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2011 Excellence in Planning Award Winners

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
STUDIES/REPORTS

Avenues and Mid-rise Buildings Study

City of Toronto and Brook McIlroy

The Avenues & Mid-Rise Building Study translates the policies for Toronto's "Avenues" into a vision of vibrant, tree lined streets, wide sun-lit sidewalks, framed by well designed, contextually sensitive mid-rise buildings that support an active street life. It guides future growth on the Avenues through a set of performance standards, which provide the foundation for new zoning regulations and urban design guidelines for mid-rise buildings. The complete study can be viewed online at <http://www.toronto.ca/planning/midrisestudy.htm>.



Toronto Avenues & Mid-Rise Buildings Study / City of Toronto / Brook McIlroy / ERA / Gresham / LMC

RESEARCH/NEW DIRECTIONS

Farm Sustainability in Niagara

Niagara Region

Niagara Region's value-added agricultural policies support and expand the ability of Niagara's farmers to create a diversified, profitable and sustainable agricultural industry in the region. This policy amendment to the regional plan enables Niagara Region to provide more flexibility for farmers to undertake value-added activities as part of their farming operation, support and enhance the agricultural industry, and provide local municipalities with the autonomy to implement agricultural land use policies specific to their farming communities. The document can be found online at <http://www.niagararegion.ca/living/icp/policy-plan.aspx>.



URBAN/COMMUNITY DESIGN

Lower Don Lands Framework Plan & Keating Channel Precinct Plan

Waterfront Toronto

The Lower Don Lands Framework Plan and Keating Channel Precinct Plan represent an innovative and sustainable approach to community building, urban design and the natural environment. By comprehensively restructuring the course of the river and the surrounding urban infrastructure, the plan greatly expands the district's public realm, opening up the Toronto waterfront for public use. The Keating Channel Precinct is the first phase of the Lower Don Lands Plan to be implemented. The plans can be found at www.waterfronttoronto.ca/lowerdonlands.





MUNICIPAL / STATUTORY PLANNING STUDIES

Lawrence-Allen Revitalization Plan

City of Toronto

The Lawrence-Allen Revitalization Plan is intended to guide and manage growth and change in this area of Toronto's inner suburbs over the coming 20 years. At the centre of the area is the Lawrence Heights neighbourhood, a community with 1,208 rent-g geared-to-income social housing units, developed in the 1950s and today in need of revitalization and renewal.

The revitalization plan articulates a vision and planning framework for a new mixed-use and mixed-income neighbourhood in Lawrence Heights, structured around a vibrant public realm and fitting into the surrounding context of stable, low-scale residential neighbourhoods. The Lawrence-Allen Revitalization Plan is available at www.toronto.ca/planning/lawrence_allen.htm.

Healthy Communities



MUNICIPAL / STATUTORY PLANNING STUDIES AWARD & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AWARD

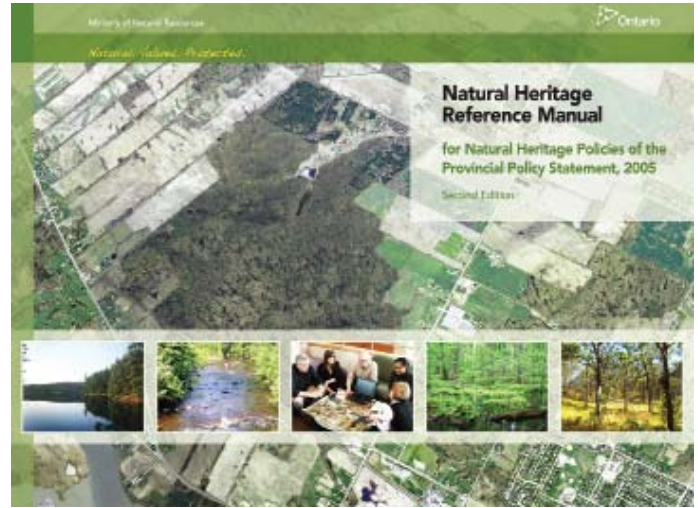
The Healthy Communities Award, established jointly by OPPI and the Ontario Heart & Stroke Foundation has been created to recognize excellence in creating healthy communities. The York Region Official Plan, 2010 is this year's recipient, as it stresses the importance of active lifestyles in planning healthy communities.

