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## *Habitat for Humanity Charrette: Taking Students Beyond the Classroom*

This past December, a select number of GIS and Urban Planning students at Fanshawe College participated in a design charrette to envision a multi-family residential development for Habitat for Humanity London. The unique aspect of this project was its incorporation of students from a diverse set of programs within the Faculty of Art and Design (specifically Urban Planning, Interior Design, Interior Decorating and Landscape Architecture).

The project requirements called for the development of four separate residential units on a narrow parcel of land within the City of London. Each unit was to have its own private amenity space and divisible land to minimize the need for a condo corporation. Furthermore, one unit was required to be universally designed. The site was just over 1,000m<sup>2</sup> with a 22m frontage and depth of 46m. To the rear of the lot was the back of a small commercial plaza. The lot was sided by a walk-up apartment on one side and an undeveloped ROW on the other. The ROW is currently being slated to become a park connecting to London's extensive multi-use trail system.



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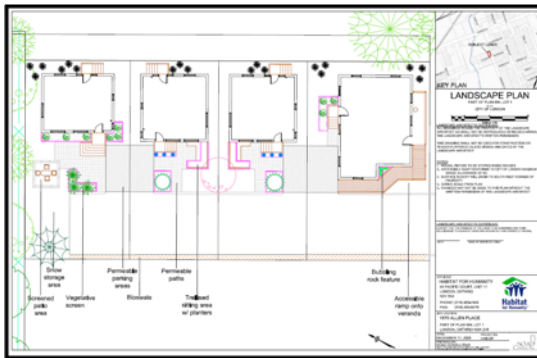
The project started with each groups members meeting to brainstorm and describe the unique skills and knowledge of their discipline. It became evident fairly early on that there was a wealth of knowledge concerning the planning, landscaping, and interior design portion of the project, while there was a lack of knowledge regarding the exterior and building standards.

Groups then performed site visits and conducted research prior to beginning the design process. For the planning students this entailed the collection and interpolation of the extensive amounts of planning and regulatory information available including the Official Plan, Zoning By-Law, and other City of London documents. Students then sifted through the various residential zoning regulations to find options that would suit the project specifications. The site however proved to be a challenge to accommodate four independently owned, ground-level units, and each group was forced to pursue minor variances or special provisions to facilitate their designs. Numerous groups took their plans to the City of London Planning Department for

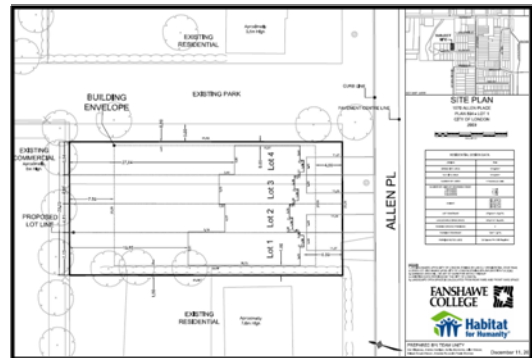
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*Habitat for Humanity Charrette:*

feedback and guidance by both planners and representatives from site plan control. Planning students' knowledge of the various zoning regulations was combined with building knowledge of the design students to produce several potential building footprints. Each team then worked through their footprint options until they determined the one best suited to their desired development solution.



## Landscaping Master Plan



## Site Plan

While the final deliverables varied for each group, each developed a site plan, zoning and ownership details, floor plans and 2D elevations of their site. Most groups also produced 3D renders of their site exterior using Google Sketchup and 3D renders of their interior designs using a program called Design 20/20. Some groups also included material boards for their interiors, hand drawn renderings, and indicated potential upgrades that could be performed such as including green technologies. This was also compiled into a booklet that was given to the client, and was followed by a 25 minute presentation to a panel composed of the Habitat for Humanity London Board of Directors, City Planning Staff, builders, private planners, interior designers, and Faculty members.



