

## MICHELLE TAGGART

Michelle is a planner with a unique background in private sector development, land use planning, policy and planning research, and international business. She brings to her work an understanding of the needs and perspectives of different stakeholders, and an ability to find balance among them. Her interest in sustainability and redevelopment projects add a fresh perspective to all her projects. Michelle is a LEED Accredited Professional.

Michelle is currently working with the City of Toronto to develop Performance Standards for Tall Buildings. The outcome of this project will be an understandable, comprehensive and defensible set of performance standards for tall buildings in Toronto's downtown core. Michelle is also working on a report suggesting strategies to integrate land use and transit decisions, part of a series of studies that will inform the upcoming Transportation Master Plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. Michelle is helping develop a Precinct Design Plan for redevelopment of the Nicholas Mann Gateway in Ottawa. Michelle's other recent projects include a set of site feasibility analyses for potential intensification sites in the Toronto area.

Michelle excelled as a student in the Queen's University Master of Urban and Regional Planning program, winning two academic scholarships and two graduate awards. Her academic pursuits focused on sustainable land use planning, transit oriented development, and urban redevelopment and intensification.

Michelle is also an active contributor to the planning community. She fundraises for Habitat for Humanity, coordinating events and attaining corporate sponsorships. She coordinates community outreach activities, such as conducting planning sessions in local schools. She represented Queen's on the OPPI Eastern District Executive Board and works with OSGK to secure municipal and provincial grants for the non-profit group supporting the homeless.

### EDUCATION

2008

LEED Accredited Professional

2007

Master of Urban and Regional Planning,  
Queen's University, Kingston

2004

Bachelor of Commerce,  
Dalhousie University, Halifax

2003

Copenhagen Business School,  
Copenhagen, Denmark

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2007-Present	Planner, Urban Strategies Inc.
2007	Planning Intern, Urban Strategies Inc.
2006	Research Planner, Canadian Urban Institute, Toronto
2003-04	Assistant Project Manager, Tamarack Homes, Ottawa
2002	Staff Accountant, KPMG, Ottawa
2001	Trade Assistant, Government of Canada, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

**MICHELLE TAGGART**

SELECTED PROJECTS

2007-	Performance Standards for Tall Buildings, Toronto, ON
2007-	Regional Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, Toronto, ON
2007-	Nicholas-Mann Precinct Design Plan, Ottawa, ON
2007	Great West Life Site Feasibility Analysis, Toronto, ON

SELECTED RECOGNITION

2007	OPPI Gerald Carrothers Graduate Scholarship
2005-06	Queen's Graduate Award
2005	Graduate Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, Canadian Institute of Planners (Provisional)  
Member, Ontario Professional Planners Institute (Provisional)  
LEED Accredited Professional