

EDUCATION

1999

Master of Urban Design,
Oxford Brookes University,
Oxford, U.K.
(with Distinction)

1998

Post-Graduate Diploma in Urban
Design, Oxford Brookes University,
Oxford, U.K.
(with Distinction)

1996

Honours Bachelor of Arts,
Queen's University, Kingston
(with Distinction)

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ROSS BURNETT

Ross Burnett, an urban planner and Associate at Urban Strategies, has many years experience working on large, complex land use, master planning and visioning projects in Canada, the United States and the UK. Drawing on his planning, economics and design experience, he approaches projects from multiple perspectives and is able to take projects through from analysis to vision to implementation. Many of Ross' projects demand an integrated program of actions that knit together economic, social & environmental goals.

Over the years, Ross has gained extensive experience negotiating conflicts through consultation, community development and outreach work. One of his core strengths is assisting community groups capitalize on socio-economic opportunities provided by large-scale physical redevelopment and revitalization projects occurring in their neighbourhood. Ross is currently managing the community-led Brownfield Opportunity Area Study (BOA), which involves the creation of a community vision and master plan for the 560 acre Highland Community Area in northern New York State.

Due to his U.K. training and professional experience, Ross is one of the primary planners working on Urban Strategies' expanding U.K. and international planning and design work. This role has allowed him to gain an international perspective on urban issues which he brings to his more local projects. Recently, Ross acted as the project manager for the national award-winning Lower Don Valley Vision & Regeneration Framework in Sheffield, UK. This role involved managing a team of nine sub-consultants to deliver this three year project on time and on-budget.

Other recent projects include: completing the planning analysis and policy recommendations for the Downtown Ottawa Urban Design Strategy, as well as its follow-up, the Escarpment District Community Plan; managing the Downtown Brantford Master Plan Study to refocus this mid-sized city's downtown and target regeneration efforts; and, completing both planning and urban design input for a number of projects at the Ontario Municipal Board. Ross has also secured OPA, ZBA, Site Plan approval and Committee of Adjustment process for a variety of developments ranging from single condominium in-fill projects to a large-scale brownfield redevelopments.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2006 - Present	Associate Planner, Urban Strategies Inc.
2002 - 2006	Planner, Urban Strategies Inc.
1999 - 2002	Regeneration Consultant, EDAW Ltd., London, UK
2000	Secondment to Wandsworth Borough Council (London), Economic Development & Planning Department
1998 - 1999	Researcher, British Economic & Social Research Council, Oxford, UK

CURRICULUM VITAE

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SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2010	Downtown Sudbury Masterplan & Action Strategy, Sudbury
2010	Centretown Community Improvement Plan, Ottawa
2009	Knoll Canada Planning Risk Assessment, Toronto
2009	Mimico Revitalization Action Plan / Site Specific OPA, Toronto
2008 - 2009	1 Yonge Street, Development Strategy, Toronto
2008 - 2009	Highland Brownfield Opportunity Area Project, Niagara Falls, USA
2008	Royal Docks Vision & Development Capacity Study, London, UK
2007	Trump Tower / 311 Bay Street approvals, Toronto
2007	Downtown Brantford Masterplan, Brantford
2006 - 2007	Escarpment District Community Plan, Ottawa
2005 - 2007	Lower Don Valley Detailed Development Plan, Sheffield, UK
2005	East Lancashire Housing Market Renewal Strategy, UK
2004 - 2005	Silvertown Design Guidelines for Planning Approvals, London, UK
2003 - 2006	Lower Don Valley Regeneration Framework, Sheffield, UK
2003	Molson Lands / Fleet Street OPA & ZBA approvals, Toronto
2003 - 2005	Canada Water Vision & Masterplan, London, UK
2002 - 2003	Avenue Road-St.Clair Avenue West OMB, Toronto
2000 - 2001	Downtown Ottawa Urban Design Strategy 2020, Ottawa
1999	City of Westminster Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy, London, UK
1998	Aylesbury Estate Masterplan, London, UK

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member,
Canadian Institute of Planners
- Member,
Ontario Professional Planners Institute
- Member,
British Urban Regeneration
Association (U.K.)
- Member,
Urban Design Group (U.K.)

SELECTED PROJECT AWARDS

- A Master Plan for Downtown Brantford (Brantford, Canada)*
2009 Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI)
Excellence in Planning Award: Planning Studies Category
- Escarpment District Community Plan (Ottawa, Canada):*
2010 Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA)
National Award of Excellence in Planning & Analysis
- 2008 Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI)
Excellence in Planning Award: Planning Studies Category
- Lower Don Valley Vision & Masterplan (Sheffield, UK):*
2007 Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP)
Award of Planning Excellence
- Downtown Ottawa Urban Design Strategy 2020 (Ottawa, Canada):*
2006 Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA)
Award of Excellence for Planning and Analysis
- 2004 American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)
Analysis & Planning Excellence Award
- Silvertown Quays Masterplan & Design Code (London, UK):*
2007 RTPI London Planning Awards, UK
Best Conceptual Project Contributing to London's Future
- 2005 Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP)
Award for Planning Excellence

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