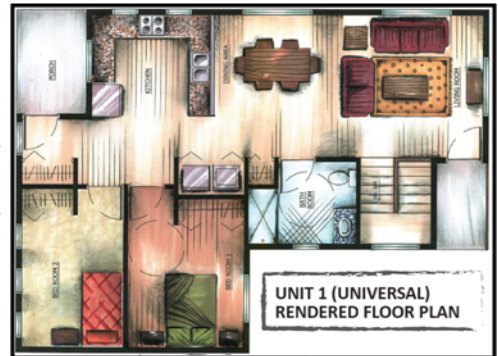
### Exterior perspective using Google Sketchup

The presentations were well received by Habitat for Humanity London and the organization will be reviewing each design and selecting one for the development of this new site in early February. They were impressed by the thought and care that went into each presented design, and appreciated the level of detail and visual quality each project demonstrated.

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## Habitat for Humanity Charrette: Taking Students Beyond the Classroom

Students found this to be an excellent opportunity to showcase what they have learned within their respective programs. Furthermore, it allowed students to build upon their academic knowledge while pushing themselves to work beyond their comfort zone. This opportunity also opened students eyes to various other fields related to the planning discipline, and how important collaboration is to achieving a finalized design. This design charrette provided Habitat for Humanity London with a plethora of information and design options for their newest project while, enabling students to go beyond what they have learned in the classroom to better prepare them for the work force.



Floor Plans Designed in AutoCad and rendered by hand



Hand Drawn Interior rendering



Interior rendering using Design 20/20

*Article written by Jonathan Pounder*

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## *“Private” Relief from Parking Requirements*

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### Introduction

It always makes for a good exam question: how can one obtain relief from the parking standards set out in a zoning by-law? Invariably, most planning students score two out of three (which, as Meatloaf will attest, ain't bad<sup>1</sup>). But there is a third option available which is clearly set out in a seemingly little-known provision contained in the *Planning Act*.

Section 34 of the *Planning Act* specifically provides that a municipality may prescribe parking standards in a zoning by-law:

**34 (1)** Zoning by-laws may be passed by the councils of local municipalities:

...

6. For requiring the owners or occupants of buildings or structures to be erected or used for a purpose named in the by-law to provide and maintain loading or parking facilities on land that is not part of a highway.

Municipalities may establish minimum numbers of parking spaces as part of a zoning by-law, depending on the floor area in a commercial or non-residential development or the number of dwellings or units in a residential development. The objective of minimum parking standards is to ensure that sufficient parking is provided in order to accommodate occupants and users of a development. In residential areas, one parking space per residential unit is usually sufficient whereas in higher-density areas, more parking is often required in order to accommodate visitors.

In certain instances, however, the development of buildings and structures on land may not be able to accommodate the required parking as set out in the applicable zoning by-law for various reasons. A zoning by-law may prescribe on-site parking requirements which cannot be met in a proposed development because of a host of constraints: physical, geographical or environmental.

### Three Options

There are three avenues available for anyone seeking to obtain relief from established parking standards. First, a zoning by-law may be amended (i.e. rezoning) under section 34 to provide for revised parking standards either on a global or, more likely, on a site-specific basis. Second, if the relief from the parking requirements being sought is minor in nature, section 45 of the *Planning Act* permits minor variances to be granted from the provisions and standards of zoning by-laws. Both a zoning by-law amendment and

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1 I want you, I need you  
But there ain't no way I'm ever gonna love you  
Now don't be sad, don't be sad  
Cause two out of three ain't bad

“Two Out of Three Ain't Bad”, music and lyrics by Jim Steinman from *Bat Out of Hell*.

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a minor variance application are public processes. An application to rezone land is likely the more complicated, expensive and time-consuming of the two. Accordingly, most persons will be advised to choose option number two if the relief being sought can be characterized as minor in nature.

There is, however, a third relief mechanism contained in the *Planning Act* which many planners are surprised to find actually exists. It can be found in section 40 of the *Planning Act* which provides that a municipality can agree to exempt, in whole or in part, an owner or an occupant from the requirement to provide or maintain parking facilities as set out in a zoning by-law.

