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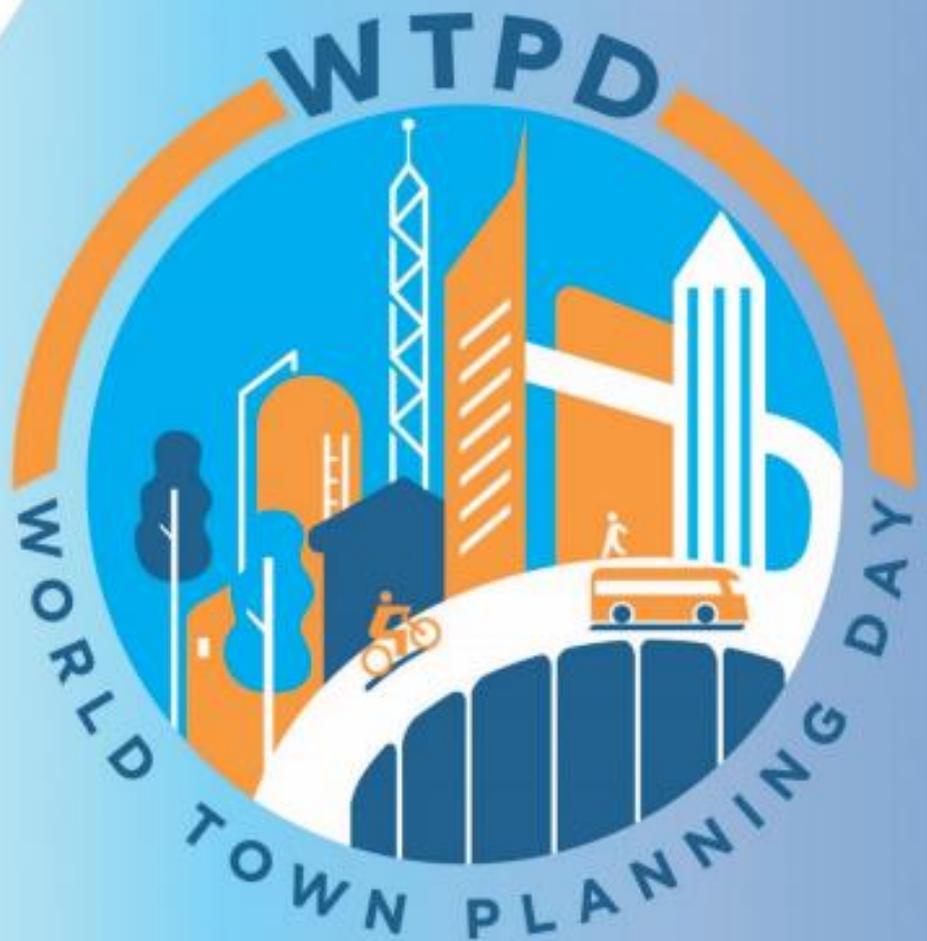
WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY

NOVEMBER 4-8, 2019

Online presentations showcasing innovative planning practices from Canada and around the world.



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About the Conference

Join CIP and planners from around the world for an exciting week of learning and professional development, as we celebrate World Town Planning Day together.

With a national and international focus on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), each webinar will fall under one of four learning tracks: Healthy Communities, Climate Action, Social Equity, and Economic Development, showcasing practices from Canada and abroad.

This Year's Themes

Healthy Communities

Climate Action

Social Equity

Economic Development

Participate in the Conference

Participants are able to attend all webinars under one registration. Conference presentations will be hosted on *GoToWebinar*. To register for the conference, [click here](#).

You are also invited to share on social media by tweeting with CIP. The handle is [@WTPDOnline](#), and [@CIP_ICU](#) and CIP will be following along with the hashtag #WTPD2019 all week long.

Presenters' biographies are listed at the end of the program.

This program may be subject to minor additions and alterations. Last updated 4/11/2019

MONDAY

12 PM – 1:30 PM EST
November 4

SPEAKERS

Inclusive Zoning and Housing – practical approaches to affordability

Namon Freeman, Grounded Solutions Network
Martine August, University of Waterloo
Richard Drdla, inclusionaryzoning.ca

SDG track: Social Equity

Inclusionary Housing. Is it really the silver bullet some say it is, or does it sabotage the housing market and increase the cost of housing? In this session, delegates will learn about inclusionary zoning and housing policies in the US and its uptake in Canada. Through a practical demonstration of available tools, participants will also learn about program feasibility, and common pitfalls and possibilities when calibrating inclusionary housing policies to development realities.

