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Juries

OPPI would like to thank all those who served on the juries of the 2009 Excellence in Planning Awards.

Kim Beckman, LLB, Davies Howe Partners • Andrew Bryce, MCIP, RPP, City of Niagara Falls • Wes Crown, MCIP, RPP, Town of Midland
• Nadia De Santi, MCIP, RPP, FoTenn Consultants Inc. • Angela Dietrich, MCIP, RPP, City of Mississauga • Claire Dodds, MCIP, RPP,
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of Management • William Wierzbicki, MCIP, RPP, Planning Advisory Services

OPPI Excellence

in Planning Awards 2009

Planning Studies/Reports

City of Ottawa/Urban Strategies Inc./Delcan

Ottawa Escarpment Area District Plan

This plan, which was developed between January 2006 and December 2008, will guide future growth and help establish a high design standard for the Escarpment Area District – the neighbourhood situated between downtown Ottawa and LeBreton Flats. After extensive consultation with neighbourhood groups and other stakeholders, the project team identified redevelopment and infill opportunities and options (particularly on the site of the former Ottawa Technical High School building) and extensive public realm improvements. The plan includes provisions for heritage conservation, parks, open spaces and community gardens, and connections to public transit.



City of Brantford/IBI Group/Urban Strategies Inc.

Towards a Stronger Future: A Master Plan for Downtown Brantford



The vision of this master plan is to transform the downtown into the vibrant and healthy heart of the city. The plan was developed by city staff and consultants, who worked closely with downtown stakeholders and the community. One important goal was to create the conditions for the economic and physical revitalization of Colborne Street, one of Brantford's most historic streets, but a street that has suffered from neglect in recent years. Implementation has already begun, including the expropriation of properties on Colborne Street, to make room for a new downtown YMCA and expansion of postsecondary education facilities. The high quality of the plan has also spurred new investment in Brantford's downtown.

Healthy Communities Award

City of Ottawa

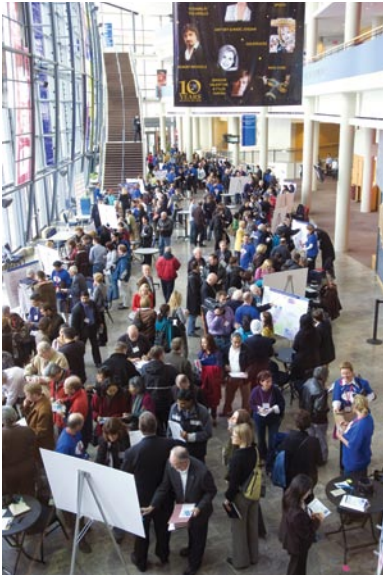
Ottawa Escarpment Area District Plan

The Healthy Communities Award, established jointly by OPPI and the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Ontario, has been created to recognize excellence in creating healthy communities. The Ottawa Escarpment Area District Plan is this year's recipient, as this project exemplifies the importance of creating sustainable living environments.

Communications/Public Education

Office for Urbanism/City of Mississauga

Our Future Mississauga Community Engagement



To begin the process of creating a new strategic plan, the City of Mississauga retained Office for Urbanism to engage Mississaugans in a conversation about the future of their city. This was the most extensive public consultation undertaken in the City's history, with more than 100,000 participants in total. Over nine months, the people of Mississauga participated in capacity-building workshops, charrettes, information sessions, stakeholder interviews, walking tours, presentations, online surveys, and open houses. The process included a speaker series, a three-part television series in partnership with the local cable station, and an interactive website that allowed Mississaugans

to take part in online surveys and submit comments. The Vision, Principles, and Drivers generated through the process directly informed the components of Mississauga's new Strategic Plan.

Urban Strategies Inc./City of Vaughan

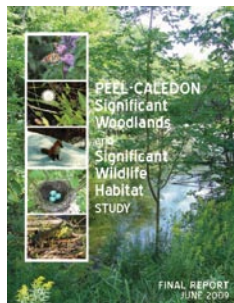
Vaughan Tomorrow – A Vision for Transformation

The City of Vaughan, as part of its official plan review process, retained Urban Strategies Inc. to engage the people of Vaughan in articulating their vision for the future of the city. Between December 2007 and October 2008, a range of events were organized in which residents and businesspeople contributed their ideas, which were integrated into a discussion paper that sets out eight themes for city-building in Vaughan. These were presented in a variety of formats, media, and venues (including videos, a series of bulletins on specific topics, online presentations, a speakers series) to educate and engage the public.



A particular effort was made to involve youth through workshops held in high schools. The discussion paper has been adopted as the basis for the official plan review by City Council.