### **Statutory Authority**

Subsection 40(1) of the *Planning Act* specifically authorizes the council of a municipality to enter into an agreement with the owner or occupant of land or a building to exempt them, in whole or in part, from complying with the parking requirements otherwise applicable under the zoning by-law. Such agreement can be entered into with the owner or occupant of a building who is required to provide and maintain parking facilities on land which is not part of a highway. The exemption is “to the extent specified in the agreement.” Such agreements are commonly referred to as parking exemption agreements or payment-in-lieu of parking agreements.

In exchange for providing the exemption from the zoning by-law parking standards, the municipality is empowered to demand a payment of money from the owner or occupant. The ability of a municipality to receive cash-in-lieu of parking is somewhat similar to the cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication requirements provided under sections 42 and 51.1 of the *Planning Act* where a municipality can elect to receive a monetary payment instead of the conveyance of actual land for parks and other public recreational purposes.

Accordingly, the parking exemption authority in section 40 provides a flexible alternative to a zoning by-law amendment or minor variance by which an owner or occupant of a building is able to address the requirement to provide or maintain parking facilities. Except to the extent that a decision of municipal council is to be made at an open meeting, this process is a purely private arrangement between the municipality and the owner or occupant. There are no rights of appeal should a third party desire to contest the arrangement between the municipality and the owner/occupant. This may present a very lucrative benefit to an owner or occupant.

The parties to a parking exemption agreement are set out in subsection 40(1) as:

- the municipality, and
- the owner or occupant of a building.

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Unlike various other provisions in the *Planning Act* that authorize agreements with the “owner of the land”, subsection 40(1) expressly provides that the “owner or occupant of a building” is the party that contracts with the municipality. The reference to “occupant”, as noted above, is needed given the wording of paragraph 6 of subsection 34(1) of the *Planning Act*.

### **Payment to Municipality**

Subsection 40(2) provides that a parking exemption agreement “shall provide for the making of one or more payments of money to the municipality in consideration for the granting of the exemption.” The wording is deliberate and specifically permits either a phased payment arrangement to be made between the municipality and the owner or occupant or alternatively a one-time payment to the municipality (although municipalities commonly insist on a one-time up-front payment). The method of calculation or formula upon which the parking payment or payments are made must be specified in the agreement.

A municipality is required under subsection 40(3) (as it is with cash-in-lieu of parkland payments) to deposit all money received by an owner or occupant in exchange for the parking exemption into a “special account.” The money in the account must be applied for the same purpose as a reserve fund under the *Municipal Act, 2001* or the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* and the earnings derived from the investment shall be paid into that account. The municipality’s auditor shall report on the activities and position of the special account in its annual report.

### **Registration of Agreement**

Subsection 40(4) provides that a parking exemption agreement may be registered against title to the land to which it applies. Registration of the agreement on title will provide notice that the exemption to provide or maintain parking facilities is valid. The effect of registration is not to enforce the agreement against successors in title to the owner or occupant (which is the purpose of most of the other provisions in the *Planning Act* that permit the registration of development agreements). When an agreement is registered, any money due to the municipality is imbued with what is called a “priority lien status” (which is a form of super-priority lien).

Municipalities that allow owners or occupants to make phased payments or a payment at some time after the execution of the agreement typically will insist that the payment obligation be secured by a letter of credit or some other financial security.

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### **Certificate of Compliance**

The owner of the land to which a parking exemption agreement applies may request the municipal clerk to register a certificate on title indicating that either all payments required by the agreement have been made or that the agreement has been terminated. The registration of such a certificate serves, in the case of all payments having been made, to verify that the owner and the occupant are in good standing under the agreement and that no further payments are required. This will be important in situations where the owner is seeking to sell its lands. The certificate will provide evidence to prospective purchasers that the parking exemption agreement remains valid and that no further payments are required to be made to sustain the exemption. In the case of termination, the certificate will serve to release the owner or occupant from any further obligations under the agreement.

In the case where a certificate indicates that an agreement has been terminated, the parking exemption will also terminate. Unless the owner or occupant has obtained other relief from the parking requirements by either a rezoning or a minor variance, the termination of the exemption will render the property in non-compliance with the zoning by-law. That means that the municipality may enforce the agreement under section 67 of the *Planning Act*, including obtaining a prohibitory order against the owner or occupant not to use the land in contravention of the zoning by-law.