3 PM – 4:30 PM EST
November 4

SPEAKERS

Approaches to Density

Joseph Eisenberg, City of Miami
Jason Syvixay, City of Edmonton
Carley Holt, City of Edmonton

SDG track: Healthy Communities

In this session, delegates will learn about different approaches to enabling higher housing density, including the City of Miami's Transfer of Development Density (TDD) program, which allowed the transfer of unused residential density from historically designated properties into Transit Oriented Development (TOD) areas. From Canada, delegates will hear about the City of Edmonton's approach to encouraging infill development, from the innovative *Infill Roadmap* to the *Missing Middle Infill Design Competition*.

TUESDAY

12 PM – 1:30 PM EST
November 5

SPEAKERS

Planning Smart Energy Communities

Jessica Webster RPP, MCIP, Natural Resources Canada
Boris Hocks, Generation Energy
Michael Lee, QUEST

SDG track: Climate Action

In this session, delegates will learn about different approaches to incorporating smart energy systems into the planning of communities in Canada and the Netherlands. It will include a demonstration of a new Smart Energy Communities' Benchmarking Tool from QUEST. Delegates will also learn about federal government data on buildings and energy, available and forthcoming. It will feature an overview of Canadian Energy End-use Mapping Project (CEE Map), with delegates also having the opportunity to provide feedback to Natural Resources Canada.

3 PM – 4 PM EST
November 5

SPEAKERS

Inclusionary Coastal Regional Planning

Aaron Ryan AICP, LEED ND, Pond
Amanda Phillips, Edward Wisner Donation
Bridget Tydor AICP, ENV SP, Pond

SDG track: Climate Action

This session introduces site, city, and regional-scale water management practices from Louisiana and explores a case-study in how consensus-building with diverse stakeholder groups can translate into regional environmental restoration efforts.

Delegates will learn about the Edward Wisner Donation's 2019 Coastal Restoration Master Plan, which aligned divergent interests in support of environmental restoration, in the fragile coastal wetlands of Louisiana, which have experienced extreme rates of coastal land loss and remain threatened by sea-level rise, subsidence, hurricane and destructive human behaviour.

WEDNESDAY

12 PM – 1 PM EST
November 6

SPEAKERS

Improving Accessibility in the Built Environment

Kathryn Firth, NBBJ
Hayley Nabuurs, Queens University

SDG track: Healthy Communities

In this session, approaches to accessibility will be explored from two perspectives. The first will be a holistic analysis of accessibility, exploring how planning can create truly accessible places, using case studies such as London's 2012 Olympic Park revitalization project. The second will be another site-specific analysis of how Chester, a 1st century CE Roman-British city which has managed to gain international recognition for its success in reconciling heritage and accessibility. This presentation will discuss findings from a research trip to Chester, supported by the International Experience Award from Queen's University.

3 PM – 4 PM EST
November 6

SPEAKERS

Small Town Main Street Sustainability: a thrift store model

Kieron Hunt, FBM Architecture
Paul Blais, MDB Insight Inc.

SDG track: Economic Development

What's old IS new again. The combination of sustainable market analysis and economic development that informs land use planning for main streets as well as economic growth is not only innovative but challenges traditional approaches. This session will use practical community projects representing various sizes and locales across Canada to show how smaller communities can create jobs, provide entrepreneurial opportunities and harness their local resources to promote a sense of pride and ownership. Communities are rediscovering the emotional connection and values of entrepreneurship as well as the social and sustainable values of a farm to table culture, where a shop local atmosphere can not only work on a local scale but actually can create a unique destination appeal. As one example of this, there is a resurgent appreciation for used book stores, consignment or thrift stores as well as locally sourced products that are bringing pride and demand back to communities.

THURSDAY

12 PM – 1 PM EST
November 7

SPEAKERS

Engaging with Indigenous Communities

Nalini Naidoo RPP, MCIP, City of Yellowknife
Leena Lamontagne Dupuis, Queens University

SDG track: Social Equity

In this session, delegates will hear two perspectives about work being undertaken to engage Indigenous communities in planning initiatives. The first will be the City of Yellowknife and its work with Dene First Nation. The second will be an analysis of the Northern Ontario Growth Plan and its approach to including Indigenous communities. Through a case study of a small community in Northern Ontario, delegates will learn how Indigenous needs have been incorporated in the official plans, and hear reflections on how relations could be developed further.

