

Josh Kohler Associate, Urban Planner



Josh Kohler is an urban planner with experience managing diverse projects, including complex rezoning, official plan amendment and site plan approvals, local and regional community engagement, transit station area planning, and infrastructure and public realm master planning. This experience allows Josh to bring a strategic approach to navigating Toronto's layered approval processes, providing clear recommendations that allow land owner's to realize the full potential of their assets, while balancing competing priorities and finding solutions to achieve required approvals. Josh is currently managing the development approvals for SickKids' Patient Support Centre at 175 Elizabeth Street, in conjunction with broader master planning for SickKids downtown campus. Josh is also currently managing the development of a visionary 50 year master plan for Simon Fraser University's Burnaby Campus. Josh recently acted as the planning lead for the successful rezoning and official plan amendment for Mirvish Village, which involves the comprehensive redevelopment of Honest Ed's store; retention of 24 heritage structures along Markham, Bathurst and Lennox; five new residential towers; a new park; and diverse retail including a public marketplace.

EDUCATION

2013

**Master of Planning
Urban Development**
Ryerson University
Toronto, ON

2006

**Bachelor of Arts Honours
Double Major in
Environmental Studies &
Development**
Queen's University
Kingston, ON

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2017 - Present	Associate, Urban Strategies Inc.
2013 - 2017	Planner, Urban Strategies Inc.
2013	ThemeBox Project Coordinator, Ryerson University
2013	XING Exhibit Coordinator, ARC Solutions Partnership
2012	Intern, ZAS Architects & Interiors
2012	Student Intern, City of Toronto Environmental Planning
2007 - 2011	Southern Ontario Environmental Campaigner, Earthroots

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2017 - Present	Simon Fraser University - Burnaby Campus Master Plan
2017 - Present	SickKids Hospital Patient Support Centre Rezoning
2017 - Present	SickKids Hospital Project Horizon Master Planning
2016 - 2017	Scrivener Court Redevelopment Approvals
2016 - Present	2150 Lake Shore / 23 Park Lawn (Christie Cookies) Approvals
2016 - 2017	Kitchener PARTS - ION Rapid Transit Station Area Planning
2015	IO Queen's Park Complex Public Art Strategy & Guidelines
2014 - 2017	Mirvish Village Redevelopment Approvals
2014	440 Dufferin Street Approvals
2014	Downtown Buffalo Infrastructure & Public Realm Master Plan
2014	Durham Region Greenbelt Plan Review
2013 - 2015	Toronto East General Hospital New Patient Care Tower
2013	3080 Yonge Street Approvals
2013	Habitat for Humanity 205 Morningside Approvals

SELECTED AWARDS

2013	CIP Award for Academic Excellence
2013	Graduate Students of 2011 Studio Award of Merit
2011	Ryerson Graduate Award