

November is “International Community Planning Month”!!

The Peterborough Social Planning Council kicks off the celebration and promotes community planning with:

“World Town Planning Day”



World Town Planning Day is currently celebrated in some manner in about 30 countries on four continents. The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) supports World Town Planning Day as an opportunity to promote better understanding and awareness of Canadian Planners and planning to the local community and all levels of government. CIP recognizes Canadian planning accomplishments both at home and overseas.

What is World Town Planning Day?

The 20th century transformed Canada from a rural to an urban industrial society. The impact of this change on our community spaces provided great challenges for Canadian planners. Planners integrate the goals of sustainable development, good governance and economic viability to ameliorate the human environment. Their contributions to Canadian society have helped make our country a highly enjoyable place in which to live.

World Town Planning Day focuses on the progress of community planning in Canada. It highlights the valuable contributions that sound planning has made to the quality of the human environment and provides recognition of the ideals of community planning among the profession and the general public worldwide.

History

The international organization for *World Town Planning Day* was founded in 1949 by the late Professor Carlos Maria della Paolera of the University of Buenos Aires to advance public and professional interest in planning, both locally and overseas. WTPD is promoted each year by the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISoCaRP) headquartered at the Hague, the Netherlands. <http://www.isocarp.org/>

How Communities Celebrate World Town Planning Day

Many Canadian planners and municipalities hold events on **November 8th** to educate and promote the value of planning in our communities. This year Peterborough Social Planning Council will be hosting a series of events to celebrate planning in our community.

How the Peterborough Social Planning Council Celebrates Community Planning

The PSPC will release its report *“Heading Down the Road to the Future: Planning for the Future of Peterborough County & City”*.

The report is a study (begun in Spring 2009) exploring the social impact of a number of significant policy changes and community change initiatives in relation to the future of Peterborough County and City. These include:

- Planning Peterborough to 2031: How the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe Will Impact Peterborough
- Central Area Master Plan for the City of Peterborough
- Little Lake Master Plan
- The Eastward Extension of Highway 407: the range of benefits and challenges that this extension will bring to the Peterborough community
- Peterborough Partnership Council on Immigrant Integration

The report is meant to inform the public about these policy and planning initiatives. Further, it poses a series of questions to engage individuals and organizations to look at how many different planning processes and policies must come together to build a common vision and direction for the future.

In addition to the report launch the PSPC will also be actively involved in other community planning activities including hosting a series of informative window displays and introductory GIS mapping information session(s) for service providers.

For more information about community planning month please contact our office.

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