

Michelle Rowland

Urban Planner



Michelle is an Urban Planner with diverse experience working across mixed use developments, rural communities, and environmental planning. Her professional and educational experiences have included municipal policy recommendations, creating and soliciting community feedback through various methodologies and age-friendly research. Michelle developed her interest in urban planning while working for an urban farm in downtown Kingston.

Michelle has coordinated with multidisciplinary teams in building an understanding of wildlife crossing infrastructure across Canada, the role of youth in the waterfront development, and while exploring green infrastructure solutions. She has undertaken policy and research analysis for open space planning in complex landscapes, cultural assets such as music venues and children's play in the Toronto District School Board.

EDUCATION

2018

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

2016

**Bachelor of Arts (Religious
Studies)**
Queen's University
Kingston, ON

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2018 - Present	Planner, Urban Strategies Inc.
2018	Planner, PLANDFORM
2016 - 2018	Graduate Research Assistant, Ryerson University
2016 - 2018	Facilitator, MASS LBP
2017	Policy and Research Assistant, Friends of the Greenbelt

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2018 - Present	Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan (Ontario)
2018 - Present	Planning Approvals, 20-100 Cowdray Court (Toronto, ON)
2018	Friends of South Shore: Wetland Protection (Prince Edward County, ON)*
2017 - 2018	Safe Passage: Wildlife Crossing Infrastructure Across Canada (Canada)*
2017 - 2018	Child's Play: Indicators of Happiness on Playgrounds (Toronto, ON)*
2018	Places to Make Loud Noise (Toronto, ON)*
2018	Designing the Emerald Crescent (Edmonton, AB)*
2017	The Scandinavian Effect: A Diagnostic Tool for Age Friendly Cities (Toronto, ON)*

* completed prior to joining Urban Strategies Inc.

SELECTED AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2018	Ryerson University - Graduate Students of 2011 Studio Award
2016	Ryerson Graduate Fellowship