

ROBERT WALTER-JOSEPH MCIP, RPP Senior Planner

Robert Walter-Joseph is a Senior Planner with experience in land use analysis and development approvals. He has worked to understand the role of urban planning in addressing the impact of the built environment on public health working with the federal government and public health practitioners across Ontario. Robert has extensive experience in social, demographic and economic research and policy development. He uses GIS to understand and communicate the ways in which social, economic and demographic phenomena are distributed across the urban landscape. Robert is a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and a Registered Professional Planner.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Senior Planner**

Gladki Planning Associates
January 2021 - Present

Planner

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January 2019 - 2021

Planner

Weston Consulting
2015 - 2018

Policy Analyst

Public Health Agency of Canada
2013 - 2014

EDUCATION**Master of Arts (Planning)**

University of Waterloo, 2015

**Bachelor of Environmental Studies
(Geography)**

University of Waterloo, 2011

PUBLICATIONS**Still Detached and Subdivided?
Suburban Ways of Living in 21st
Century North America**

Co-edited with Markus Moos,
Jovis, 2017

**How Suburban Ways of Living are
Shaping the Geography of Income in
Canadian Cities**

Co-authored with Mark Williamson,
American Politics and Policy Blog,
London School of Economics,
2015

AWARDS**NAIOP (Commercial Real Estate
Development Association) Greater
Toronto Development Challenge
Finalist**

2018

SELECT PROJECTS - GLADKI PLANNING ASSOCIATES**City of Toronto Shelter Support and Housing Administration, Various Sites**

City of Toronto, 2021-Ongoing

Planning lead on a team working to prepare development options to determine the feasibility conversion of various properties to new shelter uses.

Mount Dennis Quilt

Learning Enrichment Foundation, 2021-Ongoing

Planning lead, working with the client, project management and design team to advance applications for Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan in support of a 100% affordable housing development facilitating a partnership among community serving organizations in Mount Dennis. The project includes early engagement and consultation with the Mount Dennis community.

**Grand Valley Lands, Multi-generational Community and Urban Boundary
Expansion**

De Luca Group, 2020-Ongoing

Planning lead, providing planning support in developing a vision for a greenfield multi-generational community including a continuum of care for seniors housing -- from independent and family living to long-term care. The project included submissions and representation in support of a request for urban boundary expansion as part of the county MCR.

Planning Support for Metrolinx Initiatives

Metrolinx, 2020-Ongoing

Planning lead, providing planning support and preparing planning studies to support the appraisal and expropriation proceedings to achieve pedestrian access, grade separation and service access improvements in various locations throughout the GTA.

Laneway Suites Zoning By-law Review

City of Toronto, 2021-2022

Planning lead. This project included the review of the City's Laneway Suites Zoning By-law Amendments to determine whether any changes to the By-law may be necessary to improve the relationship of a laneway suite to adjacent properties and to facilitate the construction of suites.

City of Toronto Emergency and Rapid Housing Initiative

City of Toronto, 2021-2022

Planning lead on a team working to expedite the purchase, approval, and completion of emergency housing in the City of Toronto within the 2021 calendar year. Assessing current land use permissions, developing planning feasibility studies, and identifying and resolving zoning issues for multiple properties.

VOLUNTEER

**ULI Building Healthy Places
Initiative - Tracking Black Historical
Settlement Project**

ULI Toronto Project Co-Chair

**ULI Toronto Curtner Urban
Leadership Program Steering
Committee**

ULI Toronto Steering Committee
Member

Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Secondary Plan Update

City of Vaughan, 2020-Ongoing

Research and subject matter support in the review and update of a secondary plan for the City of Vaughan's downtown.

DUKE Heights BIA Strategic Advisor

DUKE Heights BIA, 2019-Ongoing

Strategic advisor and coordinator, providing key analysis and strategic advice to realize the BIA's planning objectives and support ongoing employment uses within the BIA.

Peel Age-Friendly Built Environment Assessment Project

Region of Peel, 2019-Ongoing

Demography/GIS lead providing data analysis and geospatial support undertaking a built environment assessment of neighbourhoods across Peel Region. Methods include the creation of a portrait of seniors' characteristics in Peel and an audit of sample neighbourhoods.

Southeast Courtice Secondary Plan

Municipality of Clarington, 2019-Ongoing

Providing research and subject matter support in the preparation of a secondary plan and zoning By-law to guide future change and compatible infill in the greenfield development of the Courtice community using a sustainability systems approach.

DUKE Heights Zoning By-law Review

DUKE Heights BIA, 2019

Project coordinator working with the BIA and business community to assess the current zoning By-law and the ability of the regulatory regime to support ongoing and growing business activities within the area.

SELECT PROJECTS - PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OF CANADA

Health Equity Scan

Public Health Agency of Canada, 2013

Analyst providing input to inform pan-regional scan of the status of health equity issues and policy initiatives.

Built Environment and Health, Core Indicators

Public Health Agency of Canada, 2013-2014

Urban planner and data analyst developing and documenting geospatial tools to monitor the interaction of the built environment and key health outcomes including obesity and cardiovascular diseases. Working in partnership with the Association of Public Health Epidemiologists of Ontario Built Environment Core Indicators Working Group. Drafted a literature review and documentation of selected methodology.

Knowledge Translation, Food Environments

Public Health Agency of Canada, 2013-2014

Data analyst and coordinator understanding the current state of knowledge and policy development addressing healthy food environments.