### **Conclusion**

The next time an owner or an occupant of land or a building needs advice as to how it can possibly deal with a parking shortfall, remember to recommend the third option. A municipality may be more than happy to pad its parking reserve fund with a contribution from a willing landowner or tenant and to do so by way of a private contractual arrangement rather than through a public process.

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If you have any announcements or items of interest for our next newsletter, please forward them to Diane LeBreton at [director@cacpt.org](mailto:director@cacpt.org)

## *"Preserving our Past" - Liuna Station, Hamilton*

### *Dr. Pearson's Speech*

Welcome to our conference on "Preserving Our Past". Hamilton has many relevant examples. The past can be preserved by Group Action or Individual Action. With respect to Group Action, in Centennial Year the Council of the then Township of Ancaster wanted to celebrate by demolishing the old and decrepit Township Hall. We formed a group called "A.C.T.I.O.N" (Ancaster Citizens to Improve our Neighbourhood), took over the building for a dollar then raised all the money to rebuild and refurbish it, supervised the contractors and then handed it back, like new, to the Township. It is now the centrepiece of the Historic Village Centre. It is a reminder of the age of Water Powered Industry as well as an excellent meeting place.

With respect to individual action, from tiny acorns, mighty oaks can grow..... Fifty years ago I found no where to walk, so I formed the Bruce Trail Association, from that came a trail from Niagara to Tobermory; The Niagara Escarpment Commission; the Niagara Escarpment Plan; National and Provincial Parks; Conservation Areas; the Greenbelt; and finally the UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve!

Hamilton has many examples of our theme. In 1954 I was appointed Director of Planning for the then Hamilton Wentworth Planning Area Board. I found that Wentworth was planning to demolish the beautiful Victorian Court House. I tried to stop it and failed, all that survived was the beautiful statue of the U.E.L. (United Empire Loyalists) family entering Canada. A bit later, I found that the City of Hamilton planned to demolish old city hall and the adjacent market and again I failed to prevent it. I was told I could be fired for interference. I said it was an important part of my job and survived.

It was then proposed to demolish Dundurn Castle to make a smooth transition from the western entrance on York Street. Aided by the U.E.L. families and historic societies, we prevented this disaster - allies are important! Besides, I argued that York Street was not a good gateway to the city.

Railway reorganization began with the end of the steam trains. The Northern CN station closed and I salute the Labourers' International Union of North America (L.I.U.N.A.) for stepping in and saving it and making it a monument to immigrants as well as an excellent meeting place and office building. Next on the list was the attractive Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo (T.H. & B.) Station, familiarly known as "To Hell and Back". It was to be demolished and a new station was planned for mid-downtown. The grades would not work, so the T.H. & B. became Hamilton's "Go Train" Centre and thus survived.

Next, it was proposed to demolish "Whitehearn", a beautiful Georgian house next to the new city hall. I enlisted the U.E.L and the Architectural Conservancy and the plan was defeated.

Once again, the highways came to the fore. An expressway was proposed across the Dundas Valley, west of the city. The conservationists under His Honour Justice Thomas Beckett opposed it and I agreed with them. By departmental orders it was defeated and the valley became a Greenbelt and Conservation area.

Next, the Burlington Skyway was built right across the mouth of the Hamilton Harbour at the southerly end; it used the site of the old Hamilton water purification plant. By careful planning, we managed to preserve the pumping station and adjacent offices. It became a meeting place for small groups and is a very attractive and valuable asset.

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## *2009 Professional Development Conference*

A developer then planned a subdivision across the Old Battlefield Lands around the old Stoney Creek Battlefield House, an historic site from the War of 1812. There was wide opposition, led by the Women's Wentworth Historical Society. I said that it was bad planning. I wrote to the Prime Minister, the Premier and the Local MP's and MLA's. I even wrote to President Eisenhower telling him U.S. Soldiers were buried there. It was a fierce battle which ended in the creation of the large Battlefield Park. The Women's Wentworth Historical Society gave me a medal, which I am proud to have. The media called it "The Second Battle of Stoney Creek". It was a satisfying victory.

