

David Godin M.PL
Associate, Urban Planner



David Godin is an urban planner with global experience and local knowledge and passion. He revels at the site and precinct scale of planning, where an uncompromising near-term focus on creating beautiful, resilient, economically viable, and highly functional places that people love intersects with the delightfully wonkish realm of long-range strategic land use planning. He excels at helping communities, airport authorities, universities, and private sector clients better understand the opportunities and unique considerations associated with mixed use planning, especially in contexts where compatibility with the core organizational purpose (e.g. aviation, education) is essential.

David could not be more proud to have recently joined Urban Strategies Inc. as an Associate, Urban Planner and is contributing to the firms' extraordinary range of practice with mall redevelopment and healthcare facility expansion projects in the Greater Toronto Area. Previously, David served as Senior Project Planner, Campus Planning with the University of British Columbia (UBC). His focus was advancing the Okanagan campus' Innovation Precinct, including leading a project to create the first campus-wide future infrastructure concept while identifying near-term actions necessary to bring the Innovation Precinct North sub-area to a development-ready state. David previously also served as a Principal with MXD Development Strategists in Vancouver, where where he managed complex precinct- and region-scale projects in Alberta, the US Southeast, Queensland Australia, and Ekurhuleni (Johannesburg) South Africa. The latter was named both the 'best municipal plan' and 'best private sector plan' in the 2016 Planning Africa awards of the South African Planning Institute.

David holds a Masters of Planning (Urban Development) degree from Ryerson University in Toronto and an Urban Studies-focused undergraduate education from Simon Fraser University (SFU) in Vancouver with concurrent double Bachelors of Arts degrees in Political Science and History.

EDUCATION

2013
Masters of Planning
(Urban Development)
Ryerson University
Toronto, ON

2009
Bachelors of Arts
(Political Science)
Simon Fraser University
Vancouver, BC

2009
Bachelors of Arts
(History)
Simon Fraser University
Vancouver, BC

2009
Certificate of Urban Studies
Simon Fraser University
Vancouver, BC

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

2009 - 2011
Panelist
Urban Design Panel
Vancouver, BC

2007 - 2011
Commissioner
Vancouver City Planning
Commission
Vancouver, BC

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2021 - Present	Associate, Urban Strategies Inc., Toronto, ON
2018 - 2020	Sr. Project Planner, Campus Planning, University of British Columbia, Kelowna, BC
2017 - 2018	Co-Founder, City Economics + Design Ltd., Vancouver, BC
2015 - 2017	Principal, MXD Development Strategists Ltd., Vancouver, BC
2013 - 2015	Planning Strategist, MXD Development Strategists Ltd., Vancouver, BC

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2021 - ongoing	Fairview Mall, Toronto, ON
2021 - ongoing	Scarborough Health Network Centenary Hospital, Toronto, ON
2019 - 2020	UBC Okanagan Innovation Precinct North Near-Term Site Servicing, Kelowna, BC†
2019 - 2020	UBC Signage Policy, Innovation Precinct Supplement, Kelowna, BC†
2018 - 2020	UBC Okanagan Future Campus-Wide Infrastrucutre Concept and Cost, Kelowna, BC†
2016 - 2017	Tellico Corporate Peninsula Master Plan, Knoxville, TN*
2016 - 2017	Cairns Airport Area Commercial Development Plan, Cairns, QLD, Australia*
2016	Southlake TX Cultural Facilities Inventory, Southlake, TX*
2015 - 2017	CLT Airport Area Strategic Development Plan, Charlotte, NC*
2015 - 2016	Gold Coast Airport Commercial Development Plan, Gold Coast, QLD, Australia*
2015 - 2016	Townsville Airport Commercial Development Plan, Townsville, QLD, Australia*
2015 - 2016	Citadel Plaza Mixed Use Development, Cairo, Egypt*
2014 - 2015	Leduc Alberta Aerotropolis Strategic Development Plan, Leduc, AB*
2013 - 2016	Ekurhuleni Aerotropolis Master Plan, Ekurhuleni (Johannesburg), GAU, South Africa*
2013 - 2014	Memphis Aerotropolis Strategic Development Plan, Memphis TN*
2013	Halifax-Stanfield Int'l Airport Area Commercial Development Plan, Halifax, NS*

† completed at The University of British Columbia

*completed at MXD Development Strategists Ltd.

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SELECTED AWARDS

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| 2016 | South Africa Planning Institute, Planning Africa Awards, “Best Municipal Plan”
<i>Ekurhuleni Aerotropolis Master Plan</i> |
| 2016 | South Africa Planning Institute, Planning Africa Awards, “Best Private Sector Plan”
<i>Ekurhuleni Aerotropolis Master Plan</i> |
| 2014 | American Planning Association, Tennessee Chapter, “Best Plan Award”
<i>Memphis Aerotropolis Strategic Development Plan</i> |
| 2013 | Ryerson University School of Urban and Regional Planning, “Graduate Studio Award”
<i>Container Campus</i> |
| 2013 | Ryerson University School of Urban and Regional Planning, “Award for Merit” |
| 2011 | Ryerson University School of Urban and Regional Planning, “Fellowship Award” |

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC LECTURES

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| 2019 | Conference Facilitator, “Futurescaping: A Practitioners’ Retreat at UBC Okanagan”,
The University British Columbia, Kelowna, BC |
| 2016 | Panel Moderator, “Smart Airport Design & Development”, Smart Airports and Cities
Conference, Vancouver, BC |
| 2015 | Presenter, “Airport-Centred Commercial Development in Edmonton, Alberta Canada,
and Ekurhuleni/Johannesburg, Gauteng Province, South Africa”, Smart Airport
Cities Conference, Munich, Germany |