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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

You are receiving this eblast as OPPI is switching *The Planner* from a weekly to a bi-weekly eblast. We will continue to share the most important information and resources with members.

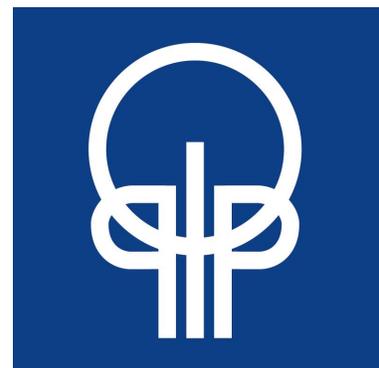
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Here's What You Need to Know Right Now

Member Updates for the Weeks of June 30 and July 7

Here is what OPPI members need to know this week:

- **Today is Mary Ann's last day as Executive Director for OPPI.** Please see more below, including our special farewell video to Mary Ann. Thank you Mary Ann!
- **The Planner moves to a bi-weekly eblast starting today!** The move to a bi-weekly issue allows for a managed return to regularly scheduled member communications. The next eblast members will receive will be on July 14th and every other Tuesday after this for the foreseeable future. If members have any questions about this switch, please contact OPPI at communications@ontarioplanners.ca.



- **Join us for our next Forum Friday webinar on July 3rd.** OPPI invites members to join us for our fifth Forum Friday webinar focusing on how we plan and build our

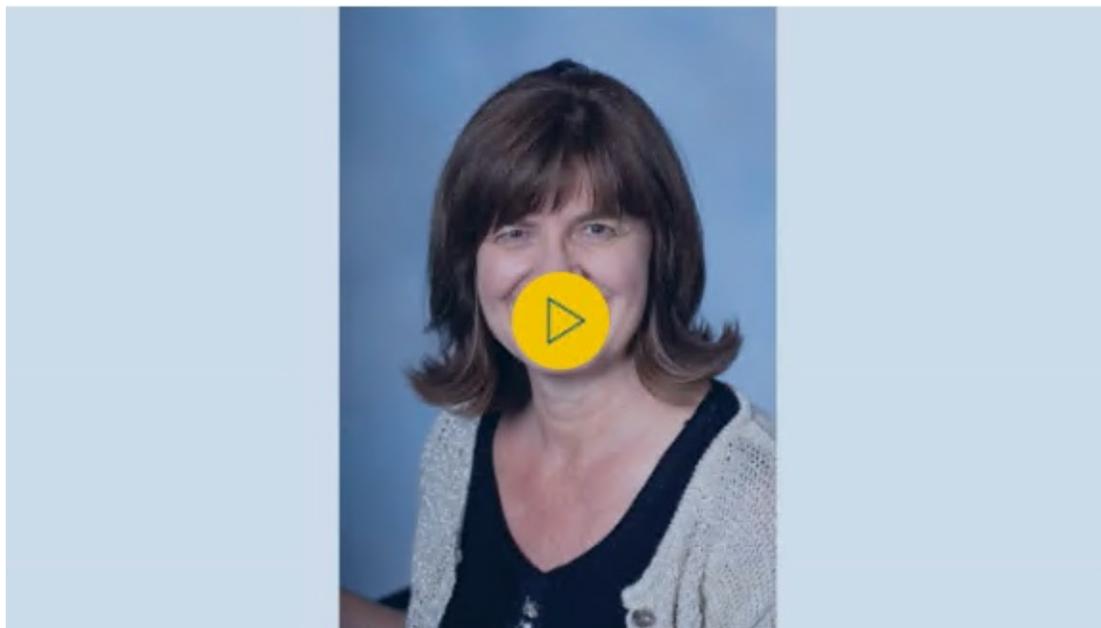
communities. COVID-19 is challenging how planners approach density and intensification. What can planners do to fight this narrative in your communities? More information on this session can be found below in our CPL section.

- **What if half of everything you did changed?** On June 29th, OPPI and Tenzing Communications launched the Plan On It campaign to promote the important role RPPs have in communities across Ontario and to provide great examples of planning in action. More information on this campaign can be found below.

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Farewell Mary Ann!

