

Melanie Hare FCIP, RPP
Partner



Melanie's practice builds on her understanding of sustainable city building, community dynamics, urban form and economic realities to work with clients to create compelling, yet implementation focused, solutions to a variety of city building opportunities. She leads the firm's sustainability practice, and takes an active role in transit supportive development planning, brownfield redevelopment, sustainable cities and growth management.

She has worked extensively on Growth Planning and Greenbelt policy, including for the Ontario Growth Secretariat in preparation of the province's 2006 Places to Grow policy. She has applied her understanding of the Growth Plan directions in preparation of the ongoing Region of Durham's "EnvisionDurham" Growth Study and related TOD Policy Framework and Strategy. In Alberta, she completed the 2017 Growth Plan Update for the Edmonton Capital Region Board, followed by the current Integrated Regional Transportation Master Plan which seeks to align strategic direction, regional structure, growth assumptions, and policy direction set forth by the 2017 Growth Plan. She also recently completed the Calgary Metropolitan Region Interim Growth Plan.

EDUCATION

LEED Accredited Professional

1993

**Master of Urban and
Rural Planning**

Technical University of
Nova Scotia
Halifax, NS

1988

**Honours Bachelor of Arts
Urban Studies and Economics**

University of Toronto
Toronto, ON

**PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS**

**Fellow, Canadian Institute of
Planners**

**Member, Ontario Professional
Planners Institute**

**Member, Property Committee,
CAMH**

Melanie has led many of the firm's transit planning and TOD projects including the innovative GGH Multimodal Study for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, which has three timeframes: an aspirational vision for 2071, a network plan for 2051 and a gap analysis for 2041, and providing an integrated transportation and land use plan for this rapidly growing region. She also led the Waterloo Region's Central Transit Corridor Community Building Strategy, for a new \$818 Million ION rapid transit line connecting Cambridge, Kitchener, and Waterloo, providing enhanced mobility options for the three cities, dozens of neighbourhoods, multiple campuses, the downtowns, major civic institutions, business centres and community hubs along its 36 km (22 miles) extent, as well as Calgary's Northwest Transit Corridor and Edmonton's 104th Avenue Transit Corridor. She recently led concurrent station area planning for the Cities of Kitchener and Waterloo. In the City of Saint Paul, she led the Central Corridor LRT Development Strategy and 10 Station Area Plans along the corridor. She has also contributed to transit initiatives and policy frameworks in Toronto including the Downtown Relief Line, Toronto's Waterfront Secondary Plan, West Donlands and Villiers Island Precinct Plans. She has a thorough understanding of the Toronto's planning approval process having led the development approvals for complex urban development including West Donlands, River City and Galleria Mall.

Melanie's work in municipal environmental master plans is focused on helping clients establish priorities, set targets and implement sustainable practices as an integral element of the planning process from the earliest stages. Projects such as Brampton Environmental Master Plan, Red Deer Environmental Master Plan and the Toronto Waterfront Plan, which outline a comprehensive Sustainability Framework, draw on this expertise.

Melanie is a skilled facilitator, a role she utilizes regularly in her projects and has extensive experience engaging youth through targeted consultation programs. She has completed GBA+ Training.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2005 - Present	Partner, Urban Strategies Inc.
1995 - 2005	Associate, Urban Strategies Inc.
1994 - 1995	Planner, Bousfield, Dale-Harris Cutler & Smith Inc.
1993 - 1995	Melanie Hare Consultant
1991 - 1992	Planner, Mark L. Dorfman, Planner Inc.
1988 - 1990	Investment Research Department, Wood Gundy Inc.

