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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – OCTOBER 16, 2009**

**Liuna Station, Hamilton, ON**

**CACPT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**

**“PRESERVING OUR PAST”**

“Preserving our Past” with discussions on the *Heritage Act*, Heritage development and tour of Hamilton’s many fine conserved and restored Heritage buildings. The PDC organizing committee already has commitments from a superb lineup of municipal, provincial and private sector speakers on this topic as well as technical and design workshops.



We are very excited to have **Liuna Station** as the venue where delegates will have the opportunity to spend this learning and networking day in a designated Heritage Site which is an outstanding example of heritage renovation and reuse.

Here is a brief history:

*The Hamilton CNR station was built in 1929-1931. The James North CNR station was shut down in 1993. In 1996 it received a one million dollar renovation for the movie A Long Kiss Goodbye. The Labourer’s International Union of North America (LIUNA) bought the station and spent \$3 million for additional renovations. In 2000 the station was reopened as LIUNA station a rental hall with catering facilities for special events.*



## *A Note From Our President.*

I am very pleased and proud to be President of CACPT as we enter our 31st year. The first two council meetings for this term plus our Professional Development meetings have been very productive and the enthusiasm and commitment of the CACPT Council is remarkable. *I would encourage anyone to step up and support our Council and our organization in any capacity and keep the voice of Planning Technicians in Canada strong at present and in the future.*

Best Regards

Bryan Bachorski, CPT  
President



**2008 – 2009 Council** L to R; Dr. Norman Pearson (insert) Kressell Daniel, Scott Wilson, Emma Moulton, Bryan Bachorski, Greg Heiman, Diane LeBreton, Cathy Burke, Danielle Stevens, Chris Orsan, George Zajac, Kathy Jazvac, Tom Villella. **Missing:** Mercedes Braun, Ann Edwards (BC Reps), Greg MacKenzie (AB Rep), Bryon Pappas, Neil Lovitt, Scott Davis-Fisch, Rochelle Cegmar, Chelsea Shames

**Note:** In addition to the regular Council we have the following committees:

**The Professional Development Conference Committee:** S. Wilson, E. Moulton, K. Daniel, G. Zajac, K. Jazvac, D. Stevens, G. Heiman and B. Bachorski (D. LeBreton, advisory)

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## 2008 Professional Development Conference Highlights

Our 2008 Professional Development Conference in Waterloo "Transportation - Planning Ahead for the New Reality" was a resounding success. Over 200 delegates were in attendance to gain knowledge on this important subject from a wide variety of experts in the field; plus it was an opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with colleagues in our field.

Following a welcome by President **Julie Owens**, who was also the conference Co-Chair, **Ken Seiling** Waterloo Regional Chair gave a warm welcome on behalf of the Region and accepted the CACPT Merit Award for Public Employer of the Year, which was awarded to the Regional of Waterloo.

The Main Presentations began with **Paula Sawicki**, Manager of Strategic Transportation Planning Region of Waterloo, whose discussion involved the Transportation Master Plan Workshops which included information on the historical approach that municipalities typically would take to have transportation planning compared to the newer approach that the Region is taking today. The connection between land use planning and transportation planning must be closer now than in past years if communities are to be sustainable, economically competitive and vibrant places to live in the future.



Paula Sawicki



Ian Rawlings with Julie Owens and Brian Bachorski

Next, **Ian Rawlings**, IBI Group followed with an informative presentation on The Station Area Plan Pilot Project: A Reurbanization Working Group Initiative. This group was established to promote quality Reurbanization projects with a focus on more compact and sustainable communities. It involved inter-city study areas for which new plans were being created to facilitate redevelopment, intensification and revitalization.

**Blair Allen** Grand River Transit provided a demonstration of Route Planning and Real Time Information and Control where he has been the project manager for the implementation of an ITS application in Waterloo Region. The emphasis of the demonstration was on Intelligent Transportation Systems and applications currently employed by Grand River Transit. Delegates learned about this web-based trip planner and automated phone and text messaging system in Waterloo.



Blair Allen

**Diane LeBreton**, Executive Director CACPT chaired the Business Section, Annual General Meeting where the financial and other business matters were outlined. The Tenure and Merit Awards were announced during this session and are listed on page 15.



Philip A. Weber

The Keynote Luncheon Speaker was **Philip A. Weber**, Ourston Roundabouts Canada who is a recognized expert on the topic of Roundabouts. Philip provided a very comprehensive and well illustrated session on roundabouts and their positive features and design application with examples from Canada and around the world. His PowerPoint presentation used at the conference can be found on our website at <http://www.cacpt.org/agm.php>. During the afternoon Philip lead two bus tours where the tour attendees visited roundabout locations in the Region of Waterloo which enabled them to see the features and characteristics in real situations.