3 PM – 4 PM EST
November 7

SPEAKERS

Optimizing Outcomes for Public Transport Mega-projects

Brendon Baker, Mott Macdonald

SDG track: Economic Development

Recently, there have been a number of city shaping transport projects in Australian cities where an integrated transport and land use approach must be considered in project development. However, governance for major infrastructure projects is often not well aligned, resulting in poor urban outcomes or lost opportunities associated with major investment in transit amenity. This presentation looks at the role of governance and genuine engagement (or collaboration) using the Sydney Metro West rail project as a case study.

FRIDAY

10 AM – 11:00 AM EST
November 8

SPEAKERS

Local Approaches to Climate Mitigation and Adaptation

Kim Fowler RPP, MCIP
Bilal Saghir, Centre for Local Governance, Riyadh

SDG track: Climate Action

In this session, delegates will hear from two speakers about locally-driven approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation. The first session will cover an overview of local government approaches to climate change, with snapshot examples from Sweden, Japan, Finland, UK and New Zealand. In the second half, delegates will hear about a Canadian case study - Dockside Green, an example of sustainable development, which has evolved over an 18-year period.

12PM – 1PM EST
November 8

SPEAKERS

Aging and Place

Dr. Karen Lee, MD MHSc FRCPC, University of Alberta
Sarah Lewis, MRTPI, Royal Town Planning Institute
Robin Mazumder, PHD Candidate, University of Waterloo

SDG track: Healthy Communities

What is an age-friendly community? How do we rise to the challenge of adapting places to suit the needs of ever-growing aging populations? In this session, delegates will hear from health and planning practitioners about the impact of the built environment on the physical and mental health of elderly people, and methods and approaches to overcome them, using examples from Canada and the UK. And, merging planning with neuroscience, delegates will also see a demonstration of how virtual reality

can be used to measure the impact of the built environment on mental health.

3PM – 5PM EST
November 8

SPEAKERS

Music Strategies and Planning for the Night Time Economy

Dr. Nik Ives-Allison, PhD, Ottawa Music Industry Coalition
Martyna Turczynowicz, Ottawa Music Industry Coalition
Stacey Forrester, Good Night Out

SDG track: Economic Development

Part I - With an increased awareness of the importance of nighttime economies (NTE) to the development of economically robust urban centres, many municipalities are creating strategies designed to maximize their city's creative and cultural potential, increasing revenue, economic growth, development and employment.

With 'musicians' and 'singers' the second most identified creative profession by Canadians, many cities have decided to start their work on NTE development with music strategies, but how do these strategies go from plan to implementation? Nik Ives-Allison and Martyna Turczynowicz, Executive Director and Programs Manager for the OMIC and co-founders of consulting firm, Night Lab, will discuss how, through OMIC, they work with industry and public sector partners to implement and execute the recommendations outlined in Ottawa's first music strategy. Furthermore, the presentation will outline the importance of considered, incremental progress when it comes to sustaining innovation and economic growth in nightlife sectors.

Part II Goodnight Out – Following her award winning Plan Canada article, Stacey Forrester of Good Night Out Vancouver will discuss how tools and advocacy can raise awareness and lead to policy change and cultural shifts, in order for cities to respond to and prevent harassment and sexual assault within licensed venues, nightlife districts and the adjacent public realm.

Good Night Out is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing nightlife economies with the capacity to respond to and prevent harassment and sexual assault within licensed venues, nightlife districts and the adjacent

public realm. Speaking to the unique needs of nightlife stakeholders, Good Night Out has presented their prevention and response tools to over 1500 people in three years and have successfully implemented a nightlife street team—the first of its kind in North America. Good Night Out has also successfully advocated for change in business licencing as well as working with municipalities to implement policy to protect the cities' most vulnerable.

