

## OPPI Council Meeting Recap April 17, 2026

OPPI Council held a virtual Council meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss a number of items requiring decisions.

The first item of business was to receive the draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2025. OPPI's auditor, Thomas Kriens of Kriens LaRose presented the financial statements to Council. Mr. Krien's opinion was that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute. Mr. Kriens indicated that his firm engaged in a thorough review and oversight of OPPI's records and bookkeeping and that he was confident in the work of both the Audit Committee and Eugene Park, Chief Operating Officer (COO). OPPI Council approved the draft Financial Statements which will be presented at the Annual Member Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

OPPI Council then reviewed member input received on the draft Vision, Mission and four Strategic Pillars. After discussion, Council moved to approve an amended version of the Vision, Mission and Strategic Pillars based on input received. They invited Susan Wiggins, Executive Director, and the staff leadership team to now develop tactics and metrics for the Strategic Plan to be presented at the next Council meeting.

Stephanie Phillips, Director of Marketing & Communications, updated Council on plans for a rebrand launch on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The launch event will be held at the opening of The Connective and via a communications campaign that will include a redesigned and updated website, all new social media and e-communications templates. The new magazine, PLACE, will launch a couple of weeks after the main launch event.

Erika Ivanic, Chair of the Governance & Nominations Committee, presented the results of this year's nomination and election process. The committee presented a detailed report on their process and summary of the candidates who were interviewed for open positions. Council approved the Governance & Nominations Committees recommendation of the proposed slate of candidates for election by acclamation noting that the slate will be presented at the Annual Members Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Ryan Des Roches, Registrar & Director of Special Projects, presented Version 2 of an updated Code of Ethics issued by the Professional Standards Board (PSB). Ryan walked Council through a report of the Professional Standards & Registration Committee (PS&RC) after review of this version of the document noting that there are still necessary changes to be made for OPPI to adopt the updated Code of Ethics. After discussion, OPPI endorsed the PS&RC review for submission to PSB with a few updates to be included per Council discussion.

Susan Wiggins, Executive Director, presented a number of items that require By-law amendments post adoption of the new Governance Policy & Procedures Manual at the last Council meeting. Council approved the list of proposed amendments which Susan will now submit to legal counsel to draft the appropriate amendments for presentation at the Annual Members Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Susan Wiggins, Executive Director, provided updates on two government relations items. The Government & Public Relations (GPR) committee is currently working on eleven ERO postings related to Bill 98 and Susan has put forward a request to speak before Standing Committee on the various elements of the Bill. Additionally, Susan met with the team at MMAH who issued the Deloitte survey to our membership. The team indicated that, at this point, they are in fact finding mode only with no future plans in place related to the intent of the survey indicated in the letter.

Council's next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held virtually on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