ESRI representatives **Peter McLaren** and **Mike Brown** gave a useful and instructive presentation on Using ESRI's Arc GIS to create Transportation Efficiencies.

During the afternoon the delegates were able to attend workshops or the roundabout tour noted above.

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## 2008 Professional Development Conference Highlights

**Sandy Nairn**, Ecoplans, who is Project Administrator, Sustainable Transportation for the Niagara to Greater Toronto Area (NGTA) Corridor Study lead the workshop on the Planning and EA Study Phase One a focus on the Innovation Public Outreach and Context Sensitive Solutions. *His presentation which included information on the study background, process, consultation process and successes to date can also be found on our website in PowerPoint format.*



Sandy Nairn with Tom Vilella

**Darryl Lyons**, Senior Planner, Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, who is a dynamic speaker and great supporter of CACPT, gave a workshop on Cross Roads: Perspectives on Transportation and Land Use Planning. The presentation provided a brief historic overview of provincial transportation planning and an update on current provincial initiatives and policies that knit together transportation and other aspects of planning. Darryl has now spoken at four CACPT conferences and has helped to increase our members' knowledge and understanding of the changes and innovations to the Land Use Planning Process in Ontario and delegates from other provinces have informed me they found them to be very useful and interesting.

**Andrea Buckey**, Senior Project Manager in Transportation Infrastructure, Region of Waterloo gave an informative demonstration on Geomedia Road Patrol: Meeting Municipal Standards. GeoMedia Road Patrol is a customized GIS application that allows the user to collect and visualize roadway and winter events in real time using GPS. The software allows the user to log both routine road and winter events and provides field and historical reports that prove compliance with a standard. Andrea is responsible for the implementation, development, operation and maintenance of the Infrastructure Management System and its integration with the Geographic Information System.

**Brenda Campbell**, Corporate Health and Wellness Coordinator and **Aiden Prince**, Organizational Development Specialist, both from the City of Guelph gave an interactive workshop The Promotion of Health and Wellness that can be used to support employees across an organization and how to develop respectful and effective interactions.

We were pleased to have a representative from our accredited program at **Nova Scotia Community College – Ed Symons** who is a consultant with the program at the College of Geographic Science Division. Also in attendance was **Keonga Kang**, a former Mohawk College student who timed her visit from South Korea to attend the conference.

Our appreciation to all of these excellent, talented speakers!

The day included a delicious lunch and refreshments all located in the beautiful St. George Hall in Waterloo.

Sincere thanks to our Past President **Julie Owens** and current Treasurer **Tom Vilella** who co-chaired this great conference for their hard work from coming up with the theme, securing the speakers finding the venue and preparing the advertising and other materials – a real outstanding volunteer effort on their part! Also to those who assisted with the conference many thanks – **Chris Orsan**, **Catherine Owens**, current President **Bryan Bachorski**, **Neil Lovitt**, **Greg Heiman** and **Bryon Pappas**.

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If you have any announcements or items of interest for our next newsletter, please forward them to Diane LeBreton at [director@cacpt.org](mailto:director@cacpt.org)

## Development Agreements In Ontario

John Mascarin, Aird & Berlis LLP



### Introduction

The land use planning regime in Ontario takes the form of a multitude of layers of various documents, including legislation (statutes, regulations, orders, statutory instruments, etc.), policy documents, guidelines, by-laws, approvals, permits, licences and contractual arrangements. The last item is curious in that a contract is generally considered to be a form of private arrangement as opposed to a “public” document. However, land use planning and development in the province of Ontario is very much dependant upon agreements and contracts to implement planning approvals. The development agreement is the major tool used to implement the conditions of development approval. How this form of seemingly private law instrument fits within the very public land use planning process is very interesting.

### Development Agreements and Positive Covenants

Development agreements that are entered into under the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, with respect to various approvals, including subdivisions, severances, height and density bonusing, minor variances, conditional zoning and site plans. The primary function of such agreements is to implement the terms and conditions of the specific planning approval or decision by setting out the rights, duties, liabilities and obligations of the parties. Such agreements are all essentially positive in nature with respect to the obligations that they place upon the owner/applicant whose land is being developed.

### Common Features of Development Agreements

Notwithstanding their disparate authorities and the fact that the various approvals being implemented vary widely in nature, development agreements in Ontario all share several common features:

1. They are supported by specific *legislative authority* for a municipality or approval authority to enter into an agreement with a landowner, an applicant or other parties having an interest in land.
2. The agreement *secures obligations* on the part of the owner, applicant or other person to provide certain public amenities, services, facilities or works or to make payments in respect thereof.
3. There is legislative authority for the agreement to be *registered on title* and to be enforced against current as *well as subsequent owners*.
4. A development agreement is typically a wholly *one-sided contract* where the owner or applicant is obligated to make payments, construct or install services or facilities, and/or undertake both public and private works.
5. The cost of undertaking the works is “guaranteed” by the posting of financial security.