Mary Ann Rangam Retires After 20 Years With OPPI



After serving as Executive Director of OPPI for the past 20 years, Mary Ann Rangam retires on June 30, 2020. On behalf of the OPPI membership, past and current Council and Committee members, and OPPI staff, we want to thank Mary Ann for her many years of dedication to OPPI and her leadership, particularly her determination to keep the spotlight shining on OPPI's Council, volunteers, and staff. Please join us in congratulating Mary Ann and wishing her the very best for a rewarding and fruitful retirement. A farewell video was created with input from members and colleagues - while we couldn't get everyone in, OPPI would like to thank everyone who shared their thoughts and stories for this video. Please visit our [Video Library](#) to view the video.

In addition, we are sharing part of Mary Ann's note to members from the June 9th weekly Planner eblast, *"This past week I returned to the OPPI office to move out of the office and sort through paper files. As I sorted, organized and packed, I was struck by the lists of hundreds of members and volunteers that I have come to know and learn from over the years. I feel proud of what we have accomplished together as volunteers and staff making OPPI a high-performance organization. It has truly been an honour and a privilege to work for OPPI and with professional planners. I have gained and learned so much both personal and professionally through my work with all of you. My heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone for the opportunity to be OPPI's Executive Director. It has been a privilege to serve you as your Executive Director."*

OPPI's Plan On It Campaign



With the COVID-19 pandemic ongoing, and the focus turning to recovery efforts, OPPI is mindful of its mandate to promote the value of the RPP designation and the importance of members to communities across Ontario.

OPPI believes members are the leaders and experts who can guide communities out of

COVID-19 and into recovery mode safely and through informed choices.

On June 29th OPPI and Tenzing Communications launched the [Plan On It](#) campaign. Members will recall in last week's Planner eblast a reference to a media campaign in the Globe and Mail. This campaign will be featured in the Globe and Mail, on our social media channels and in AMCTO's magazine, directly reaching out to decision-makers, community leaders and the public.

Ontario's communities are facing rapid evolution by comparison to generations past. Coping with growth, the impacts of technology and climate change among other factors depends on how well we plan now. RPPs are helping to meet the challenge. This campaign also comes at a critical time as Ontario begins to enter recovery mode and communities are looking to RPPs to help guide their towns and cities through recovery and past the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of the stories highlighted in the Globe and Mail include:

- [Housing challenges take on new urgency with COVID-19](#)
- [No one can predict the future, but scenario-based planning can help](#)
- [Why building age-friendlier communities is more important than ever](#)

More stories, including OPPI's [Planning for Change RPP video](#), can be viewed at a special campaign URL: ontarioplanners.ca/planonit.

Please share the URL and video with your friends and colleagues. Encourage them to sign up for OPPI's *Y Magazine* and read great planning stories from across Ontario. This campaign will run for a few weeks and then it returns in the fall with some updated content. If members have any questions or feedback about the campaign, please contact OPPI at communications@ontarioplanners.ca.

OPPI Forum Friday: Planning for a New Normal - COVID-19 Impacts on Community Building, Intensification and Public Health (July 3)



On July 3, from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m., OPPI welcomes members to join us for our fifth Forum Friday webinar conversation on how the COVID-19 pandemic is raising questions about how we plan and build our communities.

COVID-19 is challenging how planners approach density and intensification in transitioning neighbourhoods. What can planners do to fight this narrative as they face this challenge in their communities? Are there underlying public health factors that are causing this reaction that planners can help combat through their work? Join

leading experts in planning and public health as they discuss the latest research, ideas and collaborations countering narratives against density. Guest speakers include:

- Ken Greenberg, former Director of Urban Design and Architecture for the City of Toronto and Principal of Greenberg Consultants
- Sari Liem, RPP, Healthy Built Environment Specialist, Public Health, Community and Health Services for York Region
- Dr. James Sallis, Department of Family and Preventative Medicine, University of California, San Diego

If you haven't already, please register for this free webinar and submit your questions in advance by clicking on the button below. More information on future webinars will be shared with members. Please note: these sessions will be recorded and uploaded to OPPI's [Digital Learning](#) site. In the meantime, you can always [visit our website](#) for information on our Forum Friday sessions.