Research/New Directions



Region of Peel and Town of Caledon

Peel-Caledon Significant Woodlands and Significant Wildlife Habitat Study

This study, a technical background document for the official plan review currently under way in the Town of Caledon and the Region of Peel, is the first of its kind in its focus on wildlife habitat. The report, which was written and designed to be accessible to a wide audience, provides a detailed analysis of about 40 criteria for identifying wildlife habitat, established through a review of scientific literature and work by other government agencies, with input from key stakeholders. Although many of the criteria are specific to the Town, the study provides a template that other municipalities could use in developing similar studies of their own.

Member Service Award

2009 RECIPIENTS



Jeff Celentano, MCIP, RPP

Jeff Celentano has been a member of OPPI since the Institute was created in 1986. His many contributions as a volunteer include chairing the steering committee for the 2008 Symposium held in North Bay (*The Grey Tsunami*) and directing the Policy Committee in 2003 and 2004, during a time of considerable debate on planning initiatives such as Places to Grow and the

reform of the *Planning Act*. From 2007 to 2008, Jeff served as one of OPPI's representatives on the Certification Task Force and chaired the Professional Exam Working Group for the Membership Continuous Improvement Program of the Canadian Institute of Planners.



Bill Janssen, MCIP, RPP

Bill Janssen has been a planner since 1980 and a leading volunteer in the Western Lake Ontario District for the past ten years. He has served on the Recognition Committee and the Nominating Committee, been a judge for the Excellence in Planning awards, and helped to organize the successful 2005 Connections Conference in Hamilton-Burlington as co-chair of the Program

Committee. He is currently a member at large for Western Lake Ontario and devotes many hours to mentoring younger planners.



Amanda Kutler, MCIP, RPP

Amanda Kutler joined OPPI in 1997 and became a Full Member in 2004. While serving as vice-chair of the Southwest District between 2002 and 2007, she helped organize the 2002 conference in London as chair of the media and promotions committee. As chair of the Membership Outreach Committee, she spearheaded the creation of a plan for student

outreach, which was implemented in full and ahead of schedule. At present, Amanda is OPPI's representative on the Communications Committee of the Canadian Institute of Planners, which is working on a marketing plan for the profession within Canada and to international audiences.



Dan Nicholson, MCIP, RPP

Dan Nicholson, a long-standing OPPI Member in the Toronto District, currently serves on the Professional Practice and Development Committee. He helped to create a presentation for World Town Planning Day and organized a walking tour of Old Toronto with former mayor David Crombie and former chief planner Paul Bedford in 2008. He has contributed to

the development of the continuous professional learning courses on project management and urban design, and served as OPPI's representative on a project dealing with multiculturalism in the Greater Toronto Area sponsored by the Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Settlement.



Ann Tremblay, MCIP, RPP

Ann Tremblay served on OPPI's Policy Development Committee from 1999 to 2001 and chaired the Eastern District Executive from 2001 to 2005, in addition to serving as Treasurer of OPPI from 2003 to 2005. Since 2005, she has been an examiner for OPPI's Exam A. In 2004, Ann teamed-up with Nadia De Santi and a committee of dedicated Eastern District

planners to fundraise for 'OPPI House', an initiative for Habitat for Humanity, collecting \$75,000 over two years in a campaign that included a very successful gala evening at the Canadian War Museum in 2005. With this funding, Habitat for Humanity was able to build a two-storey semi-detached house in west-end Ottawa.

Scholarships

GERALD CARROTHERS Graduate Scholarship

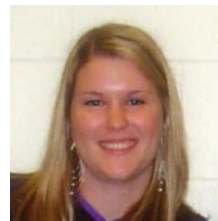


Katie Temple

Katie Temple, who hails from Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, is studying at the University of Guelph in the program on Rural Planning and Development. She is particularly interested in the potential of localizing the food system and ensuring rural sustainability. In Newfoundland, she served as executive director of the

Newfoundland Environment Network, and in Guelph she is working to set up a Progressive Planners Network to foster dialogue on how planners can create positive change in society. She has also done volunteer work with Oxfam Canada, the Food Security Network of Newfoundland, and the Memorial University Advisory Committee on Sustainability, among other groups. In fall 2009 she will begin her second year of graduate studies, and hopes eventually to work as a rural planner in Newfoundland.

Undergraduate Scholarship



Meghan O'Donnell

Meghan O'Donnell completed her bachelor's studies in the program in Urban and Regional Planning at Ryerson University in 2009. She has served on OPPI's Student Liaison Committee for OPPI and the Toronto District Committee, volunteered with Metrolinx, and participated in fundraising for the Heart and Stroke Foundation

as well as running in a quarter-marathon to raise money for a centre for street youth in Durham Region. She hopes to work in provincial planning, since her interests lie in the area of growth management and the implementation of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. She was an invited speaker at P4: Perspectives in Planning, organized by the Toronto District in March 2009.