There were some ancient vintage aircraft at Hamilton's regional airport. We managed to work out a museum for them. As a former officer of the Royal Air Force, I am fascinated that all the aircraft I flew are in that museum, but I am still walking around.

After that, out of the blue, came a major project which could have done immense damage. It was an urban expressway from the Queen Elizabeth Way to Ancaster. The original project was brutal. It would have damaged Hidden Valley, destroyed the historic westerly entrance, carved up the Royal Botanical Gardens, shut off the Dundas Canal, destroyed the shoreline of scenic Cootes Paradise, threatened the foundation of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, dug up the Chedoke Golf Course, broken the Bruce Trail and destroyed the face of the Niagara Escarpment. It was the most insensitive project I have ever seen. I explained it all to Mayor Jackson and walked him through it all. He set up an extensive advisory committee, which completely redesigned the project and corrected these problems. The result was and is one of the most attractive urban expressways in North America. I would like to pay tribute to the Engineer who built it with such great sensitivity, Mr. Sam McNally.

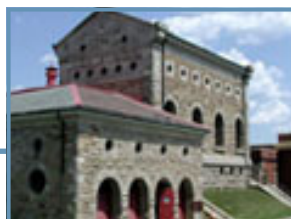
In 1959 I was appointed Planning Commissioner for Burlington, Ontario and immediately ran into a major challenge. The Hospital Board wanted to demolish the Joseph Brant Memorial House for a major expansion. With the help of my friends in the Six Nations and Mr. Brian Coleman of Burlington, we fought it and stopped it. We put a historical plaque on the house and thus preserved and protected it.

In 1962 I went into private practice and was invited to speak on this topic in the City of Peterborough. The day I made my speech on preservation, they demolished the oldest building in the city. Such is life!

The battles have continued in a similar pattern. Now we have the Heritage Act and the Planning Instruments are helpful. The public and media are better informed but I still say, Planners are the key they must have the courage of their convictions and they must lead. Better times are ahead...

Thank you!

*Dr. Norman Pearson*



*Pictures courtesy of the City of Hamilton*



## 2009 CACPT Professional Development Conference

Held October 16, 2009, LIUNA Station Hamilton

*More Photos can be found on CACPT Facebook*

The Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians held a very successful conference on Heritage Planning entitled "Preserving Our Past". Over 200 delegates were able to listen to many of the points of view of the Heritage Act and Heritage Preservation and Development, from the Province and Country's experts. The day also included a tour of many of Hamilton's fine preserved and restored historic buildings plus workshops from CHMC and on Workload Management. The comments were very positive including such statements *"the speakers were entertaining, and very knowledgeable -" - "we learned so much"; "the best yet"*, and many more affirmative remarks.

The conference was held in LIUNA Station which is an outstanding example of heritage renovation and reuse as it was a former CN Station. The venue was captivating in itself and a perfect location for learning about heritage planning.



Liuna Station

Thank you to our speakers and workshop leaders:



Eileen Costello, Aird and Berlis LLP, ***Protecting Ontario's Built Heritage - Key Elements of the Ontario Heritage Act*** - Eileen gave a dynamic and very well informed and researched presentation (*Powerpoint Presentation can be downloaded from the CACPT website*)

Dr. Sharon Vattay, Associate, Goldsmith Borgal & Company Ltd. Architects, **"But, that old building is in the way": Creative planning solutions for heritage structures.** This was an inspiring presentation with many visual and detailed examples from around the world.



Dr. Norman Pearson, Norman Pearson and Associates, CACPT Registrar, and **Life Member and One of the Founders of the Bruce Trail** gave a motivating talk, with examples from his long experience with heritage developments, encouraging those in planning to have the courage of their convictions and lead when times call for leadership.

