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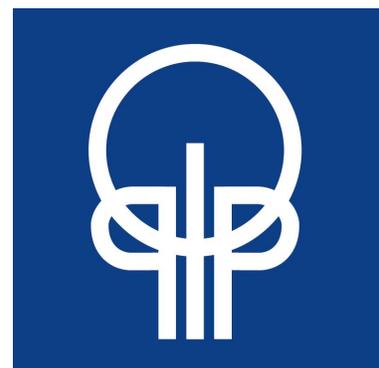
You are receiving this eblast as OPPI has switched its monthly *The Planner* newsletter to a weekly eblast. We will share the most important information and resources with members every Tuesday. If you have any questions, suggestions and ideas, please contact us at info@ontarioplanners.ca.

Here's What You Need to Know Right Now

Member Updates for the Week of May 26

Here is what OPPI members need to know this week:

- **Thank you to members who participated in our first Forum Friday webinar on May 22nd!** Information on our next session can be found in our CPL section below. Stay tuned for registration and speaker information in the coming days.
- **The Spring/Summer issue of *Y Magazine* is now available!** Members can access the latest issue online and print copies will be delivered this week. For members



who get the magazines delivered to a work address, please visit OPPI's [Member Portal](#) to access the latest issue of *Y Magazine*.

- **OPPI would like to remind members of the 2020 Member Service Awards.** If there is a member in your District that deserves recognition, please let us know! More information can be found below in the Other OPPI News section.

OPPI wants to thank 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 info@ontarioplanners.ca.

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OPPI Continuous Professional Learning

Thank You For Attending Our First OPPI Forum Friday Webinar



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. Members will be notified when this recording is available on our Digital Learning site. For now, members can access the recording by [clicking here](#).

Our second webinar in this series will be held on June 5, 2020, and focuses on adapting to virtual engagement under the *Planning Act* - what has gone well and what has been challenging regarding holding virtual public meetings under the *Planning Act*? Our participants can share their experiences to inform members and inspire other municipalities to find ways to make things work during this challenging time.

OPPI will have more information to share, including registration and speakers, in the coming days so please stay tuned. Please note that these sessions will be recorded and uploaded to OPPI's [Digital Learning](#) site. In the meantime, you can always [visit our website](#) to learn more about our Forum Friday sessions.

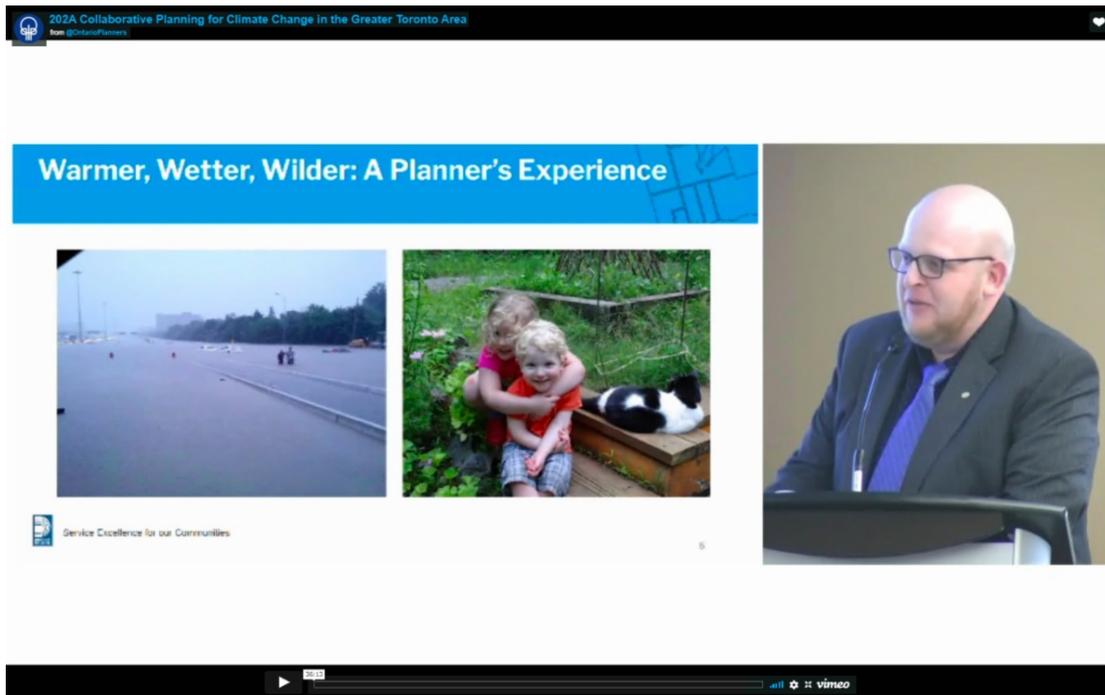
Could Natural Infrastructure Projects Be The "Green Recovery" Canada Is Looking For?



