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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

You are receiving this eblast as OPPI has switched its monthly *The Planner* newsletter to a weekly eblast. We will share the most important information and resources with members every

Tuesday. If you have any questions, suggestions and ideas, please contact us at

communications@ontarioplanners.ca.

Here's What You Need to Know Right Now

Member Updates for the Week of June 2

Here is what OPPI members need to know this week:

- **OPPI would like to introduce Susan Wiggins as our new Executive Director!** Susan begins her new role with OPPI on June 15, 2020, allowing for a two-week overlap to facilitate a smooth transition between her and outgoing OPPI Executive Director Mary Ann Rangam

who departs OPPI on June 30, 2020. More information on this announcement can be found on our [website](#).

- **Save the Date: Notice of 2020 OPPI AGM.** OPPI will be holding an AGM in 2020. We are currently reviewing options on how to deliver the AGM for members this year. Members have until 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2020, to put forward any motions they have. Please see more information on this below in our Other OPPI News section.
- **OPPI is holding its June Council meeting on June 19.** We welcome the Planning Program Directors from the six accredited planning schools for our annual meeting. More information on this meeting can be found below in our Other OPPI News section.
- **Please join us for our second Forum Friday webinar on June 5.** More information, including our guest speakers, can be found below in our CPL section. Register today and save your virtual seat!



OPPI thanks members for your assistance and patience during this time as we focus on providing the information you need to do your jobs. If you have any questions and suggestions about this weekly eblast, please contact OPPI at communications@ontarioplanners.ca.

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OPPI Continuous Professional Learning

OPPI Forum Friday: Adapting to Virtual Engagement Under The Planning Act (June 5)



On June 5, from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m., OPPI welcomes members to join us for our second Forum Friday webinar!

We've invited several guest speakers for a roundtable discussion on adapting to virtual engagement and holding public meetings under the *Planning Act*. What has gone well? What has been challenging with regards to holding virtual public meetings under the *Planning Act*?

Our guest speakers have hosted a public meeting and can share their experiences and details to inform members and inspire other municipalities to find ways to make things work during this challenging time. This was another area where OPPI received many questions from members at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants include:

- Michelle Banfield, RPP, Director of Development Services for the City of Barrie
- Jason Ferrigan, RPP, Director of Planning Services for the City of Greater Sudbury
- Andy Reside, Strategic Programs and Project Officer for the City of Ottawa

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.

REGISTER TODAY

Planning's Relationship with Indigenous Communities: Planning Policy and Slow Progress in Changing Times



Planners can do more to find common ground between Indigenous and public interests. We as professional planners must have knowledge on what those interests are and advocate for time and space for Indigenous voices to be heard and speak directly to these interests, but not speak *for* Indigenous Peoples. To fully understand these interests, planners must take time to listen and comprehend the worldviews amongst Indigenous

Nations that have many commonalities, but also many differences.

Read more in our June blog post from Heather Swan, RPP, and Stephanie Burnham, in their ["Planning's Relationship with Indigenous Communities: Planning Policy and Slow Progress in Changing Times"](#) post as they share their thoughts and experiences with the goal of encouraging planners to have more conversations, ask more questions and promote more action around engaging and building relationships with Indigenous Peoples and Communities.

ICYMI: Technology and Planning: A Panel Discussion at OPPI19



As members start to 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 [Technology and Planning: A Panel Discussion](#) session from OPPI19.

This panel, moderated by Day 2 keynote speaker Ramona Pringle, explores how technology, such as drones, augmented/virtual reality, 3D printing, etc., are currently being used in the planning sphere, the use of technological tools as a means and end for planning, technology and ethics, and the influence technology firms can have on the practice of planning.

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

[VISIT DIGITAL LEARNING AND WATCH NOW](#)

May 22nd Forum Friday Webinar with RPCO Available on Digital Learning



OPPI would like to thank members for attending our first Forum Friday webinar on May 22nd. OPPI would also like to thank our RPCO panelists Paige Agnew, RPP, Rino Mostacci, RPP, and Steve Robichaud, RPP, for their participation.

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

Government of Canada Announces Business Resilience Service Hotline For Small Businesses

On May 25th, the Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade, announced that the Government of Canada will support the launch of a four-week hotline service called the Business Resilience Service. This service will help entrepreneurs and small business owners in need of financial planning advice, particularly those who may not have access to an accountant. The service will also be open to not-for-profit organizations and charities.

Small business owners with pressing financial needs can call 1-866-989-1080 (toll-free) seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (ET). Business advisors - 125 members of Chartered Professional Accountants Canada (CPA Canada) - will be available to provide customized financial guidance to the smallest business owners in the most urgent need and help them

make the best decisions for their business as they navigate this crisis. Advisors can answer questions about tax regulations and the implications of COVID-19, inform business owners about government support programs that best fit their unique circumstances, and provide strategic financial planning for their road to recovery. More information on this announcement can be found on the [Government of Canada's website](#).

