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Recipient of the Brampton Urban Design Pinnacle Award

Alex is an urbanist, urban designer and architect with extensive experience in Canada and abroad, working in consulting as well as government positions on a wide variety of projects. He's also a long-standing advocate for sustainable urban design and placemaking, for design excellence in Canadian cities.

Alex has established and managed Brampton's Urban Design section for over ten years with focus on Central Area planning and design, city-wide urban design policy, development design review, heritage preservation, urban design studies, and public buildings/special projects management. With a staff of urban designers, planners, architects, and heritage coordinators, he has led important projects including the Central Area Vision and Implementation, master plans for key areas, innovative greenfield projects such as the Mount Pleasant Village TOD, established the City's Heritage Program and managed projects

such as Alderlea, Provincial Courthouse, Brampton Soccer Centre. He was a strong advocate for urban design and design excellence establishing innovative policies such as the Development Design Guidelines, Sustainability Guidelines, and the Development Permit System. He is currently Senior Advisor of Architectural Design, leading game-changing programs such as the Riverwalk and providing architectural and urban design advice for key corporate projects while striving to make Brampton more urban, sustainable and liveable.

In his previous positions, he worked for other municipalities and prominent consulting firms on major projects in Toronto, the GTA and abroad.

Alex is a long-standing advocate for sustainable and healthy urbanism, for the cause of urban design, placemaking, and design excellence in Canadian cities. He is founding member and past director/secretary of the Council for Canadian Urbanism (CanU) and founding member and past chair of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute's Urban Design Working Group.

Alex is a frequent presenter on urban design and sustainable and healthy urbanism at major national and international conferences, as well as guest lecturer and critic at universities and colleges. He was a member of a number of national and international professional juries including the National Urban Design Awards (RAIC, CIP, CSLA), Congress for New Urbanism Charter Awards (CNU), CIP Great Places, and others. He has written articles for *Plan Canada*, *Ontario Planning Journal*, *OAA Perspectives*, and organized numerous professional events, workshops, seminars and presentations at major national and international conferences.

He's also providing urban design advice to municipalities and corporations as member of Ottawa, Burlington, and Metrolinx Urban Design Panels.

Alex was inducted in 2017 as Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. In 2011 he was elected for his professional activity as Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners, the highest honour that the planning profession is offering. He has also received the OPPI Award in 2007 for his professional work within the planning profession.