

FINAL PROGRAM



TAKE IT to the STREETS

CHANGING THE RULES
So That Everyone Has Room To Move



NOVA SCOTIA PLANNING DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

2017 CONFERENCE

MAY 17-19 | HALIFAX, NS | LORD NELSON HOTEL | 1515 SOUTH PARK STREET

WELCOME

TAKE IT TO THE STREETS: *Changing the Rules so Everyone has Room to Move*

Streets are the basic building blocks of our villages, towns, cities and rural areas. They serve many purposes and many users. Join us to talk about how to make great streets for everyone. Topics include: placemaking and street design, sharing streets among many users, safety, and public health.

Tara Maguire, MCIP, LPP
President, Nova Scotia Planning Directors Association

Nathan Rogers, MCIP, LPP
President, Licensed Professional Planners Association of Nova Scotia



Gary Toth

Gary is the Senior Director of Project for Public Spaces. He worked for three decades as an engineer with the New Jersey Department of Transportation. He has extensive knowledge of street design, and is a leading expert on creating great streets. Since joining Project for Public Spaces in 2007, he has worked with dozens of communities to create safer and healthier streets based on sound engineering principles. A popular presenter and facilitator, Gary has hosted hundreds of workshops and community meetings

Canadian Institute of Planners/Atlantic Planners Institute Continuous Professional Learning Units (LUs) indicated in the program by the following notation: **1.5**

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DETAILED CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

REGISTRATION DESK

1:00 - 6:00 pm | **Georgian Lounge**

The Registration Desk will be open in the Georgian Lounge, located just off the hotel lobby.

WORKSHOPS

Age Friendly Communities Workshop

1:30 - 4:00 pm | **Room HB4, Dalhousie**

Nova Scotia has one of the oldest aging populations in Canada. It is estimated that by 2030, there will be nearly 260,000 people aged 65 or older in Nova Scotia. This shift in demographics provides an opportunity for communities to plan and take action. Age-friendly communities are intended to ensure all ages participate in a community, while being intentionally inclusive of older adults. This workshop will explore principles of urban design, planning and accessibility and mobility to support Age Friendly communities.

The workshop will be held at Dalhousie's Sexton Campus in Room HB4, Ralph M. Medjuck Building at 5410 Spring Garden Road.

Planning 101

4:30 - 6:00 pm | **Admiral Room**

This workshop is designed for Planning Advisory Committee Members and Elected Officials and will go over some of the planning tools, legislation, and key concepts that guide the planning and development of our communities. **(3.0)**

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

6:00 - 7:30 pm | **Room HB4, Dalhousie**

Conference attendees are invited to attend a wine and cheese reception hosted by the Graduate Planning Students Society. The reception will be held at Dalhousie's Sexton Campus in Room HB4, Ralph M. Medjuck Building at 5410 Spring Garden Road. **(1.5)**

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

HOSPITALITY SUITE

7:00 - 11:00 pm | **Third Floor**

THURSDAY, MAY 18

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:00 - 9:00 am | Georgian Lounge

REGISTRATION DESK

8:00 am - 6:00 pm | Georgian Lounge

The Registration Desk will be open in the Georgian Lounge, located just off the hotel lobby.

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

9:00 - 9:15 am | Regency Ballroom

Sam Austin, HRM Councillor

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: STREETS AS PLACES

9:15 - 10:15 am | Regency Ballroom

Gary Toth, Senior Director

Project for Public Spaces

For decades, we've been building transportation through communities, instead of building communities through transportation. Gary's keynote is about building communities through smarter transportation choices. His approach balances community needs for great spaces to live, work, play and relax with the equally important need to move people within our communities. Re-thinking our streets as places, instead of just asphalt for movement, helps build safer, greener and happier communities - and provides people with more travel choices. Join Gary to learn about the building blocks for great streets and great places. **(1.0)**

REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:15 - 10:45 am | Georgian Lounge

PANEL: BUILDING GREAT STREETS

10:45 am - 12:00 pm | Regency Ballroom

Audrey Muir, CBCL

Dwayne Cross, Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal

Neil Lovitt, Turner Drake & Partners

Jessica McDonald, Town of Bridgewater

Paul Burgess, Dalhousie University

Our panel will respond to the Keynote Address. There will be a chance to continue the discussion about what we want our streets and communities to look like. **(1.0)**