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## *Development Agreements In Ontario continued...*

### **Common Law Rule of Positive Covenants**

However, it is the law of the Province of Ontario that positive covenants contained in a contract relating to land *cannot* bind future owners of that land who are not a party to the original contract. A positive covenant is an obligation that is active in nature, as opposed to being negative or restrictive. How does the standard development agreement function in Ontario given the foregoing statement that such agreements are entirely (or primarily) one-sided and impose positive obligations on the owner to do certain things in the future? If this is the case, how can a development agreement enforce the obligations upon future owners of the land?

The Ontario Court of Appeal considered the common law rule against positive covenants running with the lands in *Amberwood Investments Ltd. v. Durham Condominium Corp. No. 123* (2002), 58 O.R. (3d) 481 (C.A.). This case involved two condominium corporations. Their original predecessors in title had entered into a reciprocal agreement that provided for the sharing of costs related to common shared facilities for existing and contemplated future phases of development. The agreement (which was not a statutorily-authorized development agreement) was registered on title and expressly indicated that it would be binding on future owners of the land. Subsequently, one of the condominium corporations refused to pay the costs related to the shared facilities on the basis that its obligation under the agreement was positive and could not run with the land.

The Ontario Court of Appeal in *Amberwood* conducted an extensive review of the development of the common law rule that positive covenants do not run with land. In finding that the rule continues to be settled law in Ontario, the majority of the Court acknowledged that while the Province has not adopted “a comprehensive scheme to deal with covenants affecting freehold land, there are a number of statutory exceptions to the rule that positive covenants do not bind freehold successors in title,” including for example, “the burden on certain positive covenants made in favour of public bodies” which can run with the land.

### **Statutory Exceptions**

As was pointed in *Amberwood*, in Ontario there are a number of statutes that operate to provide a specific override to the common law rule:

- *Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. A.13, ss. 3(f)(i), 4.1 and 4.2;
- *Building Code Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 23, ss. 8(3)(c)(iv), and 8(5);
- *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, S.O. 2006, c. 11, Sche. A, ss. 113(2)-(3) and 114 (11) and (14);
- *Conservation Land Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.28, ss. 3(2)-(10);
- *Drainage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.17, ss. 2(1)-(4);
- *Forestry Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.26, ss. 2(1) and 3;
- *Industrial and Mining Lands Compensation Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. I.5, ss. 1-4;
- *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. N.2, ss. 24(2.1), 27(1) and 27(7);
- *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18, ss. 22 and 37;
- *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, ss. 28(10)-(11), 34(16)-(16.2), 37(3)-(4), 41(7)(c), 41(8), 41(10), 45 (9.1)-(9.2), 51(16), 51(25)-(27), 70.2(2), and 70.2(5);
- *Public Lands Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.43, ss. 46(2)-(3); and
- *Surveys Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. S.30, ss. 61(1) and 61(4).

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## *Development Agreements In Ontario continued..*

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With respect to the various provisions of the *Planning Act* mentioned above (sections 28, 34, 37, 41, 45, 51, 70.2) each of these sections contain clauses that expressly provide that if agreements are registered on title, they will (subject to the priority registration scheme of the *Land Titles Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. L.5 and the *Registry Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. R.20), bind future owners of the land.

The *Amberwood* decision was appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada and leave was granted. This presented the Supreme Court of Canada with a landmark opportunity to re-visit the application of the common law rule and whether it has any continued validity in modern sophisticated commercial transactions. Unfortunately, the parties settled before the case was argued and before the Supreme Court of Canada could adjudicate upon the issue.

While the common law rule as pronounced in *Amberwood* persists, the statutory provisions listed above operate to override the common law prohibition against positive covenants running with the land. This is why certain statutorily-authorized agreements (like the aforementioned agreements under the *Planning Act*) may be registered on title and bind future owners. This is expressly not the case with non-statutory agreements.

### **Conclusion**

Development agreements are essentially a series of positive covenants on the part of the owner or applicant that serve to fulfill the conditions of development approval. Therefore, it is absolutely essential that the obligations and duties imposed on a owner or applicant pursuant to a development agreement be enforceable against future owner – otherwise the entire basis of the agreement will be defeated if an owner can easily transfer title to the land and circumvent the obligations and duties through a harsh legal technicality. Simply because an agreement is voluntarily entered into with an owner of land, is registered on title and is expressly stated binding to be binding on future owners, does not make it so.