York Region Official Plan, 2010

York Region

In the next 25 years, York Region will face significant growth. It is anticipated the region will grow by 570,000 people to reach a population of 1.5 million, and add 320,000 jobs to bring our employment to 780,000 jobs by 2031. The York Region Official Plan, 2010, will guide and shape that growth.

Sustainability continues to be the lens through which the region formulates, enhances and implements policy. While the form and character of growth will vary across the region, all development will be held to higher standards than current practices. Each community will have a unique sense of place and an integrated and linked natural heritage system, and each will promote active lifestyles through pedestrian-oriented environments. The plan is available at www.york.ca/Departments/Planning+and+Development/Growth+Management/2010+Reports+and+Background+Papers.htm#8.



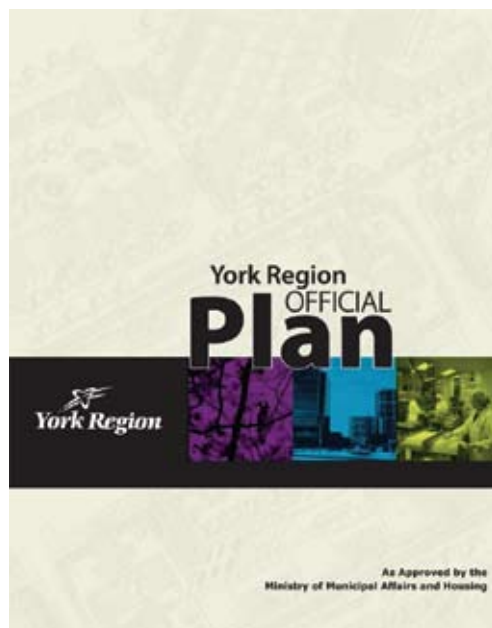
COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC EDUCATION

Natural Heritage Reference Manual for Natural Heritage Policies of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005 Second Edition

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

The Natural Heritage Reference Manual for Natural Heritage Policies of the Provincial Policy Statement represents the province's recommended technical criteria and approaches for ensuring consistency with the *Provincial Policy Statement, 2005*. The online format provides direct access to additional tools such as provincially available information sources for identifying and evaluating natural heritage.

The manual is intended to foster community involvement and improve understanding of land use planning's role in promoting sustainable communities and addressing complex societal issues such as climate change and biodiversity loss. It is available online at www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LUEPS/Publication/249081.html.





LEONARD GERTLER AWARD OF DISTINCTION

This special award has been named in honour of the late Leonard Gertler, FCIP. With over 40 years experience his contributions were many, including work leading to the development of the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

Niagara Escarpment Plan

The *Niagara Escarpment Plan* is Canada’s first, large-scale environmental land use plan. It is intended to balance protection, conservation and sustainable development to ensure the Niagara Escarpment will remain substantially a natural environment for future generations.

The Niagara Escarpment is recognized as one of the world’s unique natural wonders and, at 725 km in length, it is the most prominent topographical feature of southern Ontario. It traverses the most heavily developed and densely populated region of Canada. Recreational activities related to the Niagara Escarpment contribute more than \$100-million to Ontario’s economy annually.

In 1990, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization named Ontario’s Niagara Escarpment a World Biosphere Reserve. This designation recognizes the natural features and ecological importance of the escarpment and endorses the *Niagara Escarpment Plan*, 1985.



HONORARY MEMBER

This year, for the third time only, OPPI is designating an honorary member, given in recognition of the work of non-planners who advance the importance of planning to the future of Ontario’s communities.

James Bernard Harkin (1875–1955)

Given posthumously, OPPI’s new member is James Bernard Harkin (1875–1955). Known to many as “the Father of National Parks,” Harkin was the first National Parks of Canada commissioner (1911-1936).

OPPI is not the only organization celebrating an important milestone this year. Parks Canada is also marking its 100th anniversary. It is appropriate, given the role played by parks, historic sites and open spaces in community planning and their contribution to the health and sustainability of Ontario to recognize the person credited with being the founder of what we now know as Parks Canada.

James Harkin developed the idea of conservation in Canada, established standards for preservation, created a centralized agency to administer the parks and helped draft the *National Parks Act*, 1930. His model of what a national park should be was world-class, attracting emissaries from abroad to study his methods.