LUNCHEON

12:00 - 1:30 pm | Imperial Ballroom

Peter Nightingale, Planner, Mun. District of Chester

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion. Peter Nightingale will explore some of opportunities for planning and redevelopment in Halifax following this tragedy. **(0.5)**

THURSDAY, MAY 18 *continued*

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1

a) Switch: Open Streets

Frank Palermo, Dalhousie University

For several years, Switch: Open Street Sundays has encouraged people to enjoy Halifax in a new way by walking, biking and moving safely using on-street routes. Switch is about opening streets to a variety of travel options while remaining permeable to vehicles and there are no new infrastructure costs because it relies on existing streets. **(0.75)**

1:30 - 2:15 pm | Regency Ballroom

b) Designing Public Spaces for the Blind

Johanna Stork & Milena Khazanavicius, Vision Loss Rehabilitation Nova Scotia

This presentation explores best practices associated with designing public spaces that are easily navigable by everyone, with a focus on blind or partially sighted people. **(0.75)**

1:30 - 2:15 pm | Admiral Room

c) Engagement on the Street: Design Consultation Where the Impact Is

Jacob Ritchie, HRM Urban Design Program Mgr.

Bill Campbell, Chair Walk n' Roll Halifax

Kat Kitching, Former PAC Member

While the right of way is a fascinating place: the private development that frames it has a considerable impact on how all users of the right of way are impacted. By sharing our lessons learned and providing access to tools we hope that other municipalities may adopt this "take it to the streets" approach to consultation and break out of the church halls! **(1.5)**

1:30 - 3:00 pm | Britannia Room

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2

a) Implementing a Complete Streets Approach

Mark Nener, Halifax Regional Municipality

Ali Shaver, Nova Scotia Health Authority

Tanya Davis, Halifax Regional Municipality

The development of Halifax's Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) has led to renewed efforts to embed a Complete Streets approach in the municipality's street design, construction and maintenance programs. It has become clear to the team that Complete Streets is very much an approach, and not a program or project or a particular type of street cross section. It is a new lens that must be applied in a consistent way to all projects. **(0.75)**

2:15 - 3:00 pm | Regency Ballroom

THURSDAY, MAY 18 *continued*

b) **How to Write a Pedestrian Safety Policy**

*Saira Shah, Masters of Planning Student
Dalhousie University*

Commercial developers do not typically consider pedestrians in the design of parking lots and commercial driveways even though, at some point, everyone is a pedestrian on their way to the store. This presentation explores best practices in developing policies and guidelines for parking lots **(0.75)**

2:15 - 3:00 pm | **Admiral Room**

REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:00 - 3:30 pm | **Georgian Lounge**

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3

a) **It's Not Just a City Issue - Active Transportation for Rural and Small Town Nova Scotia**

*Steve Raftery, County of Kings
Gord Tate, Municipality of the District of Chester*

People often have an idyllic image of small town or rural life, and would think that rural communities would be a cyclist's or walker's paradise. In many cases, nothing could be further from the truth. Roads without paved shoulders, poorly maintained roads, and downtowns designed for cars, not people, can make cycling or walking in small towns and rural communities a risky proposition. **(0.75)**

3:30 - 4:15 | **Regency Ballroom**

b) **Planning for the MacDonald Bridge Bikeway** *David MacIsaac, Halifax Regional Municipality*

Although in place since the late 1990s, the MacDonald Bridge Bikeway has not served to promote cycling due to problematic access conditions on both sides of the bridge. In 2016-17 Halifax implemented a comprehensive planning process to increase accessibility for all. This presentation will provide an overview of this planning process, the recommended options, and the lessons learned along the way. **(0.75)**

3:30 - 4:15 | **Admiral Room**

c) **Physical Activity Citizens Survey** *Elaine Shelton*

Local physical activity surveys investigate preferred types of physical activity, common challenges, opportunities and elements of active transportation. They can inform the development or refresh local physical activity strategies. **(0.75)**

3:30 - 4:15 | **Admiral Room**

THURSDAY, MAY 18 *continued*

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 4

a) **Collisions? Freight and Planning in the Healthy, Livable Community** *Clarence Woudsma, University of Waterloo*

The evolution of the freight/logistics industry is identified as a major element of globalization and our modern consumer oriented society. The goal of this presentation is to explore the subsequent tensions or "collisions" that exist between the "goods" and the "bads" associated with the freight activity that shares the streets in our communities. **(0.75)**

