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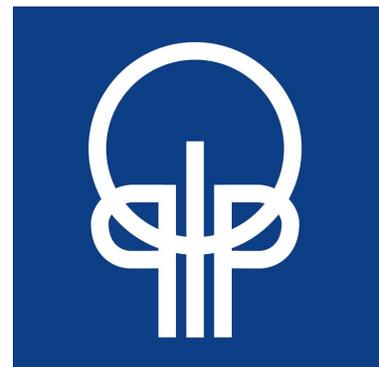
You are receiving this eblast as OPPI has switched its monthly *The Planner* newsletter to a weekly eblast. We will share the most important information and resources with members every Tuesday. If you have any questions, suggestions and ideas, please contact us at communications@ontarioplanners.ca.

Here's What You Need to Know Right Now

Member Updates for the Week of June 23

Here is what OPPI members need to know this week:

- **Beginning June 30, OPPI will change the frequency of the weekly Planner to bi-weekly.** The move to a bi-weekly issue allows for a managed return to regularly scheduled member communications. OPPI will continue to provide members with important information and resources in the bi-weekly format for the foreseeable future. If the public health situation changes, OPPI will revert back to a weekly eblast to support members. If members have any questions about this switch, please contact OPPI at communications@ontarioplanners.ca.



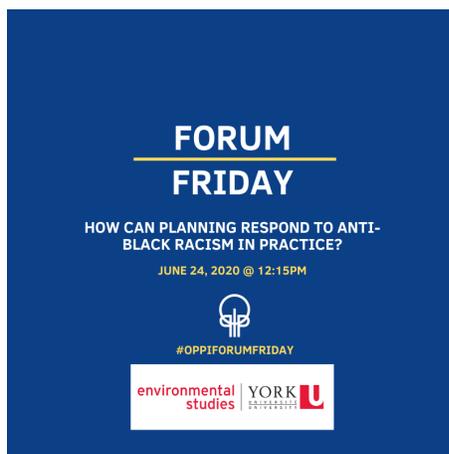
- **Join us for our next Forum Friday webinar...on Wednesday June 24th.** OPPI, in partnership with York University and Environmental Studies, will host a conversation on how planning can respond to anti-Black racism in practice. More information on this session can be found below in our CPL section.
- **The Ontario Government is proposing amendments to the *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*.** Information on the proposed amendments can be found below in our Legislative Corner Updates section.
- **Take a COVID-19 survey and help a planning student with their research!** In our Member Resources section, members will see a link and QR code for a COVID-19 survey. Take a few minutes to help a planning student with their research.

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: How Can Planning Respond to Anti-Black Racism in Practice? (June 24)



On June 24, from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m., OPPI welcomes members to join us for our fourth Forum Friday webinar...on a Wednesday.

In partnership with York University and Environmental Studies, our guest speakers are former students from the Masters in Environmental Studies program and will discuss the topics of anti-Black and systemic racism and how the planning profession can respond to this and amplify marginalized voices to improve planning outcomes in Black communities. Through this

conversation, we will explore the role that OPPI and accredited planning programs can take to further inclusion of equity seeking groups within the profession.

Please join OPPI for this roundtable discussion as we focus on what can be done to progress planning and address the issues raised by Black voices in planning. Guest speakers include:

- Paul Bailey, Principal at Revive
- Nicole Hanson, RPP, MCIP, Environmental Planner
- Shannon Holness, Candidate Member and Urban Planner
- Francis Kwashie, MES Planning

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: Surviving and Thriving in an Era of Disruption at OPPI19



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 Day 2 Keynote address [*Surviving and Thriving in an Era of Disruption*](#) from Ramona Pringle at OPPI19.

The world is changing quickly. Almost half of the human workforce is predicted to be displaced by robotics and artificial intelligence over the coming decades, with automation reaching into sectors once thought to be safe from disruption, including medicine, the financial sector and journalism. Indeed, the World Economic Forum states that 65% of kids entering school today will work in jobs that don't currently exist. In other words: the future is unknown.

So how do we plan for a future that can be hard to predict? Already, everything from the way we bank, to the way we shop, has become automated, changing the way we engage with each other and the world around us. In this talk, Ramona will offer tools for staying ahead of that change, as our communities continue to be transformed by technology.

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

June 12th Forum Friday Webinar Available on Digital Learning



OPPI Forum Friday Webinar: Community Resiliency and Readiness - What Can We Do Moving Forward?

