



**OPPI *Y Magazine*
Editorial Guidelines
for Article Submissions**

***Y Magazine* is written largely by OPPI members and edited to cater to a broader, general audience who have an interest in community planning. If you've written an article, conducted research, or have a compelling idea that you think would be a good fit for our magazine, we encourage you to get in touch.**

THEMES AND DATES

Each of *Y Magazine*'s two annual issues —Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter — focuses on the vital work RPPs do in Ontario communities, featuring articles about the big issues that challenge us and the solutions that improve our quality of life.

NOTE: Dates and deadlines are subject to change. Advertising deadlines may differ from editorial deadlines.

Spring/summer 2025: Transportation and mobility

From bike lanes to tunnels, highways to public transit, accessibility to affordability, transportation is a very hot topic in Ontario. Decisions about how to move people and products efficiently around the province are about far, far more than just vehicles. Considerations such as city and neighbourhood zoning and planning, location of community services and schools, access to employment areas, environmental impact, and infrastructure costs. Factor in climate change, provincial legislation and policies, and the principles of healthy communities. Planners understand all the angles and work to ensure the best solutions for Ontario communities, now and into the future. The spring / summer issue of *Y Magazine* is a focus on all forms of transportation and mobility and the perspectives that go into moving Ontario forward safely and efficiently.

- _Editorial Deadline (for completed articles): January 6, 2025
- _Publication Date: April 2025

Fall/winter 2025: Looking ahead

By nature, planners are forward thinkers, always considering the effect decisions made today will have on the future of our communities. That means planning neighbourhoods where families can grow up safely and affordably. It means protecting green spaces and waterways for healthy, accessible recreation and to help mitigate some of harshest effects of climate change. It means considering the needs of rural communities and supporting agriculture. It means building communities where everyone is welcome. To accommodate all these factors in decisions, planners follow trends, engage with communities, and pay close attention to changes in policies. Informing choices and inspiring communities also meaning adapting the planning profession to better serve the public. The fall/winter issue of *Y Magazine* looks ahead at the changes and innovations planners see on the horizon and how they will influence Ontario communities.

- _Editorial Deadline (for completed articles): July 2, 2025
- _Publication Date: October 2025

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

- _Articles should relate to *Y Magazine*'s themes, but it isn't a requirement
- _Articles should be accompanied by an author biography that includes position title, company, OPPI member category, RPP designation or other credentials

Article type	Word count
Short articles	500 words
Long articles	1,000 words
Feature articles	1,000-1,800 words
Academic/research articles	500-1,000 words

IMAGE GUIDELINES

- _Articles should be accompanied by images (photos and/or graphics) to illustrate the article
- _Author biographies should be accompanied by a headshot
- _Images must be high resolution (300 dpi, 1MB or more in size) in JPEG or TIFF format
- _All images must include credit and caption information

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