

MELANIE HARE

With a background in urban policy, strategic planning and urban design, Melanie Hare brings a range of experience and skills to her projects. A planner and Partner at Urban Strategies, she has worked on master plans and reinvestment strategies and routinely analyses and prepares policy documents. Her understanding of sustainable design, community dynamics, urban form and economic realities has led to relevant and practical solutions to a variety of urban development challenges.

EDUCATION

1993

**Master of Urban and Rural Planning
Technical University of Nova Scotia**

1988

**Honours Bachelor of Arts,
Urban Studies and Economics,
University of Toronto**

Melanie is currently leading the preparation of the Central Corridor Development Strategy for Saint Paul, Minnesota. Other current projects include the preparation of the Master Plan for South Buffalo Brownfields Opportunity Area and Program Direction for the 100 acre master planned West Don Lands community and the 19 acre Don River Park, the first new neighbourhood that is part of Toronto's current major waterfront revitalization initiative. Melanie recently prepared an employment lands research study for the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal's Ontario Growth Secretariat (OGS) in its preparation of the Growth Plan. She is currently leading a study for the OGS refining the Urban Growth Centre Boundaries, which includes extensive consultation with affected municipalities. She recently led a Youth Charrette pilot project for the Ontario Government on the topic of downtown growth planning and intensification where 48 young people aged 16 and 17 modeled their 30-year plans for the regeneration and redevelopment of their downtowns. Melanie prepared a policy paper for the Ontario Professional Planners Institute: Exploring Growth Management Roles in Ontario: Learning from "Who Does What" Elsewhere, based on case-study research of six municipalities in North America.

Melanie has also played key roles on projects outside Canada. For the Physical Development Plan for Barbados, she prepared five community plans that will help ensure a more sustainable pattern of development on the rapidly growing island. She was involved in two projects in Detroit: a Reinvestment Strategy for Downtown and a Study of Alternatives for the Woodward Transit Corridor. In Hartford, she was involved in the master planning and approvals process for the conversion of a 1000-acre underutilized industrial site into a mixed use development comprised of a research park, retail centre, and residential and employment uses.

Melanie is an expert in sustainable community planning, able to help clients establish priorities, set targets and implement sustainable design as an integral element of the planning process from the earliest stages. Projects such as the Toronto Waterfront Plan, which outlines a comprehensive Sustainability Framework, as well as Melanie's numerous Transit-Oriented Development studies draw on this expertise. She leads the firm's Knowledge Committee on Sustainable Community Planning and Design.

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SELECTED PROJECTS

2007 -	Saint Paul Minnesota Central Corridor Station Area Planning
2007 -	Niagara Falls Highland Brownfields Opportunity Area Nomination Document
2007 -	Durham Region Growth Management Study
2007 -	Urban Growth Centre Study, Ontario Growth Secretariat
2007	Places to Grow Youth Charrette, Ontario Growth Secretariat
2006 -	South Buffalo Brownfields Opportunity Area Master Plan
2006 -	Saint Paul Minnesota Central Corridor LRT Development Strategy
2006 -	Queenston Secondary Plan, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
2001 - 2006	Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation West Don Lands Approvals Management and Don River Park Design
2005	Employment Land Strategy, Ontario Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal
2003	Transit Oriented Development and High Capacity Transit Opportunities Analysis, Halifax
2003-2005	Don Mount Court Redevelopment, Toronto
2001	Exploring Growth Management Roles in Ontario: Learning from "Who Does What" Elsewhere
2001	Georgian College Master Plan, Barrie, Ontario
2001	Master Plan, Canada Olympic Park, Calgary, Alberta
2000	City-Regions in the New Millennium, OGTA, Toronto
2000	Rentschler Field Master Plan, Hartford
1999	New Center Plan, University of California, Berkeley
1999	Waterloo Technology Park, University of Waterloo, Waterloo
1998	Southend Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, Hartford
1998	MARG Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, Hartford
1998	Wayne State University Campus Master Plan, Detroit
1997	Environmental Management and Land Use Planning for Sustainable Development Project, Barbados
1997	Greater Downtown Reinvestment Strategy, Detroit
1996	New Center Economic Development Plan, Detroit
1996	Exposition 2005, Design Charrette for Calgary Exposition Corporation
1995	The Integrated Community: Study of Alternative Development Standards

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, Canadian Institute of Planners
Member, Ontario Professional Planners Institute
Chair, Government and Legislation Working Group
Board Member, Canadian Urban Institute

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2005	Partner, Urban Strategies Inc.
1995 - 2005	Associate, Urban Strategies Inc.
1994 - 1995	Planner, Bousfield, Dale-Harris Cutler & Smith Inc.
1993 - 1995	Melanie Hare Consultant
1991 - 1992	Planner, Mark L. Dorfman, Planner Inc.
1988 - 1990	Investment Research Department, Wood Gundy Inc.

SELECTED AWARDS

2008	CIP Award of Excellence for Neighbourhood Planning City of St. Paul Central Corridor Development Strategy
2007	APA, Minnesota Chapter, Honor Award City of St. Paul Central Corridor Development Strategy
2007	OPPI Leonard Gertler Award of Distinction Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
2007	Members Service Award, Ontario Professional Planners Institute
2007	American Planning Association Daniel Burnham Award Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
2007	Canadian Institute of Planning Award for Planning Excellence Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
2002	CIP Peter Bloodoff Award for Planning Excellence Making Waves: Principles for Building Toronto's Waterfront
2000	City of Toronto Architecture and Urban Design Award Toronto Waterfront Plan
1996	CIP Award for Planning Excellence Making Choices: Guidelines for Alternative Development Standards

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