Speaker Biographies

Namon Freeman AICP

**Senior State & Local Policy Specialist
Grounded Solutions Network**

Namon supports municipalities and community organizations across the country in implementing affordable housing policy. Prior to joining Grounded Solutions, Namon coordinated the outreach of inclusionary housing policies and managed the pre-certification application process for private and city-sponsored development initiatives at the New York City Department of City Planning. He also spent time with the Urban Planning and Design Branch at UN-HABITAT where he designed city extensions and provided technical assistance for planning institutions. He holds a Master of Urban Planning Degree from New York University and a Master of Architecture from Hampton University.

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Richard Drdla

Affordable Housing Consultant
Inclusionaryzoning.ca

Richard Drdla is an affordable housing consultant based in Toronto. For more than 20 years, he has been actively engaged in researching, writing about and advocating for inclusionary zoning in Canada. Most recently, he advised the Ontario government in the formulation of its inclusionary zoning legislation and regulations that came into effect in April 2018. He was also centrally involved with the coalition of affordable housing and service providers that had a significant influence on those provisions. His extensive reports and other writings on the subject are posted on his website

Martine August

Assistant Professor
University of Waterloo

Martine August, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the School of Planning at the University of Waterloo. She completed her Master's and PhD degrees in Planning at the University of Toronto, and has worked as a housing policy advisor in the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Her research focuses on planning, social justice, and housing, focusing on topics including mixed-income public housing redevelopment, and the rise of financial investment in Canadian multi-family housing.

Joseph Eisenberg

**Planner II, Planning Department
City of Miami**

Joseph Eisenberg works for the City of Miami's Planning Department as an urban planner. He has drafted several key pieces of legislation impacting housing affordability, including a program to allow a doubling of density for affordable and workforce housing projects, the legalization of microunits, additional public benefits for the provision of affordable housing, the City's first Inclusionary Housing program, and a framework for a community density trust. He is a part of the City's Connect Capital initiative with an ambitious goal of creating or preserving 12,000 units of affordable and workforce housing in the next five years, and he sits on the City's Housing and Commercial Loan Committee.

He has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and Growth Management and a master's degree in Planning from Rollins College, and he is currently enrolled in an MBA program at the University of Florida. Joe worked for several small planning firms and nonprofits in the Orlando area before moving to Miami four years ago. He has a keen interest in walkability, bikability, transit, and housing affordability. Joe enjoys walking or biking to work every day, although he does not enjoy paying way too much for his downtown apartment.

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Jason Syvixay

**Principal Planner, Infill Liaison Team
City of Edmonton**

Jason has presented at various conferences and events, discussing planning issues related to equity in public space, representation, and infill development. Jason is an award-winning urban planner and public relations professional from Winnipeg, Manitoba. He has a passion for people and places, and engages in city building that listens to and empowers the community, builds knowledge and capacity, and works towards equity in urban places. Through media platforms such as the Winnipeg Free Press, Plan Canada, Canadian Architect, and Style Manitoba, Jason has shaped and informed dialogue around pressing urban issues.

Jason holds a Master of City Planning from the University of Manitoba, a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Winnipeg, and is completing his Doctor of Philosophy in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Alberta. He is an RPP Candidate and a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners

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Carley Holt

**Planner II
City of Edmonton**

Carley is a principal planner, leading the implementation of the City of Edmonton's Infill Roadmap, a work plan aimed at "welcoming more people and new homes into Edmonton's older neighbourhoods." A creative problem solver — nurtured through her training in industrial design — Carley is passionate about creating healthier communities through a holistic approach to densification.

Carley holds a Master's of City Planning from the University of Manitoba and a Bachelor of Design from the University of Alberta.

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Jessica Webster RPP, MCIP

**Energy Planning Analyst
Natural Resources Canada**

Jessica Webster has over 13 years of experience in energy research and development. Her area of expertise is managing the development of energy maps of the building stock and strategically enabling the integration of information into municipal and utility decision-making processes. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Honours (Geography major, Anthropology minor) from Carleton University, a Master's of Strategic Leadership towards Sustainability with a focus on community energy planning from the Blekinge Institute of Technology in Karlskrona, Sweden and a Master's Certificate in Business Analysis from Carleton University.

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Michael Lee

Senior Lead, Analytics & Services
Quest Canada

As Senior Lead of Analytics and Services, Michael leads cross-sectoral, collaborative research related to community energy planning. This includes leading development of the Canada-wide *Smart Energy Communities Benchmark*, research for the *Community Energy Planning: Getting to Implementation in Canada* initiative, and facilitation of the *Toward Planning Alignment* project between local energy planning stakeholders in Ontario. Michael holds a Master of Planning in Urban Development from Ryerson University (2015), and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from McMaster University (2013).