Accordingly, given that the common law rule continues to apply in Ontario, any development agreement that purports to impose a positive covenant or obligation upon a landowner that is not made pursuant to one of the aforementioned statutory authorities will likely be unenforceable against any future owner, notwithstanding an enurement clause and prior knowledge of the subsequent owner of the existence of the contract. Therefore, it is important that any obligations of development under the *Planning Act* be made specifically and expressly within the confines of the legislative authority if any agreement seeking to implement the conditions of approval is to be enforced in the future.

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*British Columbia News*

**Half Day Seminar British Columbia Chapter**

On November 14th, 2008 a few of us got together for a half day seminar in Vancouver at Langara College. We had a diverse group of 8 including students from the College, Planning Technicians from surrounding Municipalities including the District of Maple Ridge and City of Richmond and myself from Urban Systems.



We started the morning off with introductions which led us to our first Speaker, Brian Patterson. Brian has been a Planner with Urban Systems for the past three years and has a variety of experience in urban and transportation planning. Brian provided us with a fantastic presentation on innovative approaches in public sector land development. A few key topics outlined included approaches to infrastructure financing and infill development, benefits to local governments and lessons for planning.

We then moved to our second speaker June Christy, Planner with the City of Richmond. June has quite a few years of experience in planning including working with the City of Vancouver for 7 years and also the City of Surrey. June provided us with a great overview on the City Centre Area Plan update which is a component of the Official Community Plan for the City. This plan is available online for viewing, please visit the provided link:

<http://www.richmond.ca/services/planning/projects/ccareaplan.htm>



There has been a lot of buzz around sustainability and smart growth strategies. Diane passed along a great presentation prepared by Tom Lancaster of Smart Growth (BC) Advisory Services. I found it quite interesting and decided to provide a very brief overview of his presentation to the group before we wrapped up for the day. Please visit the below link to view the presentation. <http://www.sgas.bc.ca/>

*Thank you to those who were able to attend. Also a special thanks to Brian Riera of Langara College for coordinating a room for us and providing refreshments and to the CACPT for providing such a great professional development opportunity for our Western Members!*

**Welcome Arrival!**

Congratulations to Mercedes and Ryan on the arrival of their son Dylan Ryan, born on January 13th, 2009.



### CACPT AT THE AACIP CONFERENCE

In October last year, CACPT again sponsored the Alberta Association of the Canadian Institute of Planners (AACIP) conference in Banff. **Justin Hogberg, of the City of Edmonton**, attended the conference to speak to delegates and raise the awareness of the CACPT among other professional planning associations in Alberta.

The conference was well attended and Justin spoke with approximately 50 delegates, most of which were mainly interested to know more about the services the CACPT provides and the requirements for membership in the Association. Many of the delegates were surprised and impressed by the range of roles and positions occupied by CACPT members. Several delegates expressed interest in either joining the Association themselves, or having Planning Technicians in their offices join.

Most of the available membership application forms were distributed, so we should look forward to growth in the Alberta membership this year. Many thanks to Justin for making the trip to Banff to represent our Association and raising the awareness of CACPT in Alberta.

### EDUCATION

CACPT continues to work with post-secondary institutions to realize a new planning program in Alberta. New programs are currently being considered by Olds College, the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT), University of Lethbridge and University of Alberta.

Particularly, your Council continues to be involved in the potential development of a new Rural Land Use Planning Major at Olds College. Currently, we are in the process of reviewing information provided by the College regarding this potential program. Comments and suggestions provided by CACPT will be included in a letter of support for this program, which is anticipated to be issued in the near future.

In addition, SAIT extended an invitation to the CACPT to attend a forum on December 2, 2008 to learn about their potential Urban and Regional Planning Diploma/Degree Program. Unfortunately, no members were available to participate in this forum. SAIT has agreed to keep CACPT up to date on program developments and future opportunities to participate. It is important that CACPT take a more active role in the development of future post-secondary planning programs in Alberta, if possible. Volunteers are needed to provide support in this capacity. If you think you would like to help with this, please contact Greg MacKenzie at [gjmackenziecpt@hotmail.com](mailto:gjmackenziecpt@hotmail.com) or at (780) 423-6824.

Note: CACPT Western Representative on Council **Greg MacKenzie** will be presenting at the Community Planning Association of Alberta (CPAA) Annual Planning Conference. His topic will be Cluster (Conservation) Design. Greg is employed by **Armin A. Preiksaitis & Associates Ltd.** which was CACPT's **2008 Technical Employer of the Year** and the firm won the 2007 Merit Award for Lacombe County Residential Conservation (Cluster) District, Alberta.

Our thanks to **Greg** for his contributions to CACPT and to **Kirsten Smith** for preparing a Western events letter.



