

## **Dennis Lago**

### **Principal, Urban Designer**



Dennis is a Principal and Urban Designer at Urban Strategies. His projects span Canada, the U.S., the U.K, Singapore, and Malaysia, for both public and private sector clients. His work is recognized for finding practical and beautiful solutions to complex challenges facing urban environments. In the GTA, London UK, Manchester UK and Singapore, Dennis delivered several ambitious large-scale regeneration and waterfront projects. He played a central role in preparing, the Cardiff Bay and City-Centre Revitalization in Wales, the Bathurst Quay Neighbourhood Plan in Toronto and the Princeton University Master Plan.

His masterplan for Lakeview Mississauga is guiding renewal of 80ha of post power-generation waterfront lands on Lake Ontario. In Singapore, Dennis was the lead designer for the consortium awarded the consultancy for the Greater Southern Waterfront masterplan transforming its central portlands and led the masterplanning for the Punggol Waterfront, 400 ha of new waterfront community in northern Singapore. In London UK, he was a strategic masterplanner for Nine Elms/ Battersea and was involved in several Royal Docks masterplans, including Silvertown Quays, the ExCeL Estate Masterplan and the Royal Docks Vision Framework. In Manchester, he was lead designer for several major regeneration projects including New East Manchester, Sportcity Strategic Framework, the Manchester City Fringe Spatial Strategy and the Central Salford Regeneration Framework. He master-planned Parkside Village in Mississauga, a high density 15 ha. city-centre development. Past work for Waterfront Toronto established the public space framework for Toronto's waterfront revitalization and he was part of the team master planning Fan Pier and the Cambridge Research Park in Boston. He was lead designer for the 2nd stage competitions for Wood Wharf in London and The Kings Waterfront in Liverpool.

Dennis was invited to be part of the first International Architecture Biennale in Rotterdam 2003, he exhibited research work from his design studio at the Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design, at the University of Toronto. He was adjunct professor for bachelor thesis year in 2000 and for the Masters in Urban Design program in 2003 at the University of Toronto.

#### **EDUCATION**

**1990**  
**Bachelor of**  
**Landscape Architecture**  
Faculty of Architecture,  
Landscape and Design  
University of Toronto  
Toronto, ON

#### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

2016 - Principal, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON  
2013 - 2015 Senior Associate, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON  
1998 - 2013 Associate, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON  
1992 - 1998 Designer with Brown and Storey Architects; Janet Rosenberg and Associates;  
James Floyd and Associates; Ian Gray and Associates

#### **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

2014 York University, Faculty of Environmental Studies Course Instructor  
2002 - 2003 Masters of Urban Design - Adjunct Assistant Professor + Thesis Advisor,  
University of Toronto - Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design  
2002 - 2003 Coordinator - University of Toronto,  
First International Architecture Biennale, Rotterdam NL  
2000 Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto.  
Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design

#### **SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE**

2021 Ngau Tam Mei Master Plan, Hong Kong  
2021 Picton Airport Lands, Prince Edward County, ON  
2018 - 2020 Sidewalk Labs, Toronto, ON  
2019 Humber River Hospital - Finch Site Highest and Best Use, Toronto, ON  
2018 - Stelco Master Plan, Hamilton, ON  
2018 - 2019 UBC Stadium Neighbourhood, Vancouver, BC

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2016 - 2018	Princeton University Masterplan, Princeton, NJ
2014	Bathurst Quay Waterfront Neighbourhood Plan, Toronto, ON
2014	Cardiff Bay Master Plan, Wales, UK
2014	Downtown Cultural Hub, Oakville, ON
2014	North Riverfront Open Space and Redevelopment Plan. St. Louis, MO
2013	Jewel Island, Johor Bahru, Malaysia
2012 - 2014	Ontario Place Due Dilligence. Toronto, ON
2011 - 2012	Punggol Waterfront Masterplan, Singapore
2010 - 2014	Lakeview Waterfront Master Plan, Mississauga, ON
2010 -	Greater Southern Waterfront, Singapore
2008 -	Project Spadina - Globe and Mail Lands Master Plan, Toronto, ON
2010 -	University of Western Ontario Advanced Manufacturing Park, London, ON
2010 -	University of Western Ontario Westminster Campus, London, ON
2009 -	TCHC Alexandra Park Revitalization, Toronto, ON
2009	Strategic Vision Framework, Sportcity, Manchester, UK
2009	Manchester City Fringe Spatial Strategy, UK
2008	Nine Elms/Battersea Masterplan, London, UK
2007	Gateway Park, St. Louis, MO
2006 - 2009	ExCel Conference Centre Estate Masterplan, London, UK
2006 - 2009	Royal Docks, London, UK
2005	Glengall Bridge, Isle of Dogs, London, UK
2005 - 2006	Central Salford Vlsion and Regeneration Framework, Salford, UK
2005	Parkside Village Masterplan, Mississauga, ON
2004	Woodwharf, Masterplan Finalist, London, UK
2003	First International Architecture Biennale, Rotterdam, NL
2003	Toronto Waterfront - Public Space Framework, TWRC
2001 - 2009	Silvertown Quays, London, UK
2002	North Manchester Business Park, Manchester, UK
2002	Port of Hamilton Land Use Plan, Hamilton, ON
2001	Rochester Ferry Terminal Master Plan, Rochester, NY
2001	Kings Waterfront, Finalist, Liverpool, UK
2000 -	East Manchester Regeneration, Manchester, UK
1999	Fan Pier Master Plan, Boston, MA
1999	Cambridge Research Park, Kendal Square, Cambridge, MA
1998	WatPark Research Campus, Waterloo, ON

### **SELECTED AWARDS**

2014	Waterfront Centre Award - Excellence in Masterplanning Punggol Master Plan, Singapore
2014	Singapore Institute of Architects Award Bidadari Community Master Plan, Singapore
2008	CIP Award for Planning Excellence in Urban Design, St.Louis Gateway Mall Masterplan
2006	Best Conceptual Project Contributing to London's Future, London Planning Awards
2005	Waterfront Centre Award, Silvertown Quays Masterplan and Design Code
2005	CIP Award for Planning Excellence, Silvertown Quays Masterplan and Design Code