

# ANDREW DAVIDGE MCIP, RPP Principal Planner

Andrew Davidge is a Principal Planner with a substantial body of work on healthy communities, urban revitalization, and public and stakeholder engagement. He has provided advice to municipalities across the GTA and Ontario on the use of planning tools to meet broad city-building objectives at an area- and municipality-wide scale. Andrew has been the lead author of many reports and studies addressing some of the most pressing issues confronting Ontario municipalities: economic development, growth management, climate change mitigation and adaptation, health-supportive built form, and the promotion of inclusive neighbourhoods.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Principal Planner

Gladki Planning Associates,  
2020-Present

### Senior Planner

Gladki Planning Associates,  
2010-2020

### Senior Consultant

GHK International, 2009-2010

### Consultant

GHK International, Toronto and  
London, UK 2006-2009

### Community Planner

Creative Neighbourhoods Inc.,  
Ottawa, 2005

### Program Officer

Institute of Governance, Ottawa,  
2001-2004

### Project Officer

Canada-China Women's Income  
Generating Project, Canadian  
Cooperative Association, Xinjiang,  
People's Republic of China, 2000-  
2001

### Program Assistant

Labourer-Teacher Program,  
Frontier College, Toronto, 1997-  
2000

## EDUCATION

### Master of Urban Planning

McGill University, 2006

### Honours Bachelor of Arts

Political Science and History,  
University of Toronto, 1999

## SELECT PROJECTS

### Ontario Place and Public and Stakeholder Consultation

City of Toronto, 2022-Ongoing

Primary facilitator leading the public consultations on the development applications for the redevelopment of Ontario Place as part of the City's review process.

### Review and Update of Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Secondary Plan

City of Vaughan, 2020-Ongoing

Project lead in the preparation of a revised secondary plan for Vaughan Metropolitan Centre. Community engagement activities included online surveys, digital platforms and virtual and in-person meetings to consult landowners, stakeholders, and members of the public.

### Markham Centre Secondary Plan Update

City of Markham, 2019-Ongoing

Project lead in the update of the secondary plan to achieve Markham's aspirations for its downtown as a regional focal point, centre of the digital economy and vibrant, attractive and inclusive mixed use community centred on a transit hub. The project includes significant community and stakeholder engagement, including the use of methods such as pop-ups, focus groups, virtual meetings, and online surveys to reach a diversity of participants.

### Industrial Arts

Arbutus Real Estate Ltd., 2023-Ongoing

Provided planning support for an application to allow creative industrial uses in a general employment zone in the City of Markham.

### Markham Development Process Review

City of Markham, 2019

Co-investigator in an end-to-end review of the development application process, which drew on a document analysis and interviews and workshops with external and internal stakeholders to make recommendations to improve the efficiency and efficacy of the application review process.

### Southeast Courtice Secondary Plan

Municipality of Clarington, 2018-2022

Planning lead in the preparation of a secondary plan and zoning by-law to guide the development of a greenfield area using a sustainability systems approach.

### Review of Regional Official Plan Natural Heritage System Policies and Mapping

Region of Halton, 2018-2020

Project and policy lead in the review of the natural heritage systems policies and mapping of the Regional Official Plan.

## **VOLUNTEER**

### **Member**

OPPI Climate Change Training  
Advisory Committee, 2019-2020

### **Member**

OPPI Health and Planning  
Committee, 2017-2018

## **COUNTRIES OF WORK EXPERIENCE**

United Kingdom, Canada, China,  
Thailand, Malaysia

## **AWARDS**

Canadian Institute of Planners,  
Award for Planning Excellence:  
Mississauga Reimagining the Mall  
2021

Ontario Professional Planners  
Institute, Excellence in Planning  
Award – Active City: Designing for  
Health  
2015

Ontario Professional Planners  
Institute and the Heart and Stroke  
Foundation of Ontario, Healthy  
Communities Award – Active City:  
Designing for Health  
2015

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Mississauga Reimagines the Mall.”  
Ontario Planning Journal - Retail  
Revolution. Vol. 33, No. 3. Co-  
authored with Jordan Lee.  
May/June 2018

### **Seneca College Parking Lot Expansion**

Seneca College, 2018-2019

Managed the application process and provided planning advice to secure Minor Variances and Site Plan Approval for a parking lot expansion in a Hydro corridor north of Seneca College's Newnham campus in North York.

### **Reimagining the Mall**

City of Mississauga, 2017-2019

Project lead in the creation of a vision and supporting planning policy for the redevelopment of five nodes anchored by shopping centres based on a healthy, complete community ideal.

### **City-wide Parkland Strategy**

City of Toronto, 2017-2019

Land use planning lead developing an effective approach to using planning powers to support parkland acquisition.

### **Meadowvale Townhouse and Apartment Areas Character Study**

City of Mississauga, 2018-2021

Planning lead developing land use and urban design policies to guide future change and compatible infill development in a neighbourhood experiencing pressures for intensification.

### **Official Plan Indicators**

City of Toronto, 2015-2017

Project lead to develop a concise list of indicators for the City of Toronto's City Planning Division to assess the effectiveness of key Official Plan Policies and their implementation.

### **Sherway Area Study**

City of Toronto, 2014-2016

Project lead in the development of a comprehensive planning framework for the Sherway Area, a successful retail centre experiencing development pressure to introduce new residential uses.

### **Active City Policy Project**

Toronto Public Health, 2012-2013

Project manager working with Toronto Public Health to promote healthy built environments, through the production of a report designed to educate a general audience, as well as an internal technical document, which analyzed the City's policy framework, identified areas for improvement, and discussed successes and challenges in effectively operationalizing health-supporting policies.

### **Healthy Peel by Design Technical Report for the Regional Official Plan Review**

Region of Peel, 2013-2014

Co-author of a technical report considering how the Peel Regional Official Plan (ROP) can be used as a tool to promote and realize a shift to a built environment supportive of physical activity