Plan and the Capreol 2018 Community Improvement Plan. Members can gain knowledge of how master plans and Community Improvement Plans can help realize public realm improvements and understand how public art can be incorporated into infrastructure planning.

Stay tuned as more mobile workshops, interactive training sessions and keynote speakers are announced for #OPPI18: Community Readiness.

## CHEESE, CHOCOLATE AND WOMEN IN PLANNING



In this month's Planning Exchange blog post, Michelle Banfield, RPP discusses the development and need for Lakeland District's very popular International Women's Day event.

Learn more about this year's event, the issues and ideas discussed, and why it's important to discuss the topic of female leadership and its benefits to members and the planning profession.

"On a cold winter day in Simcoe County, at an OPPI event in 2016, a curious young planner asked a more (*ah-hem*) seasoned planner, "Why aren't there any women planners on this panel?" The response was, "Good question." And from there, the Lakeland District International Women's Day event was born...."

[Click here to read more](#)

## OPPI'S LEARNING STRATEGY MEMBER SURVEY FOLLOW-UP

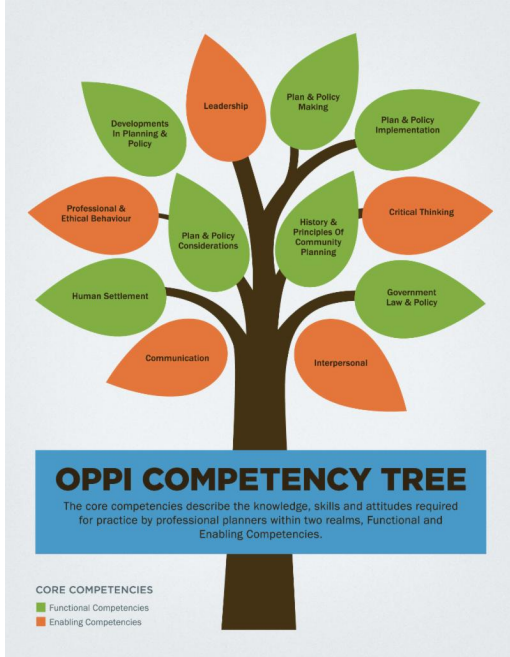
Being an RPP is a calling and not a job. OPPI strives to provide members with the information, tools, support and networking opportunities that support lifelong learning and your career development. As a membership, OPPI invests in career development so you can be effective in your roles when guiding the

public, elected officials, decision makers and key stakeholders.

Last month, OPPI asked for member feedback as we are developing a new Learning Strategy to make sure it remains relevant in an ever-changing profession.

Thank you to all OPPI members who responded to our Learning Strategy Input Survey. An overwhelming number of responses were received, recorded and shared with the amazing group of OPPI volunteers that met on June 15 to discuss and shape the strategy.

Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.



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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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

OPPI's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday, October 11, at Science North in the City of Greater Sudbury. The AGM will be held prior to the evening reception. Members do not need to register for #OPPI18: Community Readiness in order to attend the AGM.

### **AllAccess Public Space Initiative**

AllAccess is a new initiative dedicated to making Ontario's public spaces more accessible for everyone. The program aims to help planners, designers, municipalities, property owners and others involved in the design and development of public spaces to better understand and implement the Design of Public Spaces Standards (DOPS), the design requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Program activities, including a workshop series in Fall 2018 will be eligible for Learning Units under OPPI's Continuous Professional Learning program. AllAccess is a joint initiative of the Canadian Urban Institute and Human Space, a division of Quadrangle. For more information and to join the AllAccess network visit:

[www.allaccesspublicspace.ca](http://www.allaccesspublicspace.ca).

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

**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 Policy Planner and Planner - Development - Town of Georgina (full time)
- Junior Planner - City of Sault Ste. Marie (full time)
- Trails Coordinator - City of Vaughan (full time)
- Director, Downtown Revitalization Project (Contract - 5 years) - City of Brantford (contract)
- Transportation Project Manager/Engineer - City of Vaughan (contract)
- Manager of Policy Planning - The County of Simcoe (full time)
- Planner I - City of Pickering (full time)
- Director of Planning & Development - Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands (full time)
- Planner 1 - Region of Durham (full time)
- Senior Planner - Policy - Town of Richmond Hill (full time)
- Manager of Development Approvals - City of Greater Sudbury (full time)
- Planner - Town of Oakville (full time)
- Planner - UrbanSolutions Planning & Land Development Consultants Inc. (full time)
- Planner II - City of London (full time)
- Manager of Development Services - Town of Carleton Place (contract)
- Manager of Planning & Lands - City of Iqaluit (full time)
- Project Manager - Traffic Engineering - City of Vaughan (contract)
- Senior Consultant - Sierra Planning and Management (full time)
- ...and many more!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND COURSES

■ [Toronto District Book Club: The Well-Tempered City \(July 1 - August 31\)](#)

- Toronto District Laneway Walking Tour (July 4) - SOLD OUT
- Ontario Traffic Council Environmental Assessment Workshop (July 18)
- Lakeland District Neighbourplan: Vision for Jackson Park-Brookdale Neighbourhood (July 26)

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