

Message to Members



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President 2007-2009

Predicting and even speculating on the future is inherently challenging. There is much that we don't know. We can look at events of the last 25 years and appreciate this challenge. The demise of the Soviet Union and the fallout from 9/11 would not have been on the radar in 1982 when I began my career as a planner. Predicting in what can be a chaotic world is at times near impossible. And yet, as planners we face this challenge on a daily basis. It is our professional responsibility to try to identify and interpret trends that impact and influence the communities within which we live and work.

In some ways these same challenges face OPPI Council on an on-going basis. What are the current and future issues that will impact the profession? What are the strategic directions that we as a profession need to move in? How do we ensure that we have sufficient resources to address the Institute's needs and of course — connected to these administrative realities are the tough questions connected to resources and budgets. These are questions that are given much consideration at a staff and Council level. Fortunately, over the years OPPI has had the good fortune of responsible and visionary Councils. Your current Council is no exception.

Through Council, staff and a multitude of volunteers that support the Institute much has been accomplished over the last number of years. Support for the Healthy Communities initiative and related Calls to Action has been overwhelming. The Institute has received a provincial and at times national audience for our messages of thoughtful and visionary planning. This one initiative has led to much media coverage and led to presentations to the Ontario Municipal Board, a number of Ministers and perhaps more importantly it has made inroads into the psyche of the province's population. The need for planning and the recognition of what planning can do for society is increasingly acknowledged.

Some of our new and on-going initiatives also hold much promise for the future. As we continue to review our membership requirements we recognize the importance of reaching for professional standards that will help to ensure excellence and facilitate new planners as they enter the profession. I think there are also reasons to be excited about our willingness to look to the institute as a resource and centre of excellence for planning. I am also pleased to see our willingness as a profession to push the boundaries of what it means to be a planner and in this process to be more willing to accept new ideas and an increasingly diverse membership. I believe that in the future there will be more reasons than ever to embrace membership in OPPI.

This is my last formal message in my capacity as President of the Institute. I am thankful for the trust that has been placed in me and for the stellar support of Council, staff and a large group of volunteers. It has been a privilege for which I shall remain forever grateful.

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Beyond 2010

Focus and Outcomes for the Planning

2009 Key Strategies Underway

OPPI Council, committees and districts embarked on twenty key strategies in 2009. Highlights of several key accomplishments follow.

As the voice of the Planning Profession OPPI:

Leads and supports members to plan healthy communities

- ✓ **Planning by Design: a healthy communities handbook** developed in partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- ✓ **A Call to Action on Active Transportation for Children and Youth** developed in partnership with the Centre for Sustainable Transportation.
- ✓ **A Call to Action on Planning for Age-Friendly Communities** resulting from the knowledge and learning we acquired from OPPI's 2008 Symposium *The Grey Tsunami: Aging Communities and Planning*.

- ✓ Partnering with other organizations such as The Heart and Stroke Foundation's *Spark Together for Healthy Kids* campaign.
- ✓ Congratulation to our 2009 winner, Ottawa Escarpment Area District Plan as the winner of the joint OPPI and Heart & Stroke Foundation *Award for Excellence in Planning for Healthy Communities*.

- ✓ Conveying key messages about the Healthy Communities Initiative to key stakeholders such as the Minister of Health Promotion, Ontario Municipal Board, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, creating a sphere of awareness of the impact that planning and the profession impart on fostering healthy communities.

Acts as a resource and centre of excellence for planning

- ✓ Several education and networking events brought to you by your local OPPI District featuring and discussing best planning practices for healthy communities.
- ✓ Two new continuous professional learning offerings; *Project Management for Planners on-line course* and *Urban Design for Planners Course*.
- ✓ A series of webinars delivered on topical planning matters such as *Active Transportation for Children and Youth*.
- ✓ *University Research Links* found on the OPPI web site helping to keep members informed of the latest planning research by students and faculty at Ontario's Recognized Planning Schools.
- ✓ Hosting the CIP/OPPI 2009 Conference *Building a Better World* to a full capacity delegation in beautiful Niagara Falls Ontario.

Develops and maintains professional standards in the interest of the public of Ontario

- ✓ Continued participation in the national review of membership standards, criteria and process; with scheduled completion in 2011 pending membership approval.
- ✓ Representatives of OPPI and the Law Society of Upper Canada met at Osgoode Hall regarding the continuation of OPPI's exemption from the paralegal licensing requirement of the Law Society Act; with a decision pending Fall 2009.
- ✓ Brought OPPI's By-law in compliance with new federal and provincial legislation affecting labour mobility.
- ✓ Investigating the feasibility of regulating the planning profession through provincial legislation through a newly appointed Professional Practice Advisory Group.
- ✓ Professional Practice Standards are revised providing guidance on the Professional Code of Practice to members holding dual professional memberships.
- ✓ Nearly 200 oral interview exams (Exam A) were scheduled this year, for long-standing Provisional members needing to fulfill the By-law requirement to attain Full membership.
- ✓ Discipline matters have been conducted and reported to members through the 2009 Ontario Planning Journal Jan/Feb issue and Annual Report.
- ✓ *Discipline Rules of Practice & Procedure* are now available to members and the public from the web site in keeping with improvements to the discipline process.
- ✓ A Member Register is now available on the web site providing members and the public with a list of current OPPI members.

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