

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

PLANNER

The newly formed Local Planning Appeal Support Centre (LPASC) is seeking a skilled **Planner** to provide expertise in the review and analysis of land use planning appeals applications. In this key role, you will respond to inquiries from the public and individual applicants to provide immediate and direct professional planning advice, legal information and assistance in respect to matters governed by the *Planning Act* and the appeal process.

Reporting to the Manager/Registrar, the Planner will provide pre-application and application-stage services to both applicants and potential applicants alike. This process will include conducting initial interviews, appeal drafting assistance, reviewing applications for completeness and promoting early resolution where possible. You will use your analytical reasoning skills to evaluate applications to determine issues and eligibility for support and will represent applicants who have met LPASC eligibility requirements at the Tribunal.

Qualifications:

- Degree in urban and regional planning or equivalent
- Membership in the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) is considered an asset
- Demonstrated experience and understanding of the legal, legislative and regulatory context of land use planning including the development of land use plans and municipal government trends
- Experience providing legal assistance
- Knowledge and intent of legislation governing land use planning such as planning (e.g. *Planning Act, Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017, Local Planning Appeal Support Centre Act, 2017*).
- Proven analytical, evaluative and problem-solving skills to comprehend and interpret legislation and regulations to identify and assess client needs and provide legal support
- Ability to interview, listen actively and problem solve to explain complex processes, solicit information and respond to client and stakeholders' needs and concerns
- Experience in conducting urban design review and urban design studies is an asset
- 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-planner@hrassociates.ca by **March 9th, 2018**. For more information about this role, please contact 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.*