*Cape Dorset, Nunavut***Planning in the North**

**Tristan Brewer**  
Planning Technician  
Cape Dorset, Nunavut

Shortly after graduating Mohawk College's Urban and Regional Planning – GIS program in April 2008 I came across a job posting for a Planning Technician with the Government of Nunavut based out of Cape Dorset on Baffin Island. A month after applying I was offered the position and by the end of July I was settling into my new home in Canada's arctic. This was the beginning of an adventure of a lifetime!

Life up here in Cape Dorset is completely different from down south. Coming from Hamilton, Ontario this was a big change for me but I've quickly adapted to my new surroundings. Everything is more relaxed and the people are extremely friendly and helpful. With 95% of the population here being Inuit you are quickly immersed in their culture and way of life, something most Canadians never get the chance to do. Cape Dorset is also famous for its carvings, which are plentiful around the hamlet, and can often be purchased for a fraction of what they cost down south.

As the Planning Technician I'm responsible for 12 Nunavut communities, most of which are on Baffin Island. My work so far has consisted of working on some community plans, lease sketches and general mapping using AutoCAD as the primary software. I'm also creating and developing the GIS system for my region using ArcGIS. The North is definitely booming and the opportunities up here are endless. So far these have been the best 6 months of my life.



**Aerial photos of Cape Dorset, Nunavut**

*City of Whitehorse, Yukon*

**Planning in the North**



**Mark Browning CPT**  
 Planner 2, Planning and Development Services  
 City of Whitehorse, Yukon

Mark has been residing in the Yukon for a few years working with a consulting firm. He is truly enjoying working and living in this stunningly beautiful territory. He has recently accepted a position with the City of Whitehorse as a Planner 2. Mark notes that the City is doing some great community development and subdivision planning in the north with a focus on sustainable development and an emphasis on public participation. They have been working with the public through workshops, "charrettes" and Open House & Community Cafés in all stages of the process and have had successful results. We are also working internally to produce the 2009 OCP update and have some really great ideas and enthusiasm now that we have a full team of planners.

Great to hear from you Mark and much success to you and your colleagues with this exciting area of planning.



Mt. Grey and SS Klondike



Picture of the City of Whitehorse taken from Mark's office

*2008 Conference Highlights Continued...*

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**TRANSPORTATION  
 PLANNING FOR THE NEW REALITY**



*Watch for information on our 2009 Conference to be held in Hamilton, ON . The theme this year is "Preserving our Past" with discussions on the Heritage Act, Heritage development and tour of Hamilton's Heritage buildings.*

*Diane LeBreton*

## *Fanshawe College News*

### **2009 Fanshawe College GIS and Urban Planning Charette Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada February 19 – March 11, 2009**

Located in Southwestern Ontario, the town of Wallaceburg represents about ten percent of the 110,000 people living in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. Since the decline of a manufacturing explosion in the post-war era, Wallaceburg is now challenged to create a new identity through the vision and determination of its residents. Starting February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the town of Wallaceburg will partner with Fanshawe College GIS & Urban Planning students in an urban design exercise that promises to be innovative, creative, and community focused.

The Wallaceburg Community Task Force (WCTF), a committee of Chatham-Kent Council and Community Futures Development Corporation of Chatham-Kent (CFDC) made it possible to bring the Fanshawe College GIS and Urban Planning students and professors to town to participate in their annual project that offers students an exceptional 'real-life' educational experience.

Billed as the 2009 Fanshawe College Urban Planning Charette, this student project is an intense short-term team study focusing on a specific, complex land use planning issue within a local community. The Charette will kick off February 19, 2009 when students are introduced to the project, supplied with key information, and assigned to their teams.

Students will receive copies of Chatham-Kent's Official Plan, Zoning By-law, Community Improvement Plan, GIS data, WCTF Vision 2020, and other supporting documents that will guide the students through this exercise.

On February 20, 2009 a site visit in Wallaceburg will be the students' first look at their study area. Their focus will be on the core area of Wallaceburg including the downtown, South Side, Sydenham River basin, and vacant property within the vicinity. Students will also hear from a variety of guest speakers, including a local historian, the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, the Wallaceburg Business Improvement Association, and the WCTF. The groups will enjoy lunch in downtown Wallaceburg and have an opportunity to take photos, create preliminary maps, and begin to formulate their plans.

Over the following six days the teams will work on campus at Fanshawe College in London under the advisement of program professors. The students will develop their plans and prepare the necessary presentation material for the delivery of their final designs. On February 27, 2009, nine groups of students will formally present their plans to a theatre full of their fellow students, professors, community representatives, municipal staff, the WCTF, and CFDC. Judging the presentations will be a distinguished panel of stakeholders who will evaluate the student plans and offer comments and questions to the groups.