Due to his visionary activities, James Harkin laid the foundations for Ontario to be home to some of Parks Canada’s most unique and well-loved parks, conservation areas and historic sites. Today, these touch almost every corner of this province.



James Bernard Harkin



Stewart Chisholm



Brad Bradford



Tim Chadder, MCIP, RPP



Tim Chadder

An enthusiastic advocate and committed volunteer, Tim Chadder has actively supported the Ontario Professional Planners Institute for many years, serving in a variety of capacities.

A member of the Eastern District Executive Committee for six years, Tim was the district's OPPI policy development representative. He worked on such key OPPI initiatives as Healthy Communities and the review of the *Provincial Policy Statement* and *Planning Act* amendments. Tim has also served as an Exam A examiner and as a member of both the OPPI Membership Committee and the Planning for the Future Task Force.

Tim began his professional career serving as a municipal planner—Township of West Carleton, City of Kanata, Municipality of Clarington and City of Ottawa. In 2001 he joined J.L. Richards and Associates Limited in Ottawa and continues with the firm today as an associate, senior planner.

Stewart Chisholm, MCIP, RPP

Stewart Chisholm is recognized for his outstanding service to the Ontario Professional Planners Institute, his unique contributions to the healthy communities' initiative, and his capacity to contextualize local, provincial and national perspectives. Stewart's career and personal passion have focused on the connection between cities and nature.

For the past 12 years Stewart has served at Evergreen, a national non-profit organization that promotes urban sustainability by strengthening connections among nature, culture and community. He has developed a variety of tools and resources for both planning professionals and grass roots organizations to support their collective efforts to protect, enhance and steward public green spaces.

Brandi Clement, MCIP, RPP

Brandi Clement has contributed significantly to raising the profile of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and planning within the Simcoe, Grey and Muskoka area. Committed to the planning profession, she has served in a variety of roles giving generously of her time and expertise.

A dedicated member and most recently chair of the Central Lakelands District programming committee, Brandi excels at combining social networking with educational opportunities. Extending her networks and knowledge beyond provincial and national borders, Brandi is a longstanding member of APA/AICP.

Brandi is a partner with the Jones Consulting Group Ltd. in Barrie, Ontario.



Brandi Clement



Dilys Huang

Brad Bradford

Brad Bradford made a personal commitment when he began his Master of Planning degree, to completely submerge himself in the planning community, giving priority to professional involvement and civic engagement. He has come to learn the practice of planning isn't just about the demarcation of land or allocation of resources, but is focussed around communities and the people that make them unique.

Brad is a Masters of Planning Candidate at the University of Waterloo and is the Chief Administrative Officer with the Canadian Association of Planning Students. While achieving academic excellence, he also served as Waterloo's Association of Graduate Planners co-president and its OPPI graduate representative.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Dilys Huang

Whenever Dilys Huang travels to different places, she notices the contrasts between different cities—from the densely populated cities of Hong Kong and Shanghai with their lack of green space to the sparser North American cities. She is keenly interested in environmental sustainability and social planning, and in learning how planning policy and transportation can work to maintain or alter the form of cities—improving quality of life and maintaining the integrity of the natural landscape.

Dilys completed her second year in the University of Waterloo Honours Planning Co-op Program with distinction, not only academically but through her involvement in various activities and associations.

OPPI Awards Jury – 2011

OPPI would like to thank all those who served on the juries of the 2011 Excellence in Planning Awards—Sandeep Agrawal, MCIP, RPP, Ryerson University; Michael Boughton, MCIP, RPP, City of Ottawa; Ruth Coursey, MCIP, RPP, City of Owen Sound; Rob Dowler, MCIP, RPP, Assistant Deputy Minister, Cabinet Office; Paul Ferris, P. Ferris & Associates; Dr. Charles Gardner, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit; Beverley Hillier, MCIP, RPP, City of North Bay; Brenda Khes, MCIP, RPP, Khes Planning Solutions; Adrian Litavski, MCIP, RPP, Johnston Litavski Ltd.; John McHugh, APR; Matt Pearson, MCIP, RPP, B.M. Ross & Associates Ltd.; Cheryl Shindruk, MCIP, RPP, Geranium Corporation; Kevin Stolarick, PhD, Martin Prosperity Institute, Joseph L. Rotman School of Management; Amber Stewart, LLB, Davies Howe Partners; Mike Sullivan, MCIP, RPP, MMM Group Ltd.