Canada and Ontario Move Forward with Widening Highway 401 in Cambridge



On May 20, the governments of Canada and Ontario announced the widening of Highway 401 from six to ten lanes in the Cambridge area. The highway will be widened from six to ten lanes between Hespeler Road and Townline Road. Construction on the project, which includes High Occupancy Vehicle lanes, is expected to begin later this year. More information on this

announcement can be found on the [Government of Ontario's website](#).

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):

- [Proposal to identify and protect a corridor of land for future electricity infrastructure in the Greater Toronto Area \(June 8, 2020\)](#)
- [Proposed amendment to a regulation under the Endangered Species Act, 2007 relating to forest operations in Crown forests \(June 18, 2020\)](#)

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Frequently Asked Questions

Each week we will share questions received from the membership with answers (if we have them). When we don't have the answer, we will open it up to you to share any best practices and solutions you've found that work. We will share all of these answers, solutions and everything else with members and a complete list can be found on our [resource webpage](#) in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section.

Q: If Bill 189 Doesn't Affect Community Benefits Charges (CBCs), What is the Anticipated Process Timing of the Roll-Out of CBC

Regulations?

A: This answer came from a recent briefing with Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and does not represent legal interpretation but provides a summary of OPPI's notes and insight into the Ministry's thought process.

Consultation continues with key stakeholders and Ministry staff have heard about the need for transitions. No decisions have been made about the timing for the implementation of CBCs regulations.



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Member Resources

Each week we will share resources with members for your benefit and interest. If you have any resources, best practices or guides you would like to share with members, please contact OPPI at info@ontarioplanners.ca and we will feature it in this weekly newsletter and add it to our resource list.

Calling All Student Members! Share Your Research Ideas With OPPI Members



With the school year finished, OPPI knows that many students have not had the opportunity to promote and socialize their research the way they used to be able to.

Through our [Planning Exchange Blog](#), similar to our special [Recovering from COVID-19 Crisis RPP Interview Series](#), OPPI would like to host an ongoing blog series promoting student research and ideas. In addition to sharing this information through our blog, OPPI will promote student research in the weekly Planner eblast and on social media. Interested student members would need to provide the following information to be published:

- Your name and contact information so members are able to contact you directly to talk about your research (email preferred)
- Your general area of research
- A 300-500 word summary/synopsis of your research work
- A short biography and photo of yourself to use in the profile
- If your research includes partners, please ensure you have permission from colleagues to share your information

Interested student members with published, peer-reviewed (ideally) research, or students currently conducting research and can use some assistance through the blog, can contact OPPI at education@ontarioplanners.ca.

Western Lake Ontario Photo Contest



Photo contest! Submit your photos before July 31, 2020, on the theme "you know you're a planner working from home when" and win a gift card to a local shop of your choosing.

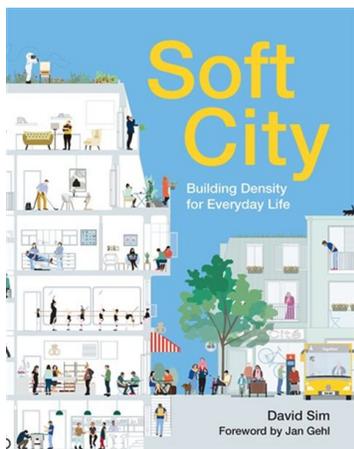
The Western Lake Ontario District team will choose the winner and share the submissions with everyone

who participates.

Email your photo and a brief caption to [Jennifer Roth](#).

Information about this event can also be found on OPPI's [events webpage](#).

Western Lake Ontario District Book Club Starting June 22



Starting the week of June 22, 2020 and continuing until the end of August, please join us online for a facilitated discussion of 'Soft City'

Online discussion will occur bi-weekly by email. Please contact [Lauren Vraets](#) should you have any questions. The book is available from [Indigo](#) and [Amazon](#).

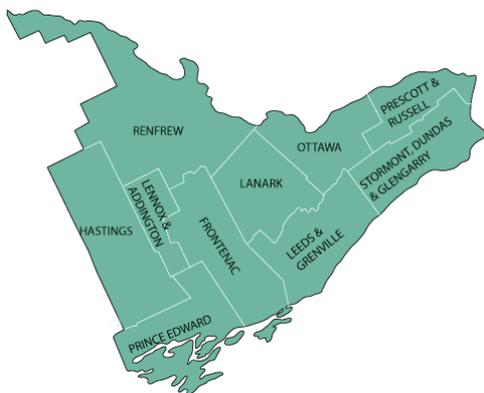
Date: Begins June 22 and runs until the end of August.