The intent of the Charette is to provide the students of Fanshawe with a 'real-life' educational experience, while engaging local business, municipal decision-makers, investors, civic leaders, local high school students, and media outlets. The resulting documents will include a series of details concept plans that combine sound planning principles, the vision of Wallaceburg, and the creativity of aspiring planners. To add to the total experience, the groups presenting the top plans will return to Wallaceburg on March 11, 2009 to present their work to the wider community, including area land-owners, and anyone who is interested in what the students have to share.

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Article written by Ryan Jacques:

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## *Fanshawe College News*

### **Integrated Land Planning Technologies Program (ILPT): A Unique Program Offering Training in GIS and Land Planning and Design**



The Integrated Land Planning Technologies (ILPT) program is a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree first introduced at Fanshawe College in the fall of 2004. The program offers a unique learning experience by combining courses in technology, land planning and design. The program also includes an 18 month co-op placement for students to gain practical "on the job" experience.

The skill sets exemplified by the ILPT program include: research, communications, design and technology. A variety of courses in landscape design, urban design, community planning, research and communications are complemented by technology courses in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and AutoCAD (Computer Aided Design). The AutoCAD and GIS courses provide graduates with essential technical skills required by employers in both the public and private sectors.

The ILPT program provides students with both in-class technical training and on the job training through co-op placements. This blend of experience gives graduates the versatility to compete for employment requiring a technical background and positions that emphasize research and design skills. The ILPT program is unique in the sense that it bridges the gap between "theory and practice" that has been identified by the planning and design industry over the years.

In order to graduate from the program, students must complete a fourth year, group research project referred to as the Capstone Project. The Capstone Project provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate the skills they have attained over the four year duration of the program. The Capstone Projects must demonstrate competence in all skill sets covered by the program in order to receive a passing grade.

During the summer semester of 2008, 12 student groups completed their Capstone Projects. A wide range of projects were prepared including the preparation of urban design guidelines, the quantification of urban sprawl, the preparation of location criteria for seniors housing, green technology guidelines and a new urbanism community design. Many of the projects contained a significant GIS component that was effective in graphically communicating research and design solutions.

The ILPT program emphasizes the integration of course work throughout each semester. This enables students to work more efficiently by preparing course assignments that utilize and build upon course work that has been developed in courses being taught during the semester. Many of the core courses require students to research and develop design solutions to community planning and landscape design problems. Projects of this nature lend themselves greatly to the use of technologies such as GIS and AutoCAD to present graphic information in an effective manner.

In November of 2008, the ILPT program graduated its first group of 23 students from the four year program. Many of the graduates have been successful in obtaining employment in a variety of areas including community planning, landscape design, urban design and GIS technology for both public and private organizations.

The ILPT program at Fanshawe is an exciting program that will continue to evolve in order to meet the needs of the planning and design industry. This evolution will be based on the monitoring of graduate employment and a proactive approach to curriculum design. As the world population continues to urbanize, there will be a growing need for planning and design professionals that possess the unique combination of skills offered by the ILPT program.

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## Mohawk College News



This past fall, the planning students at Mohawk College have been busy completing their respective semester of school work. This past fall first year students began their introductory work into the field, learning the fundamentals of planning law and design. Meanwhile, second year students have continued their learning in both law and design by completing their first draft plan of subdivision in the Upper Wellington/Stonechurch area of Hamilton and furthering their knowledge in the Planning Act, Zoning By-Laws and the Official Plan.

The winter/spring semester brings more in depth learning for both years. While the first year class continues to further their knowledge through design work and law, the second year students are preparing themselves for their future in the field before graduation in April. The second year class will begin their three week internship throughout Southern Ontario within the private and public sectors of planning; commencing in February. Upon return to the classroom, students will prepare a conceptual plan, site plan and presentation to a panel of planning professionals for a greyfield area located in north Burlington.

Upon completion of the course, graduation comes in April and soon after many of the students will begin their next chapter. Some are considering university to complete their urban planning degree while others begin to enter the workforce. An exciting and challenging time for all that many of us are looking forward to.

The planning students at Mohawk College would like to thank their teachers, Joan Keating and Stephen Pudsey for all their hard work, time and dedication they have given to the students this year.

*Article written by Scott Wilson, Mohawk CACPT Rep*

### **Building a Better World - CIP/OPPI Conference Niagara Falls, Ontario from September 30th to October 3rd, 2009**

We invite you to be part of an exciting opportunity!

The format of this conference will give planners the opportunity to hear from the best of the best on Environment, Economy, Culture, and Society. This is also an opportunity to debate and to challenge ourselves and our profession. Hear expert panelists on the issues planners need to confront, participate with your questions and feedback, and listen to your colleagues as they showcase their innovations and experiences.

