

# GTA IN BRIEF

## OPPI Planning Awards

The Ontario Provincial Planners Institute announced the 2014 winners of its excellence in planning awards November 7. The following projects were recognized for excellence in innovation, creativity, professionalism, problem-solving and communications:

- **Caledon, MMM Group Limited and Peel Region Public Health** won for the Caledon East Community Improvement Plan: an Innovative Tool to Promote Healthy Lifestyles in the municipal statutory planning studies, reports and documents and the Heart & Stroke Foundation's Healthy Communities categories.
- **Urban Strategies Inc., First Capital Realty and Tridel** won for their Humbertown Master Plan in the urban/community design category.
- **Markham** won for its Bird Friendly Guidelines and **York Region** for its New Communities Guidelines in the community planning and development studies/ reports category.
- **Brampton Planning and Infrastructure**

**Services Department, Richmond Hill Planning and Regulatory Services Department and Vaughan Planning Department** won for Measuring the Sustainability Performance of New Developments in Brampton, Richmond Hill and Vaughan, and **Brook McIlroy, University of Toronto, and Huron Sussex Residents Association** won for The Huron Sussex Neighbourhood Planning Study in the research/ new directions category.

- The **University Guelph School of Environmental Design and Development** won for its Rural Landowner Stewardship Guide for the Ontario Landscape in the communications/ public education category. Nominations for the 2015 awards may be submitted no later than April 15. Criteria and submission forms can be found on the OPPI [website](#).

## Ryerson releases water policy report

**Ryerson University's Centre for Urban Research and Land Development** released its first policy commentary November 7. This [report](#) focuses on financing growth-

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## Intermediate Technician Site Development Planning & Building Department

**Job Number:** PB-106-14

**Employment Group:** CUPE 1540

**Employment Status:** Full-Time Permanent

### Position Overview

This position is responsible for the review of various site development applications and the administration of development agreements, ensuring compliance with conditions of approval and the monitoring and inspecting of commercial, industrial and residential developments. Special attention will be focused on infill and redevelopment applications.

### Responsibilities

The Intermediate Technician Site Development is responsible for:

- Reviewing and preparing conditions of approval for minor site plans, minor developments and Niagara Escarpment applications. Additionally, may be required to comment on variance and consent applications as well.
- Reviewing and approval of subdivision plot plans
- Inspecting all applications to ensure compliance with approvals, noting all deficiencies. Following up on site deficiencies to secure compliance. Carrying out subsequent compliance inspections on an ongoing basis.
- Administer the release and/or reduction of performance and landscape securities, including curb/mud bond deposits for all application types.
- Attend site meetings as required
- Investigate and respond to complaints and inquiries, from internal/ external sources (e.g. elected officials, solicitors, developers, builders, the public and staff).
- Monitoring mud and dust problems on active development sites and direct cleanup as necessary.
- May be required to suggest or initiate changes to various site developments due to field problems/conditions.

### Requirements

The Intermediate Technician Site Development requires a diploma Civil Engineering as well as at least 3 years of related work experience, preferably in a municipal setting. A CET designation is preferred. This position requires strong time management skills, the ability to handle multiple priorities and a sense of urgency. The Intermediate Technician Site Development will handle complaints and inquiries from external parties, including Council members, the public, contractors and consultants, therefore strong interpersonal and customer service skills are required. Must have access to a vehicle.

**Salary Range:** \$50,726 - \$63,407 (3S)

**Posting Closing Date:** November 20, 2014

### How to Apply

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and Developers Ltd. of the committee of adjustment's refusal to grant variances for its property at 5697 Major Mackenzie Drive East. MacKenzie sought four variances to allow 24 townhouses on its site in the City of Markham.

The variances sought match those granted as part of a rezoning of the surrounding lands. The variances are to decrease the minimum lot frontages from 7.5, 8.7 or 9.9m depending on the location of the lot to 6m and the minimum exterior side yard setback from 2.4m to 1.65m.

Planner **James Kennedy** (KLM Planning Partners Inc.) gave evidence in support of the variances on behalf of

MacKenzie. He stated that the variances meet the intent of the Markham official plan, which permits street townhomes. He noted that planning staff had reported to the committee of adjustment that the variances meet the tests under the *Planning Act*.

Based on the uncontested evidence by Kennedy, the board allowed the appeal and approved the variances.

Involved in this decision was solicitor **Frank Torchia** (Gray & Associates) representing MacKenzie Builders and Developers Ltd. (See OMB Case No. PL140229.) [nru](#)

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related water and wastewater infrastructure in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. Written by senior research fellow Dr. **Frank Clayton**, the report recommends the province require municipalities to shift the burden of funding growth-related water and wastewater infrastructure from developers to users over a five-year period.

Currently, growth-related water and wastewater capital costs are funded through development charges amounting to up to \$26,000 per housing unit. Clayton notes that utilities such as natural gas, telecommunications and electricity cover the costs of

growth-related infrastructure through user charges. He opines that communities will benefit if growth-related water infrastructure is funded in the same way.

[Just eat it: food waste symposium & film screening](#)

The **Toronto Food Policy Council** and the **University of Toronto** will co-present a film screening and symposium on food waste from 6 to 9 p.m. at New College, University of Toronto on Monday, November 24. The event, which is free to the public but space limited, will feature mini-workshops,

a screening of *Just Eat It: A Food Waste Movie* and a panel discussion with experts working on food waste reduction strategies at various stages of the food chain. Those planning to attend can register [here](#).

PEEL

[Mississauga transitway opens four stations](#)

Phase 1 of the Mississauga transitway is nearing completion, with four new stations scheduled to be operational November 17. The transitway will provide east-west and north-south service between the City Centre Transit Terminal and

Dixie Road.

Once complete, the dedicated bus corridor will run 18 kilometres with a total of 12 stations starting at Winston Churchill Boulevard in the west and ending at Renforth Drive in the east. The stations opening next week are located at Central Parkway, Cawthra Road, Tomken Road and Dixie Road. Phase 2 of the project is scheduled to be completed by GO Transit in 2017. [nru](#)