

The *Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act 2017* (Bill 139) received Royal Assent December 12, 2017.

The legislation enacts the Local Planning Appeal Support Centre Act, 2017, which:

- Creates the Local Planning Appeal Support Centre (LPASC)
- Establishes LPASC as a new independent agency
- Gives LPASC the mandate to establish and administer a cost-effective and efficient system for providing support services to persons determined to be eligible for matters governed by the Planning Act that are under the jurisdiction of the Tribunal

## LEGAL COUNSEL

Bring your legal expertise as you provide legal support services to the newly formed LPASC. Reporting to the Manager/Registrar, you will be responsible for providing professional legal advice in matters relating to land use planning, offering guidance and consultation to Local Planning Appeal Support Centre (LPASC) staff and Board of Directors regarding the interpretation of relevant legislations, regulation, case law, and Tribunal processes and procedures, and conducting detailed legal analysis of applications from citizens and/or rate payer groups seeking legal advice on appeals governed by the *Planning Act* under the jurisdiction of the Tribunal.

As the expert legal resource to LPASC staff, you will ensure all legal services are professionally sound and appropriate to cases by providing strong leadership and expertise to discussions on legal issues and strategies. You will also manage a case load of assigned client files to determine the nature and complexity of issues and appropriate legal strategy and in certain cases provide legal representation in proceedings before the Tribunal.

### Qualifications:

- Degree in Law (LLB/JD) and a member in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada
- Demonstrated experience in corporate law and legal matters, ideally appearing before tribunals
- Understanding of legislation governing land use planning (e.g. *Planning Act, Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017, Local Planning Appeal Support Centre Act, 2017*)
- Experience in and an understanding of the legal, legislation and regulatory context of land use planning including the development of land use plans and municipal government trends and issues
- Practice in alternative dispute resolution techniques, including mediation
- Analytical and research skills to identify various broad legal issues and jurisprudence developments across many jurisdictions and to use specialized knowledge to assess their impact
- Hands-on negotiation, mediation processes and conflict resolution skills to facilitate the resolution of planning issues before the tribunals
- Understanding of the culture/diversities of Ontario's communities/citizens
- Cultural competence and understanding to address the needs of a diverse and inclusive client group
- Some travel across Ontario will be required

**To Apply:** Please submit your cover letter and resume with salary expectations to [lpasc-legal@hrassociates.ca](mailto:lpasc-legal@hrassociates.ca) by **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. For more information about this role, please contact [bridget.humeniuk@hrassociates.ca](mailto:bridget.humeniuk@hrassociates.ca) or 416-237-1500 x. 224. Please note that applications will be assessed on a rolling basis and only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

*The Local Planning Appeal Support Centre is an inclusive employer.  
Accommodation is available under the Ontario Human Rights Code.*