Location: Discussions will take place by email.

Cost: \$5 (excludes purchase of books)

Information about this event can also be found on OPPI's [events webpage](#).

Join Eastern District For A Virtual Scavenger Hunt on June 16



Join fellow planners on a planning-themed virtual hunt! The hunt will consist of a series of rounds. Each round will begin with an objective being assigned by the organizers, with strict geographic limits to the search. Participants will have a few minutes to find a solution location using Google maps.

Each objective will have multiple solutions, so participants will then be asked to share their solution/screen with the group and explain how it best meets the objective. Bonus recognition will be awarded for creativity and boldness. Because of the interactive nature of the activity, numbers will be limited.

Date and Time: June 16, 2020 from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Fee + HST: Free event

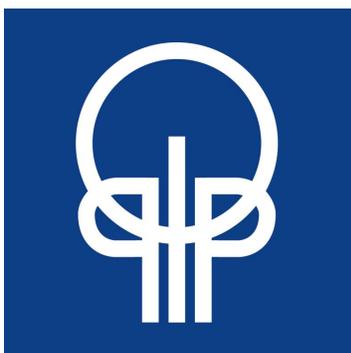
Maximum Participants: 8

Meeting Information: The hunt will be conducted over Zoom. Every participant must be familiar with Zoom meetings, and be comfortable with sharing applications (Google maps) with the group. Any questions, Please contact [Irvin Marucelj](#) for more information. Zoom meeting details will be shared with participants the day prior. Information can also be found on OPPI's [events webpage](#).

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Other OPPI News

Notice of 2020 OPPI AGM



OPPI will be holding our Annual General Meeting in 2020. We are currently reviewing options on how to deliver the AGM for members this year. Members do not need to register for our 2020 Conference in order to attend the AGM. Stay tuned for more information about the AGM over the summer.

OPPI supports a fair process where members are given advance notice of proposed motions to be made by members attending the AGM. In doing so, as many members as possible have the opportunity to consider motions put before them, decide whether to attend the AGM, or to complete a proxy form so their vote can be counted.

To ensure adequate notice, any motion made at the AGM must be provided in writing and signed by three (3) members of OPPI eligible to vote on or before **5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2020**.

Motions must be of a substantive matter and can be submitted by [completing this online form](#). Questions regarding this process can be directed to registrar@ontarioplanners.ca.

June Council Meeting Preview



In the upcoming June Council meeting on June 19, OPPI Council welcomes the planning program directors from each of the six accredited planning programs in Ontario to discuss a number of strategic items, including a generative discussion on the state of planning programs and students during and after COVID-19, and how to support current and future planners as we emerge from COVID-19.

Prior to meeting with the planning program directors, Council members will also engage in another generative discussion on living with pandemics: the role of planning and planners in shaping resilient and sustainable communities. Council will receive an update on OPPI's resiliency plan as the Institute continues to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic and

focuses on the future recovery and reopening of the province. Council will also receive an update on OPPI's white paper and professional regulation legislation.

At this meeting, OPPI's Registrar will report on the removal of members from the register for 2020. Members are removed from the register for failure to pay the annual fee, which is distinct from members resigning in good standing, or for failure to meet the CPL requirement to both record the necessary Learning Units and/or pay any CPL penalty fee assessed for missing the recording deadline.

OPPI Council meets four times a year. Council approved agendas and minutes are available upon request to the [OPPI office](#). The goal is to engage members in shaping the direction and initiatives of OPPI and continue to deliver on our INSPIRE OPPI Strategic Plan 2020. Members are encouraged to speak up and get involved and stay in touch throughout the year through OPPI's many communications channels.

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Share Your Home Office Setup/Happy Place with OPPI

Each week we want to share a little bit of good news with members. OPPI is asking members to snap photos of their work space (at home or elsewhere) or of their happy place and provide a sentence or two describing what makes your space or happy place so great. Please email your photos and information to communications@ontarioplanners.ca and we will share it each week. Selected members will receive some OPPI swag as a thank you once the office reopens.

This week's entry comes from OPPI's Professional Standards Coordinator, Maria Go.

"Now that the weather is warm, my day starts with a 15-minute walk around our complex. My home office is by the dining area facing our backyard and it provides me a good view of our indoor plants. The violets and succulents give me good vibes while working. During my short breaks, I get the chance to stretch and walk out to the garden to water the plants."



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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 Development Planner - City of Campbell River (full time)
- Director, Planning and Development Services - Town of Ajax (full time)
- Land Use Planner/Project Manager (full time)

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Follow OPPI for updates and information related to COVID-19.



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