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## 2009 Conference Recap

- ☞ Doug Heidebrecht “Managing Me” - Workload Management - To Do More with Less”, this was a very timely workshop on planning time and work with Doug who has coached and facilitated workshops across Canada and abroad for thousands of people in hundreds of well known organization. *(Copies of the information sheet used in the workshop are still available at CACPT office)*



- ☞ John S. Ariens gave a presentation on **Heritage Tools in the Toolbox** with a detailed example from a rural redevelopment. *(John's PowerPoint presentation can also be downloaded from the CACPT website)* John then joined , Mike and David Valvasori, Meghan House and Alana Mulla on a very interesting **Panel Discussion on Heritage Development**.

- ☞ Jamie Shipley, **EQuilibrium - CMHC Sustainable Housing Demonstration Initiative**. This included a background on the various housing demonstration projects across Canada. In particular Jamie presented information on the Now House project, a 60-year-old wartime house in an established neighbourhood in Toronto, Ontario. The house was retrofitted with the latest healthy, energy-efficient and sustainable features and technologies. Information on the Equilibrium Project can be found on the CACPT website <http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/inpr/su/eqho/>

- ☞ Ken Coit, Art in Public Places Coordinator for the City of Hamilton, **Tours of Heritage Buildings** - Ken lead two very informative and enlightening walking tours where over 50 delegates were able to explore the history and architecture of the downtown Hamilton area. They were able to view many fine restored and re-used buildings. Even delegates who live in the city noted that they felt like they were on vacation in a different area.



Thank you to George Zajac, Conference Chair for his excellent leadership and organizational skills. George went far above and beyond the call of duty and is owed a sincere debt of gratitude. Also, thanks to all the conference planning committee for their hard work, we could not have had such a successful day without your commitment.

Bryan Bachorski      David French      Kathy Jazvac      Chris Orsan      Danielle Stevens  
 Scott Wilson: *designed/prepared all conference publications*  
 Mike Mitchell & Jon Pounder: *Mike and Jon are our 2009/2010 Council reps who began their term by pitching in with the set up and working on the day - very much appreciated!*

Cathy Burke  
 Diane LeBreton - CACPT Office



## 2009 Conference—Thank you to all Sponsors!

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#### MISSED 2009 CONFERENCE?

**If you missed this year's conference various presentations are available on the CACPT website.**

#### 2010 CONFERENCE

**NOTE: INITIAL WORK HAS BEGUN ON THE 2010 CONFERENCE – IT WILL BE AN EXCITING ONE WITH A VERY APPEALING LOCATION! PLEASE WATCH THE WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS.**



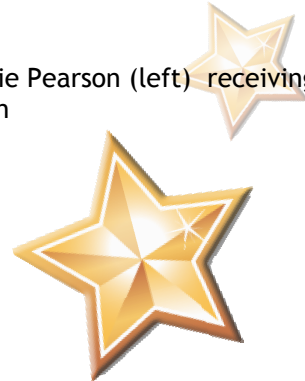
## 2009 Merit Awards

### Congratulations to our 2009 Merit Award Winners!

#### Municipal Employer of the Year: The City of Hamilton



City of Hamilton, Councillor Marie Pearson (left) receiving Merit Award from Diane LeBreton



#### Private Sector Employer of the Year: IBI GROUP

John Ariens, IBI Group accepting the Merit Award from Danielle Stevens.



