

Urban Design Review Panel - City of Brampton

February 20, 2018

Request for Expressions of Interest

The City of Brampton is seeking architects, landscape architects, urban designers and planners as members for its inaugural two-year pilot project for the Urban Design Review Panel (UDRP) from March 2018 to March 2020. As Brampton emerges as a leader in reimagining the suburbs and elevating the role of urban design in all facets of city planning, we invite you to be a part of our transformation.

The UDRP will serve as an independent advisory body to the Planning and Development Services Department and provide professional design recommendations on major development applications and public projects with the objective of achieving design excellence in the city.

Since 2002, Brampton has taken significant steps to achieve good urban design in public and private projects throughout the city. The City is committed in improving quality of life, attracting better businesses and creating a strong sense of place. Urban design is pivotal in achieving these goals. This pilot project is another great tool to improve the quality of design in this thriving city.

Brampton is also experiencing a high rate of growth and more urban and complex forms of development. An increasing proportion of growth is projected through infill and redevelopment in designated intensification areas in order for the City to achieve its long-term growth forecasts. The recommendations of an UDRP will be helpful in assessing these proposals.

Further, Council approved [Strategic Plan](#) identifies six key areas of focus to help position Brampton as an urban city that is a hub for jobs and innovation. Urban Design will be an important consideration with these important initiatives.

The proposed UDRP will help achieve design excellence on new, complex and major projects, bringing in added value and professional expertise to the City's existing design review process.

Eligibility

Urban Design Review Panel members shall be highly qualified design professionals and currently possessing full membership for a minimum of 10 years in at least one of the following professional associations:

- Ontario Association of Architects (OAA)
- Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (OALA)
- Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP)
- Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI)
- Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC)
- Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA)

Candidates shall also have a wide range of professional design experience including:

- Extensive design experience in architecture, landscape design, urban design, planning and knowledge of the latest trends and best practices in these fields, related to high quality developments.
- A mix of local, national and international experience.
- Experience in a variety of project scales and types including mixed use, residential, commercial, institutional, transit-oriented developments and public space design.
- Experience in design and peer review
- Knowledge and practice of sustainable design principles.

Meeting Schedule

The Urban Design Review Panel will meet at Brampton City Hall, on the last Tuesday of each month, during regular business hours. Each meeting is anticipated to be approximately four hours long, with maximum three projects reviewed per meeting. The panel members will be compensated for their travelling expense within the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

Application

Interested candidates should submit the following:

- A cover letter and resume summarizing their qualifications, experience and interest in participating in Brampton's Urban Design Review Panel.
- Confirmation that they will have suitable flexibility with their scheduling to attend all meetings during their two-year term.

Applications are due by February 27, 2018 and can be submitted by email to:

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All relevant details relating to the appointment of UDRP members and the role and operation of the group are contained in the City's [Urban Design Review Panel associated Terms of Reference](#).

Selected candidates will be contacted by the first week of March 2018 to arrange for an interview with senior City staff.

The first UDRP meeting is expected to be on March 27th, 2018.