

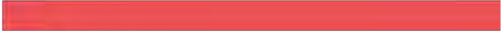


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Alecsandra has been an Intern Architect with IBI Transportation Architecture department for over three years and brings thirteen years of experience in the profession at all stages. She approaches every facet of design and construction with confidence and embraces IBI's vision of creating healthy cities that grow and adapt to change.

She believes in a cross disciplinary approach connecting architecture to the study of urbanization, sustainability and city dynamics. Her European and Canadian professional experiences exposed her to responsible and contextually sensitive design.

Alecsandra believes in the architect's role of advocating for design excellence in the public realm, community involvement in the built environment and sustainable design.

The experience of seamlessly transition from one cultural and professional background to another is a statement of her skills versatility and ability to adapt and take on new challenges. She is engaged in the industry, furthering her knowledge and investing in her team by creating a sense of trust and genuine enthusiasm for the work that they do.

Alecsandra enjoys learning from each new experience in order to keep her understanding of the profession current and meaningful. She is open-minded, good humored and deeply dedicated to her work.



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Amanda Mock, P.Eng. is a Project Manager and Team Lead in the Land Development group at WSP Canada. Since joining the firm as a Designer in 2007, she has gained a wide range of experience in land development projects, including both subdivisions and site plans across the Greater Toronto Area. She now leads her team in the design of various aspects of land development projects including underground servicing, grading, stormwater management, erosion and sediment control and earthworks. Amanda holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering from Queen's University.



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Banah Mustafa graduated from the American University of Sharjah – United Arab Emirates with a Bachelor degree of Architecture in 2004. She began her professional career in Dubai where she gained 10 years of extensive professional experience working in globally renowned architectural practices. As a Project Architect in Dubai, she took the lead in managing a wide range of complex and multi-disciplinary projects including commercial, residential, hospitality and mixed-use from conceptual design to construction documentation phases.

In 2014, Banah moved to Toronto where she joined Sweeny &Co Architects Inc. with a position of Architectural Design involved in a number of residential and commercial projects in early design approval stages. Banah has been instrumental in successfully providing innovative design solutions, preparing drawings for approval application purposes, coordinating and presenting to clients, city staff and various consultants.

Banah has been known by her industry peers for her dedication, creativity and fresh ideas. She is on a mission to lead through collaboration, consensus building and to conceive a better future for the younger generation.

Banah is preparing to become a registered/licenced Architect in Ontario, she is currently an Intern Architect with the Ontario Association of Architects.



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Betty is project lead and senior consultant at Hatch, Urban Solutions—a global, multidisciplinary team dedicated to supporting the public and private sectors build smarter and better cities. Betty's current area of focus is strategic planning and business case making for infrastructure and urban intensification projects.

Prior to joining Hatch, Betty was a Real Estate Business Analyst and Market Research at Rifiniti, a Boston-based real estate SaaS venture, and before that Senior Associate at Partisans, a Toronto-based design and architecture firm.

At Rifiniti, Betty advised corporate real estate managers of Fortune 500 companies on workplace productivity and global real estate portfolio management using machine learning and data science. At Partisans, Betty supported design development, project management, construction methods R&D, and retail strategies for the Toronto Union Station Revitalization—Canada's largest civic-infrastructure project with an anticipated 130 million annual passengers by 2021 and over 100 retail-commercial tenants.

Betty is a recent graduate of Harvard University's Masters of Design Studies in Real Estate and the Build Environment with focus areas in public-private partnerships, mixed-use real estate development, and smart city planning. During her studies, Betty helped advise the Tallinn Port Authority on multimodal accessibility and infrastructure design; and co-chaired Harvard's 2017 Real Estate Weekend Conference.



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Brian works with private, public and non-profit clients to develop innovative solutions to public policy challenges. Brian's experience and engagement in the provincial policy arena help him stay on top of emerging trends and issues in provincial politics.

During a near decade-long tenure at Queen's Park, Brian served in progressively senior roles at Queen's Park, including Senior Policy Advisor to the past two Premiers of Ontario and as Chief of Staff to Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Municipal Affairs, and Community Safety and Correctional Services respectively.

Brian has helped Mayors, environmental organizations, non-profits, and businesses to solve complex problems and navigate the public-sector landscape. As a policy advisor, Brian helped design and deliver the largest public investment in affordable housing in a generation and transform housing and homelessness programs. He has also developed policies to encourage smart growth and lower greenhouse gas emissions and transfer a globally significant research and development area to provincial control.

Using a policy and fact-based approach, Brian has worked with clients and in government to manage the implementation of challenging public policy decisions including program changes, service re-locations, and issues management files with a high public profile.