#### Design/Environmental: Chris Dewar McLennan Bike Park, Kitchener ON, IBI Group



Chris Dewar receiving Design/Environmental Award from Danielle Stevens



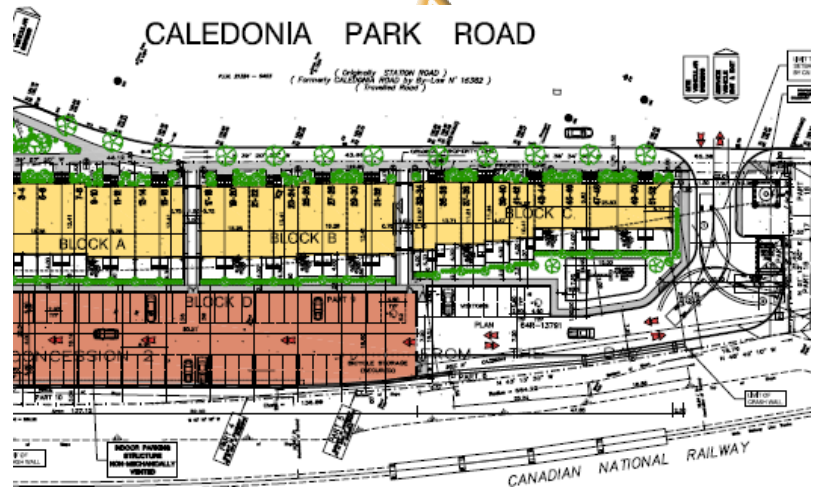
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**Design:** RALPH GRITTANI - 90 Caledonia Park Rd, Toronto ON • RGC Design Group



Ralph Grittani receiving Design Award from Kathy Jazvac



### News Flash....

CACPT is proud to announce the initiation of the **Dr. Norman Pearson Student Bursary**. This will be for first year students entering their second year at our accredited college programs. Details will follow.

**By-law changes** were approved at our Annual General Meeting of October 16, 2009 and have been sent to Industry Canada for approval. They will be circulated once the final approval has been received.



## Honourary/Life Members

CACPT has not nominated honorary members for a number of years and we were pleased to reinstitute recognition this year.

Congratulations to our three recipients for 2009, all of whom are great supporters of CACPT members.



**John Ariens** is an Associate of *IBI Group* and Manager of their Hamilton Office. John has made countless contributions to CACPT over the years. He is a long time active member of the Mohawk College Program Advisory Committee. Over the years John has often shared his knowledge and experience through his presentations at the CACPT Annual Conference. He is a strong supporter of students and new graduates by encouraging their ongoing professional development and has been a mentor to many members.

*John receiving the honorary life membership from Kathy Jazvac at the 2009 Conference*

October 19, 2009

Mr. Bryan Bachorski, President and Council  
Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians  
c/o Ms. Dianne LeBreton, CPT, MCIP, RPP  
PO Box 3844, Station C  
Hamilton ON L8H 7R6

Dear Sir:

### HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Please accept this letter as my heartfelt thank you as recipient of an Honourary Lifetime Membership with your Association. It is hard to imagine that it is over thirty years since I graduated from Mohawk's Community Planning Program (as it was called at that time). My career began as a Planning Technician for several municipalities and eventually led to Planner's positions with ever increasing responsibilities. To this day however, I attribute my success to a very strong technical and design base I obtained from Mohawk College. I continue to use these skills on a daily basis and most planning problems or issues are readily resolved through strong urban design skills instilled upon me by Messrs. Langer and Canham.

I will continue to support the Association and its members and will continue to mentor and assist through either the intern program or direct employment.

I will use the initials CPT proudly and thank you very much again for this honour.

Yours truly  
IBI Group

*John Ariens*  
John Ariens, CPT, MCIP, RPP  
Associate.



*Honourary/Life Members*

*Laverne receiving the honourary life membership from Dr. Norman Pearson at the 2009 Conference*

**Laverne Kirkness** was awarded his honourary membership during the afternoon break period and took a few minutes to express his gratitude in a gracious and amiable manner. He noted the importance of CACPT to students and graduates as they pursued and developed in their careers. CACPT acknowledges Laverne's contributions to the association and to his students and graduates through the years as all who attended the Fanshawe program will attest. We also acknowledge his foresight in seeing the benefits of PD for students and his recognition that the annual conference was an excellent learning and networking opportunity. Anyone on the council and PD committee will recall that first full busload of students who attended our conference with Laverne at the helm. Not only was it encouraging it helped in part to revitalize the membership of the association and its associated benefits.

CACPT .... An organization for all of us!

