

LINDSAY TOTH MCIP, RPP Planner and Engagement Specialist

Lindsay is an urban planner working to build vibrant places for humans and nature. She is experienced in public and private sectors with stakeholder engagement, public consultation, land use planning, and research. A highly capable project manager, Lindsay oversees end-to-end development approvals, planning studies at various scales, and policy/guideline development. She is a confident public speaker and an experienced facilitator who understands the need for equity and empathy when dealing with communities facing change. Previously a public health practitioner, Lindsay brings a healthy communities lens to her work and is skilled at establishing interdisciplinary partnerships.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Planner

Gladki Planning Associates
April 2018 - Present

Research Assistant

School of Urban and Regional
Planning, Toronto Metropolitan
University
2018 - 2019

Graduate Assistant

School of Urban and Regional
Planning, Toronto Metropolitan
University
2018 - 2018

Project Coordinator

Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation
2014 - 2017

Tech & Admin Manager

Seniors Health Knowledge Network
2013 - 2017

Program Assistant

Parachute
2012 - 2013

EDUCATION

Master of Planning

Toronto Metropolitan University,
2019

Bachelor of Science (Environment)

McGill University, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

How Local Governments Are(n't) Engaging the Public in Smart City Initiatives

Community Solutions Research
Series, Evergreen and Open North,
2019

SELECT PROJECTS - GLADKI PLANNING ASSOCIATES

Peel Age-Friendly Built Environment Assessment Project

Region of Peel, 2019 - 2022

Lindsay was the Project Lead for a built environment assessment to inform recommendations for policy and program initiatives that support aging in place, active aging and universal accessibility. Methods include demographic and spatial analysis, development of an evidence-informed audit tool, focus groups with local seniors and the organizations that serve them, and audits of sample neighbourhoods.

Scarborough Centre Focused Review

City of Toronto, 2019 - Ongoing

This Study will develop a robust policy direction for Scarborough Centre, guided by a vision to transform the area into a complete community. As Engagement Lead, Lindsay planned (and pivoted to virtual) the stakeholder consultation and public engagement components of the Study. Public engagement activities have been designed to break down barriers to participation and include focus groups in partnership with trusted local community organizations, engagement for children and their families, and highly interactive (virtual) public meetings.

Markham Centre Secondary Plan Update

City of Markham, 2019 - Ongoing

Gladki Planning Associates is leading the update of the secondary plan to achieve Markham's aspirations for its downtown as a regional focal point, smart city testbed, transit hub, and a vibrant mixed use community. Lindsay is the project's Engagement Lead. She designed and coordinated an innovative community and stakeholder engagement strategy including Technical Advisory Committees, youth Design Jam, pop-ups, (virtual) public meetings and online surveys to reach a diversity of participants.

Zone Richmond Hill

City of Richmond Hill, 2019 - Ongoing

The City of Richmond Hill is undertaking a comprehensive review of all the in-force zoning by-laws. Gladki Planning Associates is supporting Phase 1 of this project through the development of Technical Papers and Building Typology Studies. Lindsay led the Technical Papers on Community Uses, Aging in Place, and Residential Short-Term and Shared Accommodations. She is contributing to the Building Typology Study for the Centres and Corridors.

215 Wellesley Street East, Toronto

Elizabeth Fry Toronto, 2021 - 2022

Gladki Planning Associates is providing planning services to advance the application for re-zoning of the downtown property to permit an 8-storey building containing office space and affordable rental residential units, including 16 transitional units. Lindsay is managing the project and authoring the Planning Justification Report.

CONFERENCES

Exploring Conventional and Innovative Practices in Neighbourhood Retailing

Ontario Professional Planners
Institute, 2019

Who is Planning the Canadian Smart City?

Ontario Professional Planners
Institute, 2019

The Importance of Knowledge Exchange for Age-Friendly Communities

Re-Think Ageing Conference,
Toronto, November 2016

VOLUNTEER

1Up Toronto Youth Mentor

2019 - 2020

RU a Planner? Co-Lead

2017 - 2019

TEAM Dog Rescue Board Member

2014 - Present

AWARDS

CIP Award for Planning Excellence

Reimagining the Mall, City of
Mississauga, 2021

Toronto Metropolitan University Graduate Fellowship

2017 - 2019

1337-1355 King Street West, Toronto

Parkdale United Church Foundation, 2021 - Ongoing

Gladki Planning Associates is collaborating with the project architects to advance a development concept across an existing affordable housing site and two newly acquired properties that would create 110 new affordable rental units. The redevelopment includes retaining an existing 11-storey apartment building and constructing a new 10-storey apartment building plus three six-plexes fronting onto an internal mews. Lindsay is the Project Manager, coordinating the application and authoring the planning reports.

1240-1250 Weston Road, Toronto

Learning Enrichment Foundation, 2021 - Ongoing

The Learning Enrichment Foundation is continuing its legacy of serving the community with an ambitious mixed-use development project to introduce new affordable and supportive housing units, community services and facilities, small-scale retail, and shared space for non-profit organizations in an area expecting significant intensification. Lindsay is supporting planning work, focusing on the housing program, CS&F Study, and public engagement.

Land Compensation for Expropriation (LPAT Hearing), 2400-2440 Dundas Street West, Toronto

Metrolinx, 2019

In 2014, Metrolinx expropriated a portion of the property to provide vehicular access to a passenger pick-up/drop-off facility at Bloor-Dundas Station. Gladki Planning Associates was retained by Metrolinx to provide a planning opinion on the reasonable development potential of the site to determine fair compensation for the expropriated lands. Lindsay reviewed planning policy, approved development applications, and relevant OMB decisions. She contributed to the creation of a preferred development scenario and drafting the report.

End-to-End Review of the Development Review Process

City of Toronto, 2018 - 2019

With KPMG and the City's Chief Transformation Officer, Gladki Planning Associates undertook an analysis and assessment of current development review processes. Lindsay conducted interviews with senior City staff (Director-level) in Planning and related departments, and with City Councillors. She produced interview summaries and highlighted key learnings for inclusion in the analysis.

Meadowvale Townhouse and Apartment Areas Character Study

City of Mississauga, 2018 - 2019

Lindsay provided land use planning and community engagement support for a study to assess the existing condition of the neighbourhood, identify the physical elements critical for defining the character of the area, establishing a vision based on the values of the community, and creating a series of principles to guide compatible infill development.

Markham Development Review Process Assessment

City of Markham, 2019

Lindsay acted as an Engagement Consultant for an assessment of the development review process, conducting interviews with senior-level staff and facilitating workshops with frontline staff to make recommendations to improve the efficiency and efficacy of the development review process.