

Colton Kirsop MCIP, RPP
Senior Associate, Urban Planner



Colton is a Registered Professional Planner with a reputation for successfully completing challenging planning projects. He has over 17 years of experience including 10 years of supervisory and team lead roles. Colton was recently the senior manager of Affordable Housing Project Development at the City of Edmonton, where he led all aspects of an integrated multidisciplinary housing development and approvals team. Colton prepared the City's Rapid Housing Initiative submissions and secured \$49.3M in funding from the CMHC for expanding the City's affordable housing portfolio by 348 units. Colton has significant public and private sector experience in municipal planning, with a focus on public engagement, project scoping, project management and rezoning and development approvals. Colton frequently presents at city council and in the community. He is part of the CMHC Planning Advisory Committee and CIP Planning Awards jury. He is based in Urban Strategies' Vancouver office.

EDUCATION

2004
Master of Urban Planning
McGill University,
Montréal

2001
Bachelor of Arts,
Human Geography
University of Alberta,
Edmonton

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, Canadian Institute of Planners
Member, Alberta Professional Planners Institute

CERTIFICATES AND COURSES

2019
Indigenous Laws, Lands & Current Industry-Government Relations
University of Alberta

International Association for Public Participation (IAP2)

Certificates:
Foundations in Public Participation 2015
Planning for Effective Public Participation 2016
Emotion, Outrage and Public Participation 2016

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2021 - Present Senior Associate, Urban Strategies Inc., Vancouver BC
2019 - 2021 Manager, Affordable Housing Projects, City of Edmonton
2015 - 2019 Senior Planner & Project Manager Development Services, City of Edmonton
2014 - 2015 Senior Project Planner, WSP/MMM Group
2010 - 2014 Senior Policy Advisor, City Manager's Office, City of Edmonton
2010 - 2013 Course Author and Instructor, Applied Land Use and Planning, University of Alberta
2008 - 2010 Planner II Central Area Planning, City of Vancouver
2006 - 2008 Planner II Downtown Planning Unit, City of Edmonton
2005 - 2006 Planner Business Improvement Areas, City of Edmonton
2004 - 2005 Planner Current Planning, City of St Albert

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

2020 - 2021 Edmonton Supportive Housing - First 5 sites, 210 units of modular housing*
2020 - 2021 Rapid Housing Initiative - 2nd Round, 3 Hotel Conversions, 236 units of housing*
2020 - 2021 Social Housing Renewal of 12 City-owned sites*
2019 - 2021 Affordable Housing Investment Program New Construction Grant*
2019 - 2021 Permanent Supportive Housing Site Acquisitions and rezoning*
2019 - 2021 Ogilvie Ridge Surplus School Site repositioning for Affordable Housing*
2019 - 2021 Developer Sponsored Affordable Housing Policy Review*
2020 - 2021 City Policy C437A Not for Profit Housing Providers Accessing City Land Assets*
2019 - 2020 Housing Redevelopment (Problem Properties) Grant Pilot Program*
2019 - 2020 Jockey Dormitory conversion to Bridge Housing*
2019 Zoning Bylaw Amendments to enable affordable and supportive housing*
2018 - 2019 Edmonton Zoning Bylaw Renewal - project launch, engagement & direction setting*
2018 - 2019 Missing Middle Zoning Review - 6 zones rewritten to enable the missing middle*
2017 - 2018 Cannabis Land Use Framework and Permitting Process*
2016 - 2018 High Rise Apartment Zone Review and Design Regulations*
2016 - 2018 Enabling Infill through Mature Neighbourhood Overlay Review*
2015 - 2017 Parking Reductions for Main Street Areas*
2015 - 2016 Zoning for Microbreweries, Distilleries and Wineries*
2014 - 2015 DREAM and Qualico Development, Aster Neighbourhood Structure Plan*
2014 - 2015 Landrex, Windsor Pointe subdivision design, lotting, and planning*
2014 - 2015 Town of Ponoka, Airport Master Plan*
2014 City of Fort Saskatchewan, Habitat for Humanity site options and analysis*
2014 - 2015 Strathcona County, Mature Neighbourhood Urban Form + Architecture Assessment*

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SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

2010 - 2012	Edmonton Metro Line LRT, Advocacy Strategy, Position Papers, Advocacy Campaign*
2010 - 2013	Municipal Government Act Review*
2010 - 2014	Off Site Levy Regulation Review*
2010 - 2012	City Charter Campaign for Edmonton and Calgary*
2010 - 2012	City of Edmonton Annexation Strategy / Strong Central City Campaign*
2010 - 2014	Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Growth Plan and Supporting Plans Review*
2010	University of Alberta, Faculty of Extension, Municipal Planning II Course literature*
2008 - 2009	Vancouver View Corridor Study and public engagement lead*
2008 - 2009	City of Vancouver, View Corridor Benefit Capacity Analysis*
2007 - 2008	Edmonton Downtown Zoning and Urban Design Regulations*
2006 - 2007	City of Edmonton, New Downtown Plan engagement lead & draft redevelopment plan*
2006 - 2007	Direct Control High Rise Apartment Building Rezoning, numerous, downtown Edmonton*
2005 - 2006	City of Edmonton, Facade Improvement Program*
2005 - 2006	City of Edmonton, Business Revitalization Zone Handbook*
2004 - 2005	City of St. Albert, Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan*

* project prior to joining Urban Strategies Inc.

SELECTED AWARDS

2018	APPI Award of Merit Mature Neighbourhood Overlay Zoning Revisions
2011	Emerald Award, Capital City Downtown Plan
2011	CIP-ICU Award of Planning Excellence, Capital City Downtown Plan
2006	APPI Award of Merit, Business Revitalization Zone Handbook
2005	APPI Award of Excellence, Smart Choices for Developing our City