Boris Hocks

Partner
Generation.Energy

Boris Hocks is a Partner at Generation.Energy with expertise in energy planning and integrated regional spatial strategies in the Netherlands. He graduated with honorable mention at the faculty of Urbanism at Delft University of Technology.

After briefly working for the provincial government he started an urban planning office – PosadMaxwan - focussing on complex regional planning. In that capacity he worked on the Dutch Delta Programme; the integral water protection of the Netherlands and on various large scale infrastructural projects.

5 years ago a 'spin off' of the urban planning office was formed: Generation.Energy. In this office he advises the local, provincial and National government on the spatial implications of energy transitions. The office not only provides spatial design but also data modeling and engagement planning.

Aaron Ryan AICP, LEED-ND

Project Manager

Federal and Geospatial Division of Pond

Aaron is a Project Manager, Planner, and Urban Designer in the New Orleans-based Federal and Geospatial Division of Pond (A/E Firm). He has worked on numerous local and national projects in sustainable site development, green infrastructure, consensus building, land use policy, and institutional master planning; including the 2015 APA National Planning Excellence Award-winning Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan and the 2017 APA FPD Outstanding Site Development Plan Award-winning JSMC-Lima Area Development Plan. He is a former educator who holds a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from the University of New Orleans and a B.A from Louisiana State University.

Amanda Phillips

Secretary Treasurer and Land Manager

Edward Wisner Donation

L. Amanda Phillips is the Secretary Treasurer and Land Manager of the Edward Wisner Donation. She has worked with Wisner in saving Louisiana's wetlands since 2001 and is a member of the Landowner Focus Group of Louisiana's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA). Ms. Phillips works closely with numerous government, economic development, academic, and environmental organizations to develop some of the largest wetland restoration projects in the State of Louisiana. Ms. Phillips has an MBA from Loyola University, a BA from Tulane University, and a lifelong fascination with science, beaches, swamps, and marshes.

Bridget Tydor AICP, ENV SP

Senior Planner

Federal and Geospatial Division of Pond

Bridget is a Senior Planner in the New Orleans-based Federal and Geospatial Division of Pond (A/E Firm). She has worked across southern Louisiana to improve the environmental quality of open space and recreate natural systems on developed land. Bridget has a B.A. from Louisiana State University and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from the University of New Orleans. She is a charter member of the Greater New Orleans Water Collaborative, holds office in the American Planning Association, Louisiana Chapter and is a Park Advocate with the National Parks and Recreation Association.

Kathryn Firth

**Urban Design Director
NBBJ**

Kathryn Firth, an urban designer with more than 25 years of international public- and private-sector experience, oversees NBBJ's Urban Environments practice in Boston. Originally from Toronto, Kathryn spent 20 years in London, UK, where she worked as a private consultant and as chief of design at the London Legacy Development Corporation, directing the transformation of the 2012 Olympic Games site into an authentic piece of the city.

Kathryn has led international master planning and urban regeneration projects, working both in sensitive heritage contexts such as Covent Garden and on former industrial sites in complex urban environments, including Le Parc des Portes de Paris and Meridian Water in northeast London. Her ongoing research interests include the spatial and social dynamics of main streets, the New London Vernacular, urban density and neighbourhood perception, and investigations into typologies and morphologies that support intensification and urban growth.

Hayley Nabuurs

**MPI Candidate 2020
Master's of Urban and Regional Planning at Queen's University**

Hayley Nabuurs is a Master's of Urban and Regional Planning Candidate at Queen's University and previously received her Bachelor of Arts Honours in Anthropology from Trent University. Her Master's report research is concerned with the reconciliation of heritage and accessibility, inspired by her work at local museums in Peterborough, ON.

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Kieron Hunt

**Planning Studio Lead
FBM Architecture**

Kieron has 18 years of experience in formulating implementable market-driven planning with a focus on downtowns, main streets and waterfronts, and the requisite engagement that brings a community together in support of a vision. Prior to joining FBM as the Planning Studio Lead, Kieron was President at Key Planning Strategies and previously served as the Director of Canadian Operations for North American Architectural/Engineering Firm - Cushing Terrell/CTA for whom he headed up a portfolio of planning and market analysis projects across North America.

