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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

OPPI members will receive a weekly district eblast highlighting district events taking place across Ontario in a given week. You are receiving this because your District has an event they would like to share with you. Please see the events listed below for more information. If you have any questions about this weekly eblast, please contact OPPI at info@ontarioplanners.ca.

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Southwest District

OPPI Fifth Annual Movie Night



Join your OPPI colleagues for the fifth annual OPPI Southwest District KW Area Film Night! The City of Kitchener will be hosting on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 a screening of *Growing Up: The Story of ION Light Rail in Waterloo Region*.

The Region of Waterloo's decision to build a light rail transit system has had a transformative impact on the community. The documentary 'Growing Up' tells the story behind that generational decision and illuminates how Waterloo Region has been shaped as a result of ION.

Following the film screening, we will head to McCabe's Irish Pub and Grill for some appetizers

and refreshments. A cash bar will be available.

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: [Kitchener City Hall – Council Chambers – Second Floor Eby Wing](#)
[200 King Street West, Kitchener, ON N2G 4G7](#) and [McCabe's Irish Pub & Grill](#)
[352 King Street West, Kitchener, ON N2G 1B7](#)

Fee + HST: OPPI Member \$13.28 | OPPI Retired Member \$13.28 | OPPI Student \$13.28 |
Non-Member \$17.70

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World Town Planning Day

Join your colleagues throughout the Southwest District (SWD) to reach as many students as possible for World Town Planning Day 2019! World Town Planning Day is on **November 8** this year, and we are asking as many members of the SWD as possible to share your passion and knowledge about planning throughout the month of November with students across the district. Spend an hour in a local school with a class or two – perhaps an elementary school near your office or home, your child’s class, or plan a return visit to the high school you attended – and lead a discussion about what planning is and what planners do and facilitate an activity to demonstrate some aspects of planning.



The SWD World Town Planning Day Lead has prepared two age-targeted presentation and activity templates for you to use and customize for your local context. The presentations provide an outline of some suggested content, opportunities to highlight local areas or examples, and age-appropriate activities - for both younger elementary students and older elementary/high school student. You are also free to revamp the entire program and use what suits your local context and intended audience. Once you’ve presented to the class, or classes, report your CPL’s and let us know how many students participated in your session so we can see how many students we can reach across the SWD. We will follow up in late November to let everyone know how many students we were able to reach during November 2019.

If you are interested in participating or have questions about the program, please contact Matthew Rodrigues, [here](#). We’d love to know if you’re picking up the program and any thoughts or questions you may have.

- [Elementary Presentation](#)
- [Elementary Presentation Schedule](#)
- [Upper-Year Presentation](#)
- [Upper-Year Presentation Schedule](#)
- [World Town Planning Day 2019 Overview](#)

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Homeward "Developing the Missing Middle" Workshops

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Date and Time: Monday, November 18, 2019 from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Location: [Stratford Rotary Complex 353 McCarthy Rd, Stratford, ON N5A 7S7](#)

Fee + HST: OPPI Member \$50.00 | OPPI Student \$50.00 | Non-Member \$50.00

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Southwest District Annual Seasonal Social – OPPI

Join your OPPI colleagues in celebrating the festive season with our annual dinner and silent auction at Michael’s on the Thames in London. The menu is a three-course dinner consisting of an appetizer, entrée, and dessert. The appetizer is a choice of Soup de Jour or House Salad, while entrée options include: Prime Rib of Beef, Maple Ginger Glazed Salmon, Chicken Marsala, and Gnocchi. Dessert is a Flour-less Chocolate Cake with Ganache Icing. All dietary needs and requests can be accommodated. Registration fee includes your three-course meal, service gratuity, and taxes. Full cash bar available.



The Program Committee also welcomes contributions of silent auction items. All proceeds from the auction are donated to the OPPI Scholarship Fund. Winners of this year’s OPPI Student Scholarship will be announced.

This event is open to all students, members of the Southwest District, and our non-member colleagues.

