

Leigh McGrath MCIP, RPP, PMP
Partner, Urban Planner



Leigh approaches her planning practice from a systems lens, understanding the interconnectedness of the various stakeholders and interests that are inherently involved at all levels of city-building. Drawn to complex planning matters where problem solving and collaborative solutions are required for success, Leigh understands how to define issues and opportunities and find common ground among stakeholders. Holding a Project Management Professional certification, Leigh's approach to her work is informed by sound project management practices.

Leigh's expertise extends over a large breadth of planning projects where she helps clients with a range of initiatives including: developing plans to implement provincial and municipal policy related to transit-oriented intensification; campus-related projects where institutional objectives must be understood and expressed within a physical setting, responding to the changing landscape of teaching and learning; and master planning exercises where complex issues and objectives of the public and private sectors must be successfully balanced.

Leigh's notable project expertise includes complex development approvals for sites in the City of Toronto including Humbertown Shopping Centre and Sherway Gardens Mall, as well as infill sites in Midtown Toronto, Bloor-Kingsway, King-Spadina and Summerhill. Leigh's master planning expertise includes Environmental Master Plans in Brampton, Ontario and Red Deer, Alberta as well as a brownfield waterfront master plan in Charlottetown PEI. She has worked with institutional clients in the United States and Canada including Sheridan College, Simon Fraser University and the University of Missouri St. Louis (UMSL) to shape the direction of campus growth and change and developed public plans and policy that respond to transit infrastructure investment in Richmond Hill and Oakville, Ontario.

Interested in assisting aspiring planners to meet their own academic and professional goals, Leigh is actively involved in the mentorship of undergraduate and graduate planning students. She is among the founders of the firm's Project Management Committee.

EDUCATION

2007
Master of Science in Planning
University of Toronto
Toronto, ON

2004
**BA with Distinction
in Geography**
University of Delaware
Newark, DE

**PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS**

**Member, Canadian Institute
of Planners**

**Member, Project
Management Institute**

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2022 -	Partner, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON
2020 - 2022	Principal, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON
2014 - 2019	Senior Associate, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON
2013 - 2014	Associate, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON
2007 - 2013	Planner, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2022 -	Planning Approvals 2955 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON
2022 -	Planning Approvals 611 Keele Street, Toronto, ON
2022 -	Planning Approvals 536-538 St Clair West, Toronto, ON
2021 -	Planning Approvals, 54-60 Merton Street, Toronto, ON
2021 -	Housing York Inc Planning Approvals and RHI Study, Markham, ON
2021 -	Sherway Mall Master Plan and Planning Approvals, Toronto, ON
2021 -	Fairview Mall Master Plan and Planning Approvals, Toronto, ON
2021 -	Sheridan College Front Running Project, Davis Campus, Brampton, ON
2021 -	Planning Approvals, 101 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, ON
2020 -	RioCan Colossus Master Plan and Planning Approvals , Toronto, ON
2019 -	Richmond Hill Regional Centre Secondary Plan, ON
2018 -	Planning Approvals, 100 Simcoe Street, Toronto, ON
2021	Employment land conversion reports, Choice REIT , Toronto, ON

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2021	Toronto Community Housing, Scattered Housing Portfolio OPA, Toronto, ON
2021	University of Missouri St Louis Campus Master Plan, MI
2021	Sheridan College Front Running Project Process, Trafalgar Campus, Oakville, Ont
2019 - 2021	Sheridan College Campus Master Plans, ON
2019 - 2021	Vaughan Mills Village Master Plan, Vaughan ON
2019	Coquitlam City Centre Area Plan Peer Review, BC
2019	Byward Market Retail Strategy, Marches d'Ottawa Markets, ON
2018 - 2020	Planning Approvals, 125 George Street, Toronto, ON
2016 - 2019	Planning Approvals, Scrivener Court, Toronto, ON
2018 - 2019	Weston 7 Phase 1 Secondary Plan Study, City of Vaughan, ON
2018	Planning Approvals, West Don Lands Block 10, Toronto, ON
2018	Anishnawabe Health Toronto, Redevelopment Strategy, Toronto, ON
2018 - 2019	Surrey Centre Block Master Plan, Surrey, BC
2017 - 2018	Charlottetown Eastern Gateway Waterfront Master Plan Update, Charlottetown, PEI
2017	OMB Hearing, 101 Spadina, Toronto, ON
2016 - 2017	Richmond Hill Bernard Key Development Area Study, Zoning By-law & Secondary Plan, ON
2016 - 2017	Markham Centre Mobility Hub Study, ON
2016	North York General Hospital Third Party SCIP Review, Toronto, ON
2015	Metrolinx Regional Express Rail, Station Evaluation, Toronto, ON
2015	Back to the River Thames Valley Urban Design Competition, London, ON
2014 - 2015	Mimico Judson Regeneration Area Study, Toronto, ON
2014 - 2015	Old Victoria Hospital Lands REOI Process, City of London, ON
2013	Brampton Environmental Master Plan, ON
2014	Peace Officer's Monument Landscape and Heritage Analysis, Queen's Park, Toronto, ON
2013	Evergreen Community Plan, Burlington ON
2012 - 2019	Humbertown Master Plan and Planning Approvals, Toronto, ON
2011 - 2012	Weston GO Station Master Plan, Toronto, ON
2011 - 2012	Planning Approvals, 440 Dufferin Street, Toronto, ON
2010 - 2012	Planning Approvals, 9471 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, ON
2010 - 2011	Planning Approvals, B Streets Condos 783 Bathurst Street, Toronto, ON
2010 - 2011	Charlottetown Eastern Gateway Waterfront Master Plan, Charlottetown, PEI
2010 - 2011	Red Deer Environmental Master Plan, AB
2009	City of Vaughan Official Plan Social Services Study, ON
2008 - 2009	Richmond Hill Regional Centre Land Use and Urban Design Strategy, ON
2008	MacMillan Farm Future Visioning, ON
2008	South of Eastern Employment District OMB Hearing, ON
2007 - 2008	Midtown Oakville Business and Development Plan, ON

SELECTED AWARDS

2014	OPPI Award for Excellence in Planning for Urban/Community Design Humbertown Master Plan, Toronto
2011	Alberta Urban Municipal Association Innovator Communities Award Red Deer Environmental Master Plan
2011	API Awards of Excellence for Physical Plan and Design Charlottetown Eastern Gateway Waterfront Master Plan