There is an exciting line up of speakers. Sheila Watt-Cloutier is the opening keynote. Ms. Watt-Coulter, as an Inuit says she has the right to be cold. She is a world leader on global climate change and human rights and is dedicated to the Inuit people in their struggle in the face of devastating climate change. Sheila Watt-Cloutier is an Officer of the Order of Canada, a recipient of a UN Lifetime Achievement Award for Human Development and was nominated for the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. Chris Turner is the closing keynote speaker. Mr. Turner is the author of the bestseller and award-winning *Geography of Hope*. Mr. Turner writes about culture, technology and the environment and the impact on sustainability. Chris Turner received the 2001 President's Medal for General Excellence for his writing. Both of these dynamic, provocative speakers perfectly address the conference theme Building a Better World.

Further information on the conference is available at: [www.ontarioplanners.on.ca](http://www.ontarioplanners.on.ca)

## CACPT Tenure & Merit Awards

**30 YEARS** Donna Madden, Norman Pearson, John Picek, Rod McPhail, Paul Hodgins, Don Granger and our Executive Director, Diane LeBreton

**25 YEARS** John Jones

**20 YEARS** John Gallagher, Brian Lamondin, Tom Villella, Henry Leung, and Jeff Duncan and Steve Loughran

**15 YEARS** Jamie Whitters, Chris Pichach, Andrew Sorensen, Paul Damsma, Allen Burgess, Vince Cornacchia, Steve Pudsey, Susan Pickard and Dan DeCraene

**10 YEARS** Patricia Pease, Nathalie Orsi, Trevor Houghton, Scott Paterson and Tony Marando

**5 YEARS** Randy Harris, Duane Blewett, Bryan Bachorski, Julie Owens, Wendy Connors, Chris Millar, Greg Marek, Bebe Khan, Allan Wilson, Emily Coe, Judy Martin, Adam Charnaw, Gavin Davis, Ann Edwards, Maryanne Richards, James Horan, Leo Urritia, Chris Underwood, Jared Marcus and Jennifer Thomson



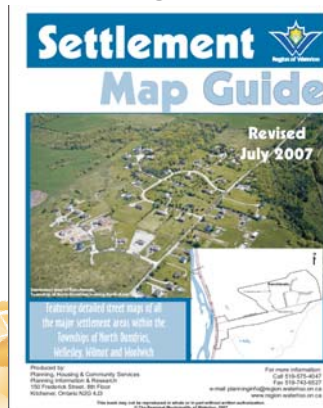
### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2007 MERIT AWARD & APRECIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS



**Municipal Employer of the Year:** Regional Municipality of Waterloo

The Municipal Employer of the Year was the Regional Municipality of Waterloo. Regional Chair Ken Seiling welcomes the delegates to the 2008 Professional Development Session held in Waterloo Region where he accepted the award on behalf of the Region.

**Geomatics Category:**  
Lauren Manske/Region of Waterloo - The Settlement Map Guide



**Technical Employer of the Year:**  
Armin A. Preiksaitis & Associates Ltd.,  
Edmonton Alberta.



Left to Right, Lauren Manske; Chris Orsan, Merit Award Committee; Greg Heiman, Merit Award Committee; and Henry Leung, Region of Waterloo

Welcome and Congratulations to all of our New & Upgraded Members!

**New & Upgraded Full Members**

**Gail Gibeau**, Development Officer, Municipal District of Willow Creek  
**Adriana McMullen**, Planning Technician, City of Victoria, BC

**New & Upgraded Associate Members**

**Tristan Brewer**, Planning Technician, Government of Nunavut  
**Anthony Mark Goodman**, Research Technician, Monteith Brown Planning Consultants, ON  
**Greg Heiman**, Council, CACPT  
**Alex Morison**, Planning Technician, MHBC, Woodbridge, ON  
**Christopher Poole**, Planning Technician, Skelton Brumwell, ON  
**Adeola Sogbein**, Inspector, DM Wills & Associates, ON

**New Student Members**

**Fanshawe**

Mike Adam  
 Talal Al-Yazidi  
 Andrew Araujo  
 Roderick Benoit  
 Kaitlin Boddaert  
 Svetlana Bryzgalova  
 Jibril Burale  
 Meaghan Burns  
 Tara Calcagno  
 Kenny Cannon  
 Greg Chisholm  
 Zachary Copeland  
 Michelle Corcoran  
 Michel Corriveau  
 Matthew Coultie  
 Jennifer Debono  
 Wesley Deelen  
 Marcus Detta Colli  
 Xolani Hlabangana  
 Daria Jelonek  
 Nicole Jensen  
 Jennifer Jonassen  
 Nicholas Jones  
 Cale Laramie  
 Jennifer LeCarpentier  
 Victoria Lemieux  
 Patrick McCabe  
 Michael McLean  
 Vanessa Meka  
 Viona Meka  
 Michael Mitchell  
 David Mohammed  
 Ben Mol  
 Nicholas O'Connor  
 Collin Polos  
 Jonathan Pounder