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SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2020 -	Jericho Lands (Vancouver) Master Plan and Policy Statement
2019 -	Edmonton Metro Transportation Master Plan
2019 -	Envision Durham Growth Management Strategy
2019	Barbados Investment Forum
2018	Calgary Metropolitan Region Board, Interim Growth Plan
2018 -	Eglinton East LRT Planning Study
2017	Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan
2017	Saint John Central Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan
2016 - 2017	Stratford Grand Trunk Community Hub Master Plan
2016 -	Greater Golden Horseshoe Multimodal Transportation Master Plan
2016 - 2018	Barbados National Physical Development Plan
2016 - 2017	City of Kitchener PARTS Station Area Plans
2015 -	Anishnawbe Health Block 10 Aboriginal Hub, Toronto
2015 - 2017	City of Waterloo Station Area Planning, Waterloo
2014	Durham Greenbelt Review, Durham Region
2014 -	City of Troy Comprehensive Plan, Troy, NY
2014	104th Avenue Corridor Plan, Edmonton
2014 - 2016	Capital Region Board Growth Plan Update, Edmonton
2013 -	TTC Downtown Relief Line Study Phase 2
2013	Niagara Greenbelt Review
2013	Pickering City Centre Land Use By-Law and Urban Design Guidelines
2013 -	Waterfront Toronto Villiers Island Precinct Plan
2013	King Spadina Heritage Conservation District Study
2012	Pickering Downtown Intensification Study
2012 - 2014	Waterloo Region Central Transit Corridor Community Building Strategy
2012	Lawrence-Allen Public Realm Master Plan
2011	City of Toronto Official Plan Review for Heritage Policies
2011	Ontario Growth Secretariat Growth Plan Case Studies
2011	City of Buffalo River, Harbor and Tonawanda St. Corridor, Brownfield Opportunity Area
2010	TTC Downtown Rapid Transit Expansion Strategy
2010 - 2011	Red Deer Environmental Master Plan
2010	Greenbelt Plan Implementation Progress Report
2009	Brampton Environmental Mater Plan
2009	Durham Region Transit Supportive Development Strategy
2009 - 2010	Old Town and Dock Area Vision and Secondary Plan, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
2008 - 2009	Highland Brownfield Opportunity Area Master Plan 2008
2008 - 2009	Northwest Corridor Station Area Plans, Calgary
2008	Bronte and Kerr Village Revitalization Studies, Oakville
2008	Saint Paul Downtown Station Area Plan
2007 - 2010	Places to Grow Youth Charrette, Ontario Growth Secretariat
2007 - 2010	Saint Paul Minnesota Central Corridor Station Area Planning
2007 -	Durham Region Growth Management Study
2007 -	Urban Growth Centre Study, Ontario Growth Secretariat

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SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

2006 - 2009	South Buffalo Brownfields Opportunity Area Master Plan
2006 - 2010	Saint Paul Minnesota Central Corridor LRT Development Strategy
2001 - 2006	Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation West Don Lands Approvals Management & Don River Park Design
2005	Employment Land Strategy, Ontario Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal
2003	TOD and High Capacity Transit Opportunities Analysis, Halifax
2003 - 2005	Don Mount Court Redevelopment, Toronto
2001	Exploring Growth Management Roles in Ontario: Learning from "Who Does What" Elsewhere
2001	Master Plan, Canada Olympic Park, Calgary, Alberta
2000	Rentschler Field Master Plan, Hartford
1999	New Center Plan, University of California, Berkeley
1999	Waterloo Technology Park, University of Waterloo, Waterloo
1998	Wayne State University Campus Master Plan, Detroit
1997	Environmental Management and Land Use Planning for Sustainable Development Project, Barbados
1997	Greater Downtown Reinvestment Strategy, Detroit
1996	New Center Economic Development Plan, Detroit
1995	The Integrated Community: Study of Alternative Development Standards

SELECTED AWARDS

2018	Canadian Institute of Planners Awards of Excellence Award in International Development, Barbados Physical Development Plan Amendment
2017	Urban Land Institute Global Award of Excellence, West Don Lands Master Plan
2017	Canadian Institute of Planners Award of Merit, City and Regional Planning, Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan
2017	Alberta Professional Planning Association Award of Merit, Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan
2014	Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Excellence in City & Regional Planning Waterloo Region Central Transit Corridor
2014	RAIC National Urban Design Awards Certificate of Merit Waterloo Region Central Transit Corridor
2011	Alberta Urban Municipal Association Innovator Communities Award Red Deer Environmental Master Plan
2010	Ontario Professional Planners Institute Award for Excellence in Planning, The Plan for Kerr Village, Oakville
2008	Niagara Community Design Award, Policy & Plans, The Queenston Secondary Plan
2008	Canadian Institute of Planners Award of Excellence for Neighbourhood Planning City of St. Paul Central Corridor Development Strategy
2007	American Planning Association, Minnesota Chapter, Honor Award City of St. Paul Central Corridor Development Strategy
2007	Ontario Professional Planners Institute Leonard Gertler Award of Distinction Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
2007	Members Service Award, Ontario Professional Planners Institute
2007	American Planning Association Daniel Burnham Award Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

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2007	Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Planning Excellence, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
2002	Canadian Institute of Planners Peter Bloodoff Award for Planning Excellence Making Waves: Principles for Building Toronto's Waterfront
2000	City of Toronto Architecture and Urban Design Award, Toronto Waterfront Plan
1996	Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Planning Excellence: Making Choices: Guidelines for Alternative Development Standards