It was with great pleasure and privilege that I received an Honourary Life Membership at the AGM of CACPT in October 2009. CACPT is an organization that "cares"! It cares about its' members and it cares about its student members. I do not know of an organization that is so caring of students and recent grads. As a Professor of "Urban and Regional Planning" for over 25 years, the attention paid to students is certainly noticed and very much appreciated. It is part of the students' education to belong to a professional organization, to attend conferences and meetings, to participate in the operations and administration, and to help implement the goals of the organization. CACPT provides these opportunities to students. There is no other planning organization that does as well. So thank you to CACPT. You have helped me, to help students, contribute to the larger and common good of the profession and the public interests by meaningfully involving students from the "get-go" of their formal planning education and careers.

Please keep up with organizing those informative AGM Conferences. Please keep up with making them fun having all manner of draws and prizes. Please keep up with the delicious meals at which students can over-indulge. These events are a lot of work, but well worth it to the students and their professors.

Laverne Kirkness, BES.RPP.MCIP.CACPT





*Honourary/Life Members*

**John Mascarin**, Certified Specialist (Municipal Law: Local Government & Land Use Planning and Development), Aird and Berlis, LLP, Barristers and Solicitors.

John has been extremely supportive of CACPT with his regular contribution of articles to our newsletter. Through his willingness to share his expertise and knowledge, our members have truly benefited. John has also given presentations at our conferences and facilitated the arrangement of other experts from his firm to give presentations on the conference topic. It is a pleasure to work with and deal with John.

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Dear Ms. LeBreton and Mr. Zajac:

**Re: Honourary Membership  
Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians**

The Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians (CACPT) is an integral component of the planning profession in Ontario. It is a true privilege to have had the opportunity to be of service to CACPT and I am honoured to receive the Honourary Membership that the Executive so graciously agreed to bestow upon me. The certificate has found a proper prominent display in my office.

I congratulate CACPT for all of its efforts to promote planning technician and technology professionals throughout Canada. I wish you much success for your 2009 Professional Development Conference in Hamilton which I am certain will surpass everyone's expectations. My only regret is that I cannot join you at the conference.

I look forward to continuing to work with CACPT in the future.

Yours very truly,

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## *Welcome and Congratulations to all of our New & Upgraded Members!*

### New & Upgraded Full Members

Andrew Herreman, Resource Planning Technician, Grand River Conservation Authority, Ontario  
David French, Planning Manager, Storey Samways Planning Ltd. ON  
Katrine Stone, Planning Assistant, Strathcona County, AB

### New & Upgraded Associate Members

Steve Boiche, Planning Technician, City of Hamilton, ON  
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### New Student Members

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Nicholas Dyjach

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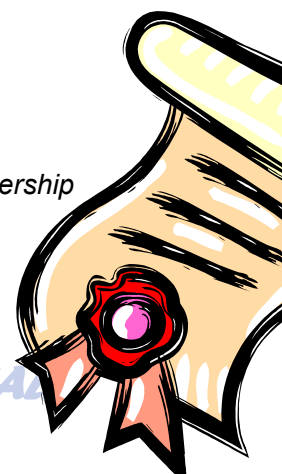
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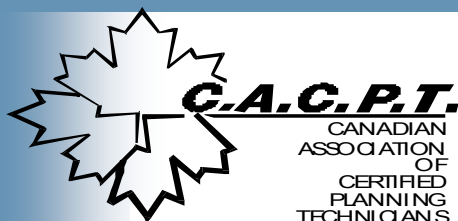
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*Please note, the above list reflects new/upgraded members as of the end of February 2010. Membership updates will also be provided in the next newsletter.*

### Career Updates

Have you received a promotion or are working somewhere new? We want to hear from you. Please submit any updated career information to Cathy Burke or Diane LeBreton.





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**Mohawk College, Urban and Regional Planning Technician with GIS (Hamilton, ON)**  
**College of Geographic Sciences, Planning Land Information Technology (Lawrencetown, NS)**  
**Langara College, Applied Urban and Regional Planning Program (Vancouver, BC)**

***Accredited Programs not currently in operation***

**Holland College (Summerside, PEI)**  
**Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (Edmonton, AB)**  
**Sheridan College (Oakville, ON)**

***New College Program In Operation - Accreditation Pending***

**Fanshawe College, Integrated Land Planning Technologies (Bachelor's Degree) (London, ON)**

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