



## OPPI Council Meeting Recap

February 26 & 27, 2026

Last Thursday, Council held their first quarterly meeting of the year. The first portion of the meeting was spent with Jack Shand of The Portage Group, the firm that has been retained to support OPPI Council through the process to recruit a new Executive Director following the announcement of Susan Wiggin's intention to retire. Council members were invited to share OPPI's priorities over the next five plus years, based on our new strategic plan that is in development. With our new priorities in mind, Council then discussed the competencies needed in a new Executive Director to support OPPI Council and staff going forward. Jack presented the process and schedule for the search which is estimated to take three to four months to complete.

Routine Council business included the receipt of 2025 4<sup>th</sup> quarter committee reports and the unaudited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2025.

A new Governance Policy Manual developed with a consultant under the direction of the Governance & Nomination Committee was approved by motion of Council.

A framework and policy for OPPI to evaluate a request for support or endorsement of planning matters or products was reviewed and supported by Council. Requests will be reviewed by the Professional Standards & Registration Committee (PS&RC) using the new framework and policy.

OPPI Staff leadership team presented a five-year report card on OPPI's current Strategic Plan: 2025. The report card included a list of all activities and relevant statistics for each of the five Strategic Directions. The report card covered years 2021 to 2025. Council approved the Report Card by motion and thanked the staff for the work they put into this comprehensive report of results over the past five years. Details from the 2025 report card will be shared at the Annual Members Meeting in June.

Finally, Andria Leigh, Chair and Susan Wiggins, Executive Director updated OPPI Council on continued conversations with senior staff at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MMAH) on three projects – Official plan reform, streamlining the number of Reports & Studies requested and increased promotion and use of Community Planning Permit System (CPPS). The Ministry continues to include OPPI in the conversations in advance of potential changes. We are hopeful that our input will be considered in any future legislation, regulations or guidelines released by the province.

Day two of our council meeting was a continuation of our facilitated workshop with Manal Sayid of Sayid Consulting on the development of our new Strategic Plan: 2030. Our time together focussed on reviewing the results of our facilitated session in January and Manal's proposal to move forward with four Strategic Directions. Additionally, Council members worked together to revise the organizations Vision and Mission to better reflect the future direction of OPPI.

We left our workshop with a commitment to share our proposed Vision, Mission and Strategic Directions with OPPI membership in the weeks ahead. Stay tuned to OPPI e-communications for your opportunity to provide input into Strategic Plan: 2030.

If you have any questions about this Council recap, please reach out to [chair@ontarioplanners.ca](mailto:chair@ontarioplanners.ca).

The next Council Meeting will be held virtually on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026.