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ICYMI: Community Readiness for a Strong Tourism Sector at OPPI18



As members think about what recovery could look like, resiliency and readiness will be the central themes for many communities now and post-pandemic.

OPPI is sharing previous webinars and conference sessions to access during this pandemic period like the [Community Readiness for a Strong Tourism Sector](#) session at OPPI18.

Tourism is a significant contributor to the economic health of communities in Ontario. In 2015, tourism supported 389,000 jobs and generated over \$32.5-billion in economic activity in Ontario. This session will demonstrate where policies and programs can support tourism. It will highlight some of the available tools to help planners and others assess the economic health of their tourism sector and show how one city has used these tools to strengthen the tourism sector for its stakeholders.

Log in to our Digital Learning portal to view this and many other webinars, listen to podcasts...and so much more!

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Thank You for Attending Our Fourth Forum Friday Webinar

OPPI Forum Friday Webinar: How Can Planning Respond to Anti-Black Racism in Practice?



OPPI would like to thank members for attending our fourth Forum Friday webinar on June 24th. OPPI would also like to thank our moderator Eldon Theodore, RPP, and panelists Paul Bailey, Nicole Hanson, RPP, Shannon Holness, Candidate Member and Francis Kwashie for their participation.

Members will be notified when this recording is available on our Digital Learning site. For now, members can access the recording by [clicking here](#). Please [visit our website](#) to learn more about our Forum Friday sessions.

If members missed this webinar, or you would like to review it again, the recording is now available on OPPI's [Digital Learning](#) site. All Forum Friday webinars will be uploaded to Digital Learning for members to access.

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Legislative Corner Updates

Regulations Open for Comment

Ontario's Environmental Registry website has posted an [important notice](#) temporarily exempting ministries from the minimum 30-day consultation requirements to post proposals for acts, regulations, policies and instruments to the Environmental Registry. OPPI will continue to monitor the registry website and provide items open for comment, when available.

We know members are busy working through other priorities, but for those who can provide comments the following regulatory items are open for public comment (deadlines in brackets):

- [Proposals to reduce regulatory burden within the wildlife management program \(July 24, 2020\)](#)
- [Proposed Amendment 1 to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe \(July 31, 2020\)](#)
- [Proposed Land Needs Assessment Methodology for A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe \(July 31, 2020\)](#)
- [Updating Ontario's Water Quantity Management Framework \(August 2, 2020\)](#)
- [Discussion paper on modernizing hazardous waste reporting in Ontario \(August 18, 2020\)](#)

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Member Resources

Upcoming Member Events

As Ontario begins to recover from COVID-19, and the summer approaches, the opportunity to hold events may grow. OPPI will return to a district eblast format as more events are scheduled. We will notify members about the return to this format and the frequency when we have more information. If you need to contact OPPI about District events, please write to learning@ontarioplanners.ca. For now, we will highlight events in the Planner.

Please see the list below for current upcoming events. Members can always visit [OPPI's events webpage](#) for more information and a complete listing.

- [Western Lake Ontario District Photo Contest \(June 5 - July 31\)](#)
- [Western Lake Ontario District Book Club \(June 22 - August 28\)](#)
- [Lakeland District Province-Wide Book Club \(ends August 31\)](#)

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Targeted to planners, search the [OPPI Job Ads](#) to save you time and effort when looking for a new position. Please see the current active postings below:

- Senior Environmental Planner - Conservation Halton (full time)
- Planner - Town of Aurora (full time)
- Senior Advisor, Permits, Licenses & Approvals - Metrolinx (full time)
- Senior Planner - Temporary Assignment up to 18 months - Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (contract)
- Director - Operations and Environmental Services - Town of Ajax (full time)
- Senior Planner - Corporation of the County of Essex (full time)
- Special Business Area Coordinator - City of Burlington (contract)
- Manager, Development Services - City of Brampton (full time)
- Manager of Planning - City of Stratford (full time)
- Manager of Planning - The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward (full time)
- Senior Planner - Town of Erin (full time)
- Intermediate/Senior Level Urban and Rural Planner - Strik, Baldinelli, Moniz Ltd. (full time)

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