



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 contact us.**

THEMES AND DATES

Each of *Y Magazine*'s two annual issues 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 2026: Healthy, Liveable Communities

What are the components of a healthy, liveable community? How have those components changed in today's Ontario? What have we learned from the past and how can we incorporate a diversity of perspectives? Housing, schools, services, parks, employment, transportation, agriculture, safety, and technology — these are just some many areas Registered Professional Planners focus on in guiding decisions that build and support a sustainable future. Factors influencing those components include mega topics such as affordability, demographics, the climate crisis, economic pressures, and policy changes. The spring/summer issue of *Y Magazine* will focus on this dynamic theme and the work planners across Ontario are doing to inform decision makers in creating sustainable communities for everyone.

- Editorial Deadline (for completed articles): **Monday, February 2, 2026**
- Publication Date: **May 2026**

Fall/Winter 2026: Forward Focused

While the planning profession has roots deep into the history of civilization, it is also a profession that constantly evolves and modernizes as we explore new possibilities, from supporting EV infrastructure and digital equity to AI-ready cities. It is a profession with its feet firmly planted in the present but always looking decades into the future to build better, stronger communities. Registered Professional Planners have the education, ethics, and experience to engage in discussions with governments and policy makers, builders and developers, community groups and the public, then bring these perspectives together to highlight priorities and inform decision makers. The fall/winter issue of *Y Magazine* looks at how Ontario planners are adapting to a changing world and introducing new ideas into the profession.

- Editorial Deadline (for completed articles): **Monday, June 1, 2026**
- Publication Date: **September 2026**

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

- Articles should relate to *Y Magazine*'s themes, but it isn't a requirement
- Articles should be accompanied by an author photo (headshot), position title, company, OPPI member category, RPP designation or other credentials

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

IMAGE GUIDELINES

- If possible, please send images (photos and/or graphics) to illustrate your 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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