As Canada grapples with the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis, climate change barrels on, bringing with it extreme weather and the need for costly infrastructure upgrades. Across Canada, an estimated \$5.3 billion per year is needed to adapt infrastructure to climate change, a troubling number given the stress municipal budgets are currently under. As Canada looks for ways to begin economic recovery post-pandemic, as well as protect the economy from the future costs of climate change, it's important to find solutions that do both.

Read more in our latest blog post ["Could natural infrastructure projects be the "green recovery" Canada is looking for?"](#) prepared by the Greenbelt Foundation.

ICYMI: Collaborative Planning for Climate Change - Durham Region Case Study 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 would like to share previous webinars and Conference sessions to access during this pandemic period like the [Collaborative Planning for Climate Change - Durham Region Case Study](#) session from OPPI19.

Durham Region is the 2018 winner of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Award (Climate Change). Hear about the Region's work to collaboratively bring together and engage planners (upper/lower tier municipal, conservation authorities) and industry sector experts in the development of climate change policy and planning initiatives including: mitigation and adaptation strategies, implementation task forces, community energy planning, and regional and local Official Plan updates. In this session, participants will gain knowledge about the tools to incorporate climate change adaptation into policies and action, understand how to build collaborative processes to enhance community resiliency and learn how to develop a multi-faceted program to address climate change across a variety of sectors.

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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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):

- [Proposal to identify and protect a corridor of land for future electricity infrastructure in the Greater Toronto Area \(June 8, 2020\)](#)

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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: Does Bill 189 Impact Community Benefit Charges (CBCs) and Are There Any Expectations For Municipalities Related to This?

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.

The MMAH just finished consultations on the draft Community Benefits Charge (CBC) regulations and the CBCs are currently not in effect. Ministry staff indicated that they do not see any implications of Bill 189 on the Community Benefits Charges.



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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.

City of Greater Sudbury Virtual Notice Templates



OPPI would like to thank members in the City of Greater Sudbury for providing two virtual notice templates to share with members:

- [City of Greater Sudbury Rezoning Virtual Notice Template](#)
- [City of Greater Sudbury OPA Rezoning Virtual Notice Template](#)

These notices may help members developing their own templates, and it also shows how the City of Greater Sudbury is informing residents about how they participate in these meetings electronically.

Members can also visit OPPI's [COVID-19 resource webpage](#) for a complete list of resources and information.

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.

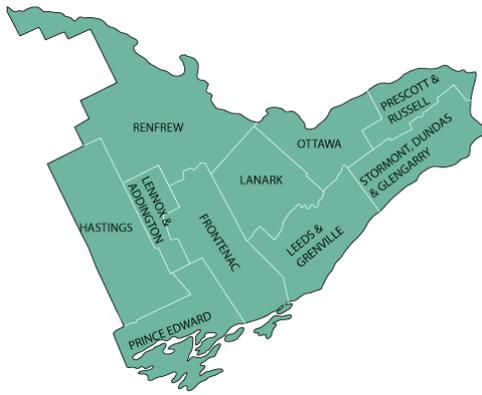
Date and Time: June 16, 2020 from 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

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](#).

Eastern District Planning Post-COVID-19 Brainstorming Session on May 28



There is a lot of speculation, but not a lot of consensus, regarding how COVID-19 may change land use planning and community development into the future.

Rather than host a single speaker, this session will consist of focused discussion, with participants sharing their thoughts and ideas. Notes will be taken by the organizer and shared with participants after the discussion.

Date and Time: May 28, 2020 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Information: This event will be held on Zoom. Please contact [Irvin Marucej](#) for more information. The day before the event, the log in information will be emailed to registrants. Information can also be found on OPPI's [events webpage](#).

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Other OPPI News

Don't Forget to Recognize Someone For A Member Service Award



Do you know a member who deserves to be recognized for their volunteer work and dedication to OPPI? Consider nominating them for a Member Service Award! OPPI's Member Service Awards recognize extraordinary service to the Institute by OPPI's volunteer leadership.

This can also include honouring a member for their accumulated service over a long period of time, performing a key or integral role with a special project or program, and representing OPPI and the planning profession extraordinarily well in a provincial or national forum.

The deadline for nominations is June 1. To submit a nomination, visit [OPPI's website](#) for more information and to fill out the [nomination form](#).

Let your colleagues know you appreciate their hard work and dedication to OPPI. Don't let this opportunity to honour a special volunteer member of OPPI with this deserving recognition pass by. Nominate a Member today!

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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 Registrar and Director of Member Relations, Brian Brophey.

"For Brian and his wife, the day begins with a dozen reps of the Baldwin Steps before breakfast. Then they work from home, in various rooms, according to the preferences of our "nose to the grindstone" boss, Willow."



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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:

- Township Planner - Township of Amaranth (full time)
- Manager, Development - City of Mississauga (full time)
- 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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