

Tessa Chapman

Urban Planner



Tessa is an Urban Planner with a diverse background in policy analysis and development, stakeholder engagement, and development approvals. Her professional experience includes Official Plan reviews for municipalities across Ontario, using spatial analytics to support the development of Employment Land Strategies for cities across Canada and the research and development of zoning by-laws. Tessa has also been involved in supporting and facilitating public consultation events for Official Plan Reviews, Secondary Plans, and Waterfront Masterplans. At Urban Strategies, Tessa is contributing to development approvals, and employment land conversion studies for a range of complex sites.

As comfortable crafting high-level policy as she is with hands-on city building initiatives, Tessa has extensive experience working on planning projects in both urban and Northern Ontario.

EDUCATION

2019

Master of Planning Urban Development

Ryerson University
Toronto, ON

2015

Bachelor Honours History
University of King's College
Halifax, NS

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2021 - Present Planner, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto
2019 - 2021 Planner, The Planning Partnership, Toronto
2018 - 2019 Community Planner, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Toronto

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2021 - Present DREAM - 212 King Street West Planning Approvals, Toronto
2021 - Present Cadillac Fairview - East Harbour (Unilever) Planning Approvals, Toronto
2021 - Present Tenblock Developments - 25 St. Mary Street Planning Approvals, Toronto
2021 - Present Toronto Community Housing - 230-232 Carlton St and 33 & 39
Aberdeen Avenue Planning Approvals, Toronto

2021 Employment Land Conversion Studies, Toronto
2020 - 2021 Employment Land Study, Calgary*
2020 - 2021 Sarnia Community Improvement Plan, City of Sarnia*
2020 - 2021 City of Vaughan, Parkland Dedication Guideline, City of Vaughan*
2020 - 2021 Bruce County Healthy Communities Discussion Paper, Bruce County*
2020 Port Dover Secondary Plan, Norfolk County*
2020 Firgrove Community Master Plan, Toronto Community Housing*
2019 - 2021 Town of Collingwood Official Plan Update, Collingwood*
2019 - 2021 Town of LaSalle Zoning By-law Update, Town of LaSalle*
2019 - 2021 Town of New Tecumseth Zoning By-law Update, Town of New Tecumseth*
2019 - 2020 Employment Land Study, Thunder Bay*

**completed prior to joining Urban Strategies*

SELECTED AWARDS

2017/2018 Ryerson Graduate Fellowship
2015 Margaret and Elwin Malone Memorial Scholarship