Brian has also volunteered on a number of election campaigns, including the previous three Ontario provincial elections and the 2008 Presidential election for Barack Obama. Brian is a graduate of Carleton University's Arthur Kroeger College of Public Affairs.



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Carolyn Fearman, has worked in the architecture and urban design fields since 2008. She has followed her vision to create robust and dynamic design at all scales, which serve to enhance the urban environment. She is a licenced member of the Ontario Associate of Architects and of The Royal Architecture Institute of Canada.

Carolyn has worked both internationally and locally throughout her career at many award winning firms including, Giannone Petricone Associates (GPA), Diamond & Schmitt Architects, Arquitectonica, Paul Raff Studio and TACT. She has worked on a variety of projects in her current role as Team Lead at GPA; consisting of, mixed use master plans, commercial and retail master plans, high and mid density residential, hotels, restaurants and interiors. She is involved with projects at all levels, from conceptual design, municipal approvals and realization through construction. In recent years she has worked on critical urban projects in Toronto including the design of the high density blocks at Wynford Green a 60 acre mixed use development and the re-envisioning of Steelestech a 30 acre Technology Campus, as a commercial mixed-use master plan..

Carolyn graduated with a Bachelor of Architectural Studies from the University of Waterloo in 2008 and went on to receive her Master of Architecture Degree in 2011. Her master's thesis, "The Ambitious City: Stimulating Change through the Urban Artifact" applied her desire to look at the urban environments holistically and at a variety of scales. The thesis examined the role which architecture can play in understanding, strategizing and re-envisioning the life of deteriorating cities.



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Cynthia Shahani is a development professional with over 14 years of experience in the Real Estate industry. As the Sales and Marketing Director for condominium development at Dream Unlimited, Cynthia has played an integral role in executing some of Canada's most iconic projects; such as the Canary District in the West Don Lands, a 34-acre waterfront master planned community in Ottawa and Gatineau called Zibi, The King Edward Private Residences located in the Omni King Edward Hotel, as well as the landmark visionary Frank Gehry tower in downtown Toronto.

Cynthia holds a Bachelor of Economics from McMaster University, a Master of Science in Communication Studies from Northwestern University and a Master in Business Administration from The Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and Schulich School of Business at York University.

She is an urban development enthusiast and enjoys spending time volunteering with the Women's College Hospital Foundation.



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Daniele Vezzoli is a dynamic architectural designer and project manager at Zeidler Partnership Architects.

Since graduating from Polytechnic of Milan with a Master's degree in Architecture, Daniele has worked on various projects in Europe, Canada, USA and China with a particular focus on high-rise mixed-use commercial and residential developments from schematic design to completion.

Daniele has gained specialist experience in design and coordination on complex multi-use projects with particular focus on materials and technologies for energy efficient building envelopes and he is fascinated by visual transparency in facades. His curiosity and passion for great design combined with a strong technical background pushes him to think out of the box to deliver great design solutions.

Daniele is also Co-Chair for the CTBUH Canada "Future Leaders" Committee, LEED accredited professional and strong advocate of Integrated Project Delivery (IPD)



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Daran currently is part of the management team at City of Toronto, Real Estate Services.

With his background in Real Estate and Strategy, he provides solutions to City Agencies, Boards, and Corporations & Divisions to their real estate issues. He also provide guidance on how to optimally use City owned assets, ensuring that the public receives its critical services and while maintaining trust with the public services

Solving problems and building teams are Daran's cup of tea, while ferociously seeking new knowledge. Outside of the office his passion for City and community building are on display as he holds board positions in various non-profits, such as the Canadian foundation of Innovation and Learning and Canadian Tamil Professional Association.

Daran is an avid reader, loves travelling and having his inbox full of a dozen blog subscriptions.



DEVAN SOMMERVILLE

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Devan Sommerville brings an impactful balance of practical public policy experience and forward-thinking insight. He is an experienced government relations professional that has engaged with many of Ontario's leading elected officials and policy practitioners on the challenging issues confronting Ontario today. He has advocated on behalf of a diverse range of clients across many sectors, including the emerging and innovative economy, residential development, housing, infrastructure & construction, real estate, environment and entertainment.

Prior to joining Counsel, Devan served as the Senior Policy Advisor to two of Ontario's Ministers for Municipal Affairs and Housing. In this role, he was responsible for providing strategic advice to the Minister on a wide range of issues involving development and land-use across Ontario, including the Growth Plan and Greenbelt. He oversaw the completion of Ontario's updated Provincial Policy Statement, a pivotal land-use planning policy document for municipalities across the province. He also held a critical role in directing the course of a major consultation on the future of the Planning Act and the Development Charges Act.