Recent clients include but are not limited to City of Port Coquitlam (BC), City of Spruce Grove (AB), City of Melfort (SK), Lac La Biche County (AB), Town of Vegreville (AB), Hamlet of La Crete (AB), County of Grande Prairie (AB), Municipality of East Hants (NS). For these projects, Kieron was the Lead Planner and Project Manager. Kieron also worked with distinguished planner Michael von Hausen with the Town of Osoyoos, City of White Rock and Cowichan Bay Village, the latter of which was a recent recipient of a CIP Award of Excellence for Small Town Rural Planning in 2019.

Kieron is also the Emeritus National Co-Chair for the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) P3 Retail program which promotes public-private partnerships and works to enhance communication between the public and private sector on emerging issues that impact the quality of life in local communities, with an emphasis on small downtowns and main streets.

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Paul Blais, MA, Ec.D., CEcD

**Executive Vice-President
MDB Insight Inc.**

Paul is a co-founder of MDB. He has worked making municipalities competitive and led more than 200 economic development strategies, and action plans for municipal and provincial clients across Canada. He has worked extensively with communities' coast to coast in what has become Canada's largest consultancy specializing in economic development, workforce development and market research. Paul has become the first consultant in the country to incorporate UN SDGs into local economic development strategies in ON and BC.

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Nalini Naidoo, RPP, MCIP

**Director of Planning & Development
City of Yellowknife**

Nalini Naidoo is the Director of Planning & Development at the City of Yellowknife. A lifelong Yellowknifer, Nalini and her family have lived in Yellowknife since the 1970s, calling the city home for three generations. Nalini has a Bachelor of Arts from Dalhousie University in Halifax, and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Queen's University in Kingston. Nalini has worked with the City of Yellowknife for over a decade. She has held the positions of Manager of Planning & Lands, and Director of Communications & Economic Development, before assuming her current position. Prior to her roles with the City, she was an Associate with Dillon Consulting Ltd.

Leena Lamontagne-Dupuis

**Student
Queen's University School of Urban and Regional Planning**

Leena Lamontagne-Dupuis was born in Hearst, ON. When she turned 18, she packed her bags and left to attend a bachelor's of Arts and Science at Quest University Canada in Squamish, BC. During her second year she needed to figure out a research topic, and while on a stroll one day she realized, just like her, many of her peers left the region of Northern-Ontario to either go to Southern-Ontario, or larger urban areas in other parts of Canada. So she asked herself "why?" and thus developed her passion for small-town planning and regional development.

Throughout her master's education at Queen's University at the School of Regional Planning, she realized true planning that is equitable to all could not happen without a recognition, involvement and collaboration with Indigenous peoples. She strives to follow de-colonizing and unsettling approaches to her planning practices and hopes to one day open her consulting firm in Northern Ontario.

Brendon Baker

Technical Director
Mott MacDonald

Brendon has 20 years of experience in government spanning the environment, land use planning, and transport sectors, including seven years in senior public sector roles. He has played a significant role in several transport mega-projects, including all stages of Sydney Metro. This has involved environmental approvals, place-making, business case development, demand modelling, economic analysis (BCR, productivity outcomes, and wider economic benefits), and policy advice.

In 2019 Brendon joined Mott MacDonald, a global company solving the world's most intricate challenges, to champion integrated transport and place-making outcomes during the early inception phases of major projects. In his Infrastructure Advisory role, Brendon's diversity of thinking and ability to see the big picture is being applied build momentum for city-building projects and ultimately deliver improvements to living conditions in the urban environment.

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Kim Fowler RPP, MCIP

Principal
Sustainability Makes Cents Consulting

Kim Fowler has 30 years' experience working as a professional planner and sustainability expert with local government in BC and Alberta. She has a proven record of successfully implementing planning and sustainability projects, including the land sale and development of the Victoria Dockside lands, which were awarded the highest LEED™ Platinum point total in the world for the first two development phases. Her design of the Sustainability Initiative for the City of Port Coquitlam integrated 12 land development activities, including the first Triple Bottom Line assessment for development applications in North America and the first green roof regulation in Canada. Kim also project managed the purchase and repurposing of two bankrupted hotels into first stage, integrated housing for the City of Victoria. More recently, she project managed the implementation of the Waterfront Area Plan for the Town of Ladysmith in collaboration with the Stz'uminus First Nation. She is the Manager of Long Range Planning, Sustainability and Energy with the Regional District of Nanaimo, and an avid permaculture gardener.

