



OPPI Council Meeting Recap

November 28 & 29, 2024

The November Council Meeting marks the first meeting of the Council cycle for 2024/25. Claire Basinski, Chair of OPPI, welcomed Aimee Powell, Chief Planning Officer of Powell Planning Associates and Scott Taylor, Director of Planning & Development for Grey County to their first meeting.

Day one of the Council Meeting was dedicated to a facilitated workshop led by Ian Rolston, Principal and Brian Porter, Special Advisor from [Decanthropy](#). The workshop is part of **OPPI's Path Forward: Leadership in DEI, Reconciliation, and Social Justice** initiative. The goal of this initiative is to reflect on OPPI's continuing work in this area, lessons learned, and mistakes made along the way and, with those insights in hand, develop a path forward for OPPI. OPPI Council is committed to a future focussed multi-year work plan and implementation strategy which will be shared with the OPPI community once finalized. Ian and his team shared member insights prior to the workshop providing Council members a solid starting point to work from in developing OPPI's path forward. Project work on this initiative will continue throughout the first quarter of 2025.

Day two of the Council Meeting was dedicated to routine Council business.

The first order of business was to appoint a new member of the Executive Committee vacant due to a Council member's end of term. The Council unanimously voted to appoint Chris Tyrrell, Vice President, Planning, Landscape Architecture and Urban Design with WSP to the vacant position. Our Executive Committee now includes:

Claire, Basinski, Chair
Andria Leigh, Chair Elect
Pam Duesling, Secretary-Treasurer
Chris Tyrrell, Director at Large

The Executive Committee responds to issues and makes decisions between Council meetings that would otherwise be made by Council subject to the NFPC Act and approved policies and procedures as well as the Institutes mission, core values and strategic directions.

As recommended by the Governance & Nominating Committee, after due process, OPPI Council approved a motion to appoint Ashley Bilodeau as Chair of the Professional Standards & Registration Committee (PS&RC) for a three-year term. Ashley has been a member of the PS&RC for the past two years.

Council received Q3 staff and committee reports and Q3 financials for review. In addition, Eugene Park, Director of Operations & Finance, presented a multi-year financial forecast, per Council's request, to ensure long-term financial forecasting is in place for the Institute.

Council received an update on the second initiative in our Path Forward Series - **OPPI's Path Forward: Mapping Our Professional Landscape Through Community Insight.**

In response to an RFP issued for this initiative, 26 proposals were received. They have all been evaluated and scored by the staff leadership team and short-list interviews are underway to determine the successful bidder who will carry out the work in Q1 of 2025.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for February 27th and 28th, 2025.