In addition, Devan previously served in a similar capacity for both the Minister of Labour and the Premier of Ontario. These progressively senior roles enabled him to engage closely with key issues affecting numerous strategic sectors of the Ontario economy.

Devan holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Toronto, and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto.



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Born and raised in Cape Town South Africa, Harim's interest in architecture derives from the combination of studying fine arts in Cape Town and working as a cycle courier in London, United Kingdom. These experiences allowed him to better understand and appreciate the successive growth and workings of a global city such as London, while finding beauty in the anomalies and eccentricities of an ever evolving urban metropolis. This sparked an ever growing interest in the urban environment, and a desire to contribute to its growth and continual evolution.

After several years of managing a retail shop in London and an extensive travel period, Harim settled in Toronto. He earned both a Bachelor of Architectural Studies and a Master of Architecture from the University of Toronto.

Joining Quadrangle in 2012, Harim imparts his strong skills in schematic design and massing phases in a wide variety of work. His work at the firm includes large and medium scale mixed-use projects such as Expo Tower 5, a 65 storey mixed-use residential and commercial building, DuKe at 2803 Dundas Street West, an urban-focused residential and retail building and the design for 379 Adelaide Street an innovative urban commercial building. Harim's role involves leading design development and consultant coordination on large mixed-use projects, as well as leading on various international design competitions, most recently in Dubai and China such as the Automotive Training Academy in Dubai and Wuxi Healing Factory in China. His previous experience includes projects within the institutional, residential and mixed-use sectors, and contributing as a guest studio critic at OCAD.



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Ian is based in Toronto, Canada and has over 15 years of experience in the building and construction industry. He has had significant involvement in a variety of commercial, residential, institutional and educational buildings in the North American, UK and Middle Eastern markets using BIM technologies, focusing especially on geometrically complex structures.

At Entuitive, Ian leads the technologist group and the research and development committee, and sits on Entuitive's Technical Board. He also actively participates in technology initiatives and quality assurance/control activities, ensuring Entuitive's building information models can be used by all project stakeholders.

Ian believes that excellent team communication is critical to the success of a project. His depth of BIM experience and natural leadership ability allows him to regularly drive new ideas and is continually looked to as a unique problem solver.



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Jacob Larsen holds a Masters in Urban Planning from McGill and has worked in land use planning and housing development in large and small cities across the country, from Yellowknife, to Hamilton, to Toronto. In his role at the City of Toronto Affordable Housing Office, Jacob and his team collaborate with private developers, City divisions, and non-profit housing providers to deliver funding and incentives and develop innovative housing solutions for lower-income residents.

In his free time, Jacob spends his time enjoying its beautiful parks and waterfront by bike, foot, or sailboat, or continuing his search for the city's best pizza.



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Maryam is an Urban Designer with more than seven years of professional experience. She worked on a wide range of urban design projects both internationally and in Toronto.

She joined the City of Toronto in September and since then she is involved in a variety of transit-related projects within Etobicoke-York District including Eglinton West LRT Planning Study, Smart Track, Mimico GO Station Design, etc.... she is also responsible for reviewing a number of development applications with a wide range of proposals including tall buildings, industrial buildings, low-rise, and mid-rise developments.

Prior to joining the City, Maryam worked with a number of industry-leading private urban design firms, contributing to a variety of Transit-related projects, complex urban design built form studies, public realm, and streetscape projects including Station Area Planning for Smart Track / GO Stations, Dundas Connects, Hurontario LRT, Main Street Planning Study, Danforth GO Station Connectivity Study, RER Station Concept Planning, Niagara Extension Station Concept Planning, and Park Lawn. In these projects, Maryam analyzed, evaluated and designed public spaces, contributed to the quality of landscape elements and the coherence of streetscapes. Each of these projects enhances the environmental qualities of streets and neighborhoods.

Maryam graduated with merit from the Bartlett School of Graduate Studies (UK) and holds a Masters of Architecture Degree in Urban Design, an MSc Degree in Advanced Architectural Studies and a BSc Degree in Urban Planning. She is currently a Candidate Member of OPPI and is undergoing the Mentorship Program to obtain her full membership.



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Max started his professional career working in successive roles for a global provider of business intelligence in various industries including finance, education, law and healthcare. His interest in real estate led him to a private real estate firm where he was responsible for asset management of a 1.2 million square foot portfolio of office, industrial and retail properties. Max joined Crestpoint Real Estate Investments Ltd. after graduating from Ivey Business School in 2013 and has helped to significantly grow the business. At Crestpoint, he is involved in the sourcing and due diligence of acquisition opportunities across Canada and directly responsible for the operations and value enhancement of a national portfolio of office, retail and industrial properties.