OPPI would like to thank members for attending our third Forum Friday webinar on June 12th. OPPI would also like to thank our moderator Eldon Theodore, RPP, and panelists Dana Anderson, RPP, Sharon Mittmann, RPP and Leith Moore 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

Proposed Amendment and Land Needs Assessment to *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the GGH*



The Ontario Government is consulting on a proposed amendment to *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. This update includes changes to the population and employment forecasts, the horizon year for planning, and other policies to increase housing supply, create jobs, attract business investment and better align with infrastructure. A link to

the posting on the Environmental Registry can be found [here](#), and one is included below in the Regulations Open for Comment section.

The government is also consulting on a new Land Needs Assessment Methodology for the Greater Golden Horseshoe which supports the implementation of *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. Information on this proposed update can be found on the Environmental Registry [website](#), and a link is included below in the Regulations Open for Comment section.

In addition, this information will be posted on OPPI's [COVID-19 resource webpage](#) for reference.

Ontario Government Announces New Ontario Land Tribunals Organization

The Government of Ontario has announced the creation of a new tribunal organization, the Ontario Land Tribunals, effective July 1, 2020. The new organization will include the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, Environmental Review Tribunal, Board of Negotiation, Conservation Review Board and the Mining and Lands Tribunal.

The Ontario Land Tribunals will adjudicate and mediate matters related to land use planning, environmental and heritage protection, expropriated land valuation, mining and other matters. Ontario Land Tribunals will focus on land-related dispute resolution to help increase the housing supply in the province, while balancing the needs of environmental protection and conservation. Tribunals Ontario will focus on dispute resolution for 14 tribunals in the social, property assessment, safety and licensing sectors.

For more information on this announcement, please visit the [Environmental and Land Tribunals Ontario 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):

- [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 \(July 31, 2020\)](#)

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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: Is There Any Consideration to Reconsider the July 1, 2022 Deadline for Municipal Comprehensive Reviews?

A: This answer came from a 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.

The Ministry is not aware of this being considered at this time.



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.

Help A Planning Student With Their Research By Taking Their COVID-19 Survey!



Post COVID-19, urban planning will be impacted. This pandemic has presented challenges and opportunities planners will face following this pandemic. We are seeing temporary changes from people working from home to our streets being used for walking and biking. Planning student Alyssa Chiarello is [conducting a survey](#) to understand what the profession is currently thinking about those changes and whether there will be a lasting impact on how cities are designed.

If you are reading this on your laptop, you can hold your phone camera to the QR Code to start the survey, otherwise [click the link](#) on your laptop or mobile.

Pandemic-Resilient Community Planning Report



The Victoria Transport Policy Institute developed its *Pandemic-Resilient Community Planning* report in May, and it investigates ways that communities can increase their resilience to pandemics and other sudden economic, social or environmental risks. The report compares COVID-19 with other health risks, examines various problems caused by pandemic-control interventions, and recommends specific ways that communities can

better prepare for, respond to, and recover from pandemics and other shocks. To read the report, please [click here](#). The link to this report can also be found on OPPI's [COVID-19 resource webpage](#).

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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Other OPPI News

IABC Recognizes Excellence in OPPI Planning for Change RPP Video



Working with our communications firm, Tenzing Communications, OPPI is focused on promoting the importance of the role RPPs have in communities across Ontario and building up the reputation of RPPs with decision makers and key officials and stakeholders. The strategy for 2020 and beyond is based on creating and disseminating original content to achieve our

communications goals.

Tenzing assisted OPPI in re-designing *Y Magazine* and has transitioned key themes of the magazine into a new video inventory. Late last year, Tenzing developed our [Planning for Change RPP video](#), and then submitted it earlier this year for an International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Ovation Award of Excellence in video creation and won! OPPI would like to congratulate Tenzing for this award and thank them for their assistance with the development of this video and creation of original content. We invite members to view the video and share with friends and colleagues.

This video and new work will also be featured in an upcoming media campaign in the *Globe and Mail* this year. This campaign 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. Look for OPPI content and share it with your friends and colleagues when you see it!

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OPPI Job Postings

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:

- Land Use Planner/Project Manager (full time)
- Planning Administrative Assistant - Town of Mono (full time)

- Senior Environmental Planner - Conservation Halton (full time)
- Director - Operations and Environmental Services - Town of Ajax (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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