

## **Izabela Molendowski** MCIP, RPP Urban Planner



Izabela is an Urban Planner with a background in human geography, land use planning, policy development, strategic initiatives, and research on transit-supportive development, inclusionary zoning, and retrofitting suburban neighbourhoods.

At Urban Strategies, Izabela contributes to a variety of public and private-sector projects ranging from master planning, conversion requests, policy development, highest and best use studies, and, site-specific development. She is responsible for conducting research and summarizing planning policies, zoning by-laws, and demographic data in various reports. Izabela also contributes to her projects in a project management role, and is responsible for facilitating client meetings, coordination with subconsultants, and overseeing the planning approvals process. Prior to joining Urban Strategies, Izabela worked as a Land Use Planner at Goodmans LLP, where she conducted land use planning research for various site-specific developments in Toronto and the GTHA. Izabela has also previously worked as a Planning Researcher at the City of Toronto's Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis division where she compiled research for an Area Profile about the Mount Dennis community, and drafted policy recommendations on how to effectively integrate a Mobility Hub into a revitalizing community.

### **EDUCATION**

**2018**  
**Master of Science in Planning**  
University of Toronto  
Toronto, ON

**2016**  
**Honours Bachelor of Arts  
with Distinction in Human  
Geography**  
University of Toronto  
Toronto, ON

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**2021 - Present**  
Full Member, Ontario  
Professional Planners Institute

**2021 - Present**  
Full Member, Canadian  
Institute of Planners

### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

2020 - Present	Urban Planner, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON
2018 - 2020	Land Use Planner, Goodmans LLP, Toronto, ON
2018	Planning Researcher, City of Toronto - SIPA, Toronto, ON
2018	Student Planner, Weston Consulting Inc., Toronto, ON
2017	Researcher, Congress for the New Urbanism, Toronto, ON
2016 - 2017	Planning Researcher, City of Toronto - SIPA, Toronto, ON
2015 - 2016	Economic Development Researcher, City of Richmond Hill, Richmond Hill, ON

### **SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE**

2021 - Present	RioCan REIT Colossus - Official Plan Amendment, Vaughan, ON
2021 - Present	Upper Kerr Village - Approvals and OLT Hearing, Oakville, ON
2021 - Present	Vaughan Mills BentallGreenOak - Master Plan, Vaughan, ON
2020 - Present	Courtice Secondary Plans, Municipality of Clarington, ON
2020 - 2021	CT REIT, Conversion Request - 4630 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, ON
2020 - 2021	CreateTO - Allen East District, Toronto, ON
2020 - 2021	Allied REIT - The Castle Block - Zoning By-law Amendment, Toronto, ON
2020 - 2021	First Capital REIT - 61, 75 Hanna Avenue and 120 Lynn Williams Street, Toronto, ON
2020 - 2021	Durham Growth Study, Regional Municipality of Durham, ON
2018 - 2019	Lawrence Heights Revitalization, 255 Ranee Avenue, Consent for Severance Application, Toronto, ON*
2018	Mount Dennis Area Profile, City of Toronto*
2016 - 2017	Keele Finch Plus Planning Study: Lessons Learned for Transit-Supportive Development, City of Toronto*

\* Completed prior to joining Urban Strategies

### **SELECTED AWARDS AND INITIATIVES**

2018	Presenter - American Association of Geographers Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana
2017	Presenter - Colloque Interuniversitaire Urbain/Interuniversity Urban Conference, Montreal, Quebec
2017	Matthew W. F. Hanson Scholarship in Planning
2016	Benjamin Sonshine Urban Planning Scholarship