In his spare time, Max enjoys climbing and skiing in the mountains and spending as much time as possible with family and friends, including his wife, dog Hugo and daughter Lee who was born in June of 2018.



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Michelle is a city builder with 10 years' experience designing and leading engagement processes, building coalitions and being a champion for great ideas. Michelle has a history of working successfully with broad coalitions of people to advance new public policies at the municipal, provincial and federal levels. Some of her projects include the Toronto Youth Food Policy Council, The GTA Housing Action Lab, The National Housing Collaborative, Move the GTHA and Future Cities Canada. Michelle understands the role of building a strong parade of champions behind bold policy ideas.

As Senior Lead at Evergreen, Michelle currently manages Evergreen's action labs, blending together research and action to advance solutions. Her work is focused on building partnerships with people from a variety of backgrounds to identify shared opportunities. Michelle works together with partners to break down barriers between fields, produce pragmatic research and pilot solutions. Michelle has worked in federal and municipal politics and non-profit research. She has a BA from the University of Toronto and a Master's of Environmental Policy from York University.



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Nada Almasri is an Urban Designer, OAA Intern Architect and LEED Accredited Professional with over twelve years of experience in municipal and private sectors, mostly in urban design reviews, as well as architectural and urban design for large and medium scale of institutional, commercial and residential buildings.

Nada has been working in the role of Urban Designer in the Strategic Planning Developments Department at the City of Brampton since 2016. Her experience encompasses urban design studies and reviews, development applications approval reviews, design guidelines, master planning and conceptual development studies, as well as providing urban design direction and feedback on the City's Policies, Secondary Plans and Official Plan.

During her employment at the City, she has been actively involved in special projects and strategic City-driven studies considered, endorsed and approved by the City Council and the City's Corporate Leadership Team. Her strong initiatives and interpersonal skills, along with the ability to work collaboratively in a team environment, are key factors in developing her leadership skills.

Nada is a graduate of Architectural Engineering Program (B.Sc.) and she holds a Master of Science degree (M.Sc.) in the Sustainable Design of the Built Environment from Cardiff University in the UK. She is also in the process of getting the Ontario Professional Planners Institute's (OPPI) membership.



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Nima Kia is an urban planner with a passion for city building. Currently employed as the Development Manager with Habitat for Humanity Greater Toronto Area, Nima has held several progressive, professional roles in the real estate and development industry since 2008.

Nima is advancing affordable home-ownership projects throughout the Greater Toronto Area, and has previously assisted his clients and employers in matters of land use expertise.

Graduating in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Ryerson University, Nima quickly became a Registered Professional Planner with the Ontario Professional Planners Institute where he has remained an active member of the professional planning community in Ontario.

Nima is enthusiastic about active transportation, riding his bike to work for utility and recreation.



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Paul is a Senior Financial Analyst in the Finance and Investments group at First Gulf. He is responsible for the financial modeling and underwriting of East Harbor as well as assisting with firm acquisitions, dispositions, and asset management. Paul started his career at Ernst Young in their tax practice where he had broad exposure to financial reporting and analysis, due diligence, and international tax.

Outside the office, Paul is a Managing Partner at FinForum, an organization dedicated to driving innovation in finance and capital markets. Paul holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Alberta and a Diploma in Accounting from UBC's Sauder School of Business. He is a CFA level 3 candidate.



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Philip Ristevski is Director, Real Estate Development at Cadillac Fairview. Philip has over 12 years of experience in a wide range of functions including development management, asset management, financial analysis, leasing, underwriting, project approvals, strategic planning, negotiations, joint ventures and municipal approvals. He has development experience on all kinds of asset types including retail, class A office, residential condominium and mixed use and intensification developments including such landmark projects as 16 York Street and CF Shops at Don Mills. Philip received his MBA at the Schulich School of Business in 2014 and a Bachelor of Commerce from Ryerson University.



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As an explorer of cities, story-teller, and a proud owner of a functioning and sturdy bicycle, Rahul strives to build bridges across disciplines, scales and cultures. Born and raised in New Delhi, a city known for its functional anarchy and contradictions, he continues to learn from places and cities he encounters. As a Senior Urban Planner with DIALOG and resident of Toronto and a passionate urbanist, Rahul is committed to building vibrant, healthy and sustainable communities.