Date and Time: Thursday, November 28, 2019 from 5:30 pm - 11 pm

Location: [Michael’s on the Thames, 1 York Street London, ON N6A 1A1](#)

Fee + HST: OPPI Member \$56.55 | OPPI Retired Member \$56.55 | OPPI Student \$56.55 | Non-Member \$60.90

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Date and Time: Friday, November 8, 2019 from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Location: [North Grenville Municipal Centre 285 44, Kemptville, ON K0G 1J0](#)

Fee + HST: OPPI Member \$50.00 | OPPI Student \$50.00 | Non-Member \$50.00

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Walking Tour - European Christmas Market at Lansdowne

Ottawa has a new European-style Christmas Market this year! Join speakers from the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG), who are hosting this walking tour, as we discuss the role of markets and neighbourhood events in community building. The market will be in operation during our walk. Dress warmly.

Afterwards, all are invited to an informal social at a local establishment. Start the season on the right professional-development footing, enjoy a drink with fellow planners, and perhaps afterwards engage in some timely Christmas shopping!



Date and Time: Friday, December 6, 2019 from 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

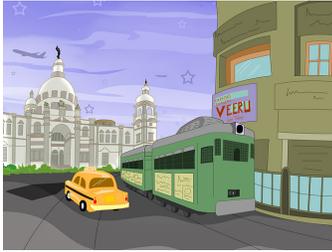
Location: Lansdowne; precise meeting location to be confirmed.

Fee + HST: Free event.

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Innovative Rural Community Building



Join the Town of Innisfil planning team as they discuss the town's private/public transit partnership with Uber aimed to help provide greater transit service for their rural community. Grey County's Manager of Community Transportation will also share how the County is looking for transit opportunities using technology. The County's Manager of Economic Development will follow by giving a tour of the new Regional Skills, Training, Trades and Innovation

Community Hub. The former Sydehnam school recently closed because of changing population needs in the local community. Rural community school closures pose both an opportunity and challenge for local planners, as they are often centrally located and can be repurposed, provided there is the right fit. The Sydehnam hub is intended to help serve the local community and will be the new home of the Small Business Enterprise Centre.

Date and Time: Friday, November 15, 2019 from 2:00 pm - 4:15 pm

Location: [Former Sydenham School - 1130 8th Street East, Owen Sound](#)

Fee + HST: OPPI Member \$13.27 | OPPI Retired Member \$13.27 | OPPI Student \$13.27 | Non-Member \$13.27

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Toronto District

Toronto District Winter Social

The OPPI Toronto District cordially invites you to attend the annual Toronto District Winter Social at The One Eighty. The event is a fantastic opportunity to meet and network with fellow planners as well as providing an incredible view of the skyline and city at night from the 51st floor of the Manulife Centre!



Delicious hors d'oeuvres will be available. Cash bar available for drink purchases.

Register early to avoid disappointment. We welcome everyone to attend the event and mingle with students, candidate members, young professionals, non-members, and fellow planners!

Date and Time: Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Location: [The One Eighty, 55 Bloor Street West, Manulife Centre, 51st Floor, Toronto, ON, M4W 1A5](#). The One Eighty is located in the Manulife Centre at the corner of Bloor Street and Bay Street in Toronto.

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OPPI News

Sign Up for OPPI's 2019 Fall CPL Courses



OPPI offers members a number of Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) courses throughout the year to stay current with changes and developments in the planning profession, and to stay informed about innovations and leading practices. The courses available in the spring are for all levels and members can earn CPL units. Please see the available course below to learn more and register today:

- [Project Management for Planners \(November 22, 2019\)](#) **One spot left!**
- [Applied Project Management for Planners \(December 6, 2019\)](#)

CPL requires the completion of 18 Learning Units each year. For more information on CPL, please visit OPPI's [CPL webpage](#). To view all of OPPI's events, [please visit our website](#) for more information.

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Get to know OPPI's District Leadership Team

- Eastern District Chair: Erin O'Connor, RPP
- Lakeland District Chair: Scott Taylor, RPP
- Northern District Chair: Beverley Hillier, RPP
- Oak Ridges District Chair: Tim Jessop, RPP
- Southwest District Chair: Jane Gurney, RPP
- Toronto District Chair: Meghan Bratt, RPP
- Western Lake Ontario District: Brenda Khes, RPP

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