Stephanie Ramsahai  
 Dan Ridgeway  
 Vanessa Roque  
 Shaddi Sayah  
 Jeremy Scott  
 Lee Sebastian  
 Chris Segato  
 Alex Selkirk  
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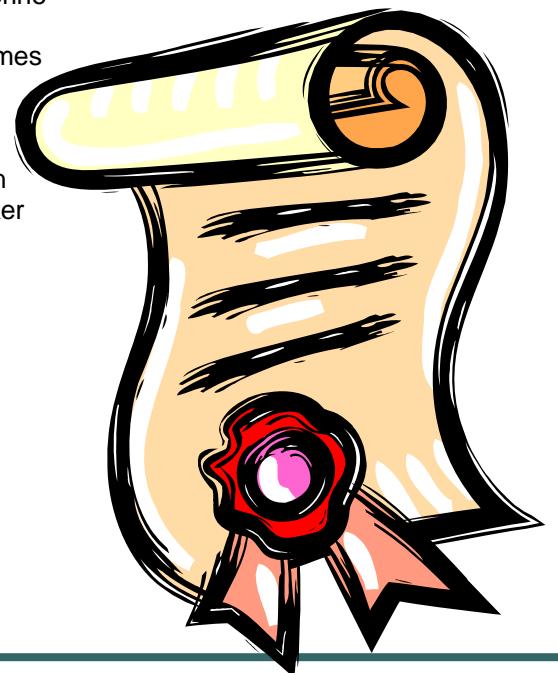
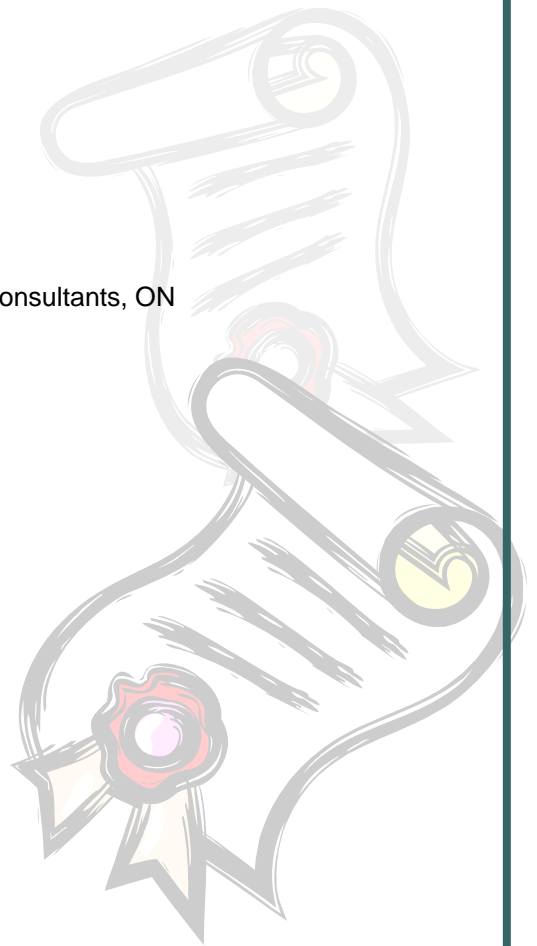
**Langara**

Christina Alm

**Mohawk**

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 Gregory Bernard  
 Dan Boric  
 Alex Brown  
 Rochelle Cegnar  
 Brenden Clapp  
 Natalie Costie  
 Sebastian Cuming  
 Scott Davis-Fisch  
 Hilda DeJong  
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 Alicia Eichinger  
 Michael Fiorino

Ian Frankiewicz  
 Jessica Gauss  
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 Stephen Halladay  
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 Paul Ionita  
 Riley Jackson  
 Madonna LePage  
 Raymond Love  
 Matt McCrystal  
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- Fanshawe College, Urban and Regional Planning Technology (GIS/CAD) (London, ON)**
- Mohawk College, Urban and Regional Planning Technician with GIS (Hamilton, ON)**
- College of Geographic Sciences, Planning Land Information Technology (Lawrencetown, NS)**
- Langara College, Applied Urban and Regional Planning Program (Vancouver, BC)**

***Accredited Programs not currently in operation***

- Holland College (Summerside, PEI)**
- Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (Edmonton, AB)**
- Sheridan College (Oakville, ON)**

***New College Program In Operation - Accreditation Pending***

- Fanshawe College, Integrated Land Planning Technologies (Bachelor's Degree) (London, ON)**

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