Rahul has worked in both private as well as municipal public-sector settings and brings a unique perspective to projects through this lens. He brings an extensive knowledge and experience in Planning, Architecture, and Urban Design. He has worked at different scales, ranging from the public realm and streetscape improvement to solving block and precinct plan challenges, to more complex planning framework challenges. Rahul's work is informed by an understanding of the city as a complex system in which various disciplines guide and shape the city, his interest and advocacy in landscape architecture, community engagement, transit and place-making further underpin his holistic reading of the city.

Over the years Rahul has successfully delivered projects across North America and globally. He has worked on campus master plans, transit-oriented development, waterfront redevelopment, and plans for sustainable new communities. His recent work includes planning and design strategies, as a project manager crafting new urban centres, and developing design framework for sustainable communities. He was recently part of the planning team responsible for City of Brampton's Vision 2040. As an avid city explorer, he can usually be found planning his next urban exploration walk at St. Lawrence market, on Saturday mornings.



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Sasha is Director of Program and Cost Management at Waterfront Toronto, where he leads project controls, budget development, and program reporting activities for the portfolio of capital projects delivered in the Waterfront Designated Area.

This includes \$1.2 billion urban revitalization project in the Port Lands which will spur development of a large industrial area in downtown Toronto into an exciting new community while addressing key urban growth challenges.

Previously, Sasha spent nearly 4 years at Infrastructure Ontario working on large infrastructure projects including hospitals, courthouses, jails, highways, and transit projects that were delivered using the private-public-partnership model. Prior to that, Sasha worked for the Ontario Public Service in various positions at the Ministry of Finance and Treasury Board Secretariat.

Sasha holds a B.A. from University of Toronto, M.A. from McMaster University and is a Chartered Professional Accountant. He lives in Toronto and enjoys spending his spare time with his wife and their 3-year-old daughter.



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Scott Pennington is the manager for strategic planning at CreateTO, where he is responsible for supporting the agency's mandate and advancing major city-building initiatives. His most recent project is Rail Deck Park, which proposes to transform up to 21 acres of underutilized air rights above a downtown rail corridor into Toronto's next great public space.

Scott joined CreateTO following almost a decade at the City of Toronto in a variety of roles related to affordable housing, the 2015 Pan Am / Parapan Am Games and waterfront revitalization. Prior to working at the City, he was a researcher at the Martin Prosperity Institute and a land use planner in Austin, Texas.

Throughout his career, no matter the file, Scott has recognized the importance of involving a range of different perspectives and partnerships to achieve meaningful outcomes. He truly looks forward to the opportunity to learn from fellow city builders in the Curtner Leadership Program. Scott holds a masters in planning from the University of Toronto.



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Stephanie is a Senior Development Analyst at Choice Properties REIT, one of Canada's largest REITs. She is responsible for overseeing the feasibility analysis of their Retail Development Portfolio in Ontario, Quebec, and Atlantic Canada, as well as providing support for the Western portfolio and low-rise residential projects. Stephanie also provides analysis of acquisition properties selected for Loblaw and Shoppers Drug Mart store developments. She began her career in Accounting at CREIT, working on a joint-venture portfolio of Office and Retail assets.

Stephanie has a Bachelor of Science degree from York University and has recently completed a Certificate in Architecture at Ryerson University to compliment her years of financial experience. She was raised in Toronto and is excited about the unlocked potential of the City and is proud to contribute her expertise to the Development field as a member of the ULI Connect Committee and past judge for the Ryerson Real Estate Case Competition. In her free time Stephanie enjoys visiting the latest festivals, events, and restaurants Toronto has to offer.



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Tony is an Urban Planner and Associate at Urban Strategies Inc. He is a Registered Professional Planner with a passion for city-building and community development. Tony has experience working in a broad range of planning roles for both public and private sector clients, with a focus on municipal planning and development approvals, transit-oriented development, and large-scale master planning.

At Urban Strategies, Tony has worked extensively on a range of complex municipal planning projects. He has played an integral role in developing a Master Plan for East Harbour, a 60-acre former industrial site located at the edge of Toronto's Port Lands. As part of this project, Tony led the preparation of a comprehensive Master Plan booklet, and worked collaboratively with City staff to develop a new Official Plan and Zoning By-law framework to guide redevelopment. Tony is also involved in the revitalization of a large brownfield site located along Sterling Road in west Toronto, and has provided evidence at the Ontario Municipal Board in support of this redevelopment.

Tony has played an active role in a number of transit planning projects. He was the planner for the City of Waterloo Station Area Planning Study, assisting in the development of a contemporary planning framework to align new growth with the future LRT stations. Tony was previously involved in the Davenport Community Rail Project and Environmental Assessment, and worked as a planner for the Meadowvale GO Station Master Plan.

Tony holds a Masters in Planning degree from the University of Toronto, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography.



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