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Bilal Saghir

Researcher

Center for Local Governance

Bilal is an urban planner with experience in policy research and development practice in public, private and non-profit sectors. He is currently part of a research team at a pioneer Saudi-based public policy think tank located in Riyadh. His research attends to influential challenges facing cities and the role of governing institutions in creating sustainable and livable communities. In addition to his previous experiences at urban policy unit and a leading consulting organization, he briefly held a public office and headed the planning department in one of the regional districts in Punjab Province. He likes to contribute his ideas and thoughts through op-eds, concept notes and policy papers, which reflect critical aspects of planning practices. Bilal holds an M.A. in City & Regional Planning from King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals.

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Dr. Karen Lee, MD, MHSc, FRCPC

Director, Housing for Health;

Associate Professor, Division of Preventive Medicine, Dept of Medicine, University of Alberta, Canada;

Adjunct Professor, School of Public Health, University of Alberta

Dr. Karen Lee is an Associate Professor of Public Health & Preventive Medicine in the Department of Medicine at the University of Alberta in Canada. Dr. Karen Lee is also the founder of Dr. Karen Lee Health + Built Environment + Social Determinants Consulting, helping countries, municipalities and organizations towards achieving the goal of creating Fit Cities around the world, cities that help prevent and reverse Non-Communicable Diseases such as heart disease, cancers and diabetes, and their key risk factors, now the leading causes of death, illness and healthcare costs globally, while achieving other critical co-benefits such as equity, environmental sustainability, universal accessibility, aging in place, safety and economic fitness.

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Sarah Lewis, MRTPI

Planning Practice Officer

Royal Town Planning Institute

Sarah has been the Planning Practice Officer at the Royal Town Planning Institute for a number of years. She is responsible for managing the RTPI's Practice Advice series. She is the author of many of the RTPI's practice advice notes and online training modules. This includes the 'Dementia and Town Planning' advice. Sarah has a long standing interest in health and equality in town planning.

Robin Mazumder

**Doctoral Candidate
University of Waterloo**

Robin Mazumder is currently completing his doctorate in cognitive neuroscience at the University of Waterloo, where he is studying the psychological impacts of urban design. Using sophisticated wearable technology and immersive virtual reality, he examines how people experience cities. His interest is inspired by his love for cities as well as his front line experience working as a mental health occupational therapist.

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Dr. Nik Ives-Allison, PhD

**Executive Director
Ottawa Music Industry Coalition/ Night Lab**

Driven by a passion for research-led community-minded business & economic development, Nik Ives-Allison is the current Executive Director of Ottawa Music Industry Coalition (OMIC) and has worked on the Ottawa Music Strategy since 2017. An unapologetic data nerd, Nik holds a Ph.D. from the University of St. Andrews, where she studied Terrorism & Political Violence. Her research focused on using geospatial data alongside community network analysis to better understand the patterns and flow of violence in cities to design more effective violence reduction strategies.

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Martyna Turczynowicz

**Program Manager
Ottawa Music Industry Coalition/ Night Lab**

Martyna Turczynowicz is a community builder and communications manager with experience cutting across several cultural sectors. Currently, Martyna serves as the Programs Manager for the Ottawa Music Industry Coalition (OMIC) where she is responsible for co-developing its flagship 'From Emerging to Export' program, co-creating the annual LOVE LOCAL Stage on Sparks showcase of local music in the heart of the Ottawa's tourism district, and providing emerging artists & music businesses with meaningful business coaching. Martyna has previously worked with Maison des artistes francophones (Winnipeg), Nuit Blanche Winnipeg, and Indie Montreal in a variety of roles.

Stacey Forrester

Co-founder

Good Night Out Vancouver

Stacey Forrester is the Harm Reduction Manager for Bass Coast music festival, and one half of the feminist harm reduction organization Good Night Out. Stacey worked as a community health nurse for 10 years before her interest in safe public spaces lead her to transition into the field of community and social planning. Her interest in how spaces can stay safe after dark was sparked by a deep connection to DIY, queer, underground music scenes that manage to prioritize self-expression and community safety equally. Stacey is humbled daily to carry out her work on the unceded Coast Salish lands of Vancouver BC.