4:15 - 5:00 | **Regency Ballroom**

b) **CBRM Sustainable Transportation Social Marketing Campaign** *Rick McCready, Cape Breton Regional Municipality*

In 2013 CBRM, with funding support from the Province of Nova Scotia, retained the services of IndEco Consulting of Toronto to prepare a report on the potential health benefits that could be achieved if levels of participation in active transportation (AT) in the CBRM could be increased. In response a social marketing strategy for alternate forms of transportation was created. The presentation will explore the development of the social marketing strategy and the lessons learned. **(0.75)**

4:15 - 5:00 | **Admiral Room**

c) **Rural Roads: Working With Private Roads and the Provincial Government** *Jesse Hulsman, Municipality of East Hants*

Rural areas have different needs than cities and towns. Join us to talk about some pressing issues in rural municipalities. How do we regulate private roads, and what standards do they need? How do we work with provincial departments? How do we provide sidewalks to encourage walking, and infrastructure for cyclists? **(0.75)**

4:15 - 5:00 | **Britannia Room**

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

MARITIME KITCHEN PARTY

7:00 - 11:00 pm | **Georgian Lounge**

Please join for a good old fashioned Maritime Kitchen party. Local musician Daniel Burke will perform for the party – please bring your instrument and be prepared to sing and play along. No experience necessary – just a willingness to have fun and enjoy some Maritime hospitality with your colleagues.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:00 - 9:00 am | Georgian Lounge

REGISTRATION DESK

8:00 am - 12:00 pm | Georgian Lounge

The Registration Desk will be open in the Georgian Lounge, located just off the hotel lobby.

LPPANS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30 - 8:30 am | Regency Ballroom

Annual General Meeting of the Licensed Professional Planners Association of Nova Scotia. (1.0)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 5

a) Progress in Active Transportation 2005-2017
Jeff Ward & Mike Connors, WSP Canada

This presentation offers a review of the progress and achievements that Halifax has had since it began implementation of an active transportation policy in 2005. Halifax's experience has offers valuable lessons for how AT policy is implemented, with a focus on guidance in the newly revised Geometric Design Guide for Canadian Roads and other policies. (0.75)

9:00 - 9:45 am | Regency Ballroom

b) Valuing the Public Realm: Building the Case for Retooling Streets

Neil Lovitt & Alex Baird Allen, Turner Drake & Partners Ltd.

While the automobile initially faced an uphill battle in its bid to find a place in the right-of-way, their presence in our streets today has undoubtedly shaped how streets are designed today. In this presentation we will review the economic case for thinking about streets beyond traffic flow, and highlight new analytical tools that are being used to help build the case for new types of infrastructure and investment in the right-of-way. (0.75)

9:00 - 9:45 am | Admiral Room

c) From Ox Cart Highway to National Historic Site: Stories of Planning along the Victoria Trail of Smoky Lake County, AB

Jane Dauphinee & Brad MacDonald, Municipal Planning Services

The Victoria District is a Canadian National Historic Site located along the North Saskatchewan River near Smoky Lake, AB. The primary means for residents and visitors to experience the history and the landscape is by traveling local roads – namely, the Victoria Trail. Our presentation will explore our firm's experience developing a plan from the view of a traveler of the Victoria Trail. (0.75)

9:00 - 9:45 am | Britannia Room

FRIDAY, MAY 19 *continued*

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 6

a) Developing Municipal Active Transportation and Health Indicators Reports

Ali Shaver, Nova Scotia Health Authority

Most municipalities lack basic information on Active Transportation - leading to difficulty in justifying projects and measuring progress. This presentation will focus on the development of an Active Transit Indicators report for the Halifax Regional Municipality. (0.75)

9:45 - 10:30 am | Regency Ballroom

b) Community Transit Working Group in CBRM

Eric Leviten Reid, New Dawn Enterprises

This presentation seeks to share the experiences of the Community Transit Working Group in CBRM in their efforts to provide improved transit within 5 urban and 2 rural communities across CBRM. (0.75)

9:45 - 10:30 am | Admiral Room

c) Update to the Geometric Design Guide for Canadian Roads - What's New?

Geoff Millen, Manager, MMM Group/WSP

This presentation will provide an overview of the changes to geometric design elements and processes resulting from the recent update to the Transportation Association of Canada's Geometric Design Guide for Canadian Roads. (0.75)

9:45 - 10:30 am | Britannia Room

REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:30 - 11:00 am | Regency Ballroom

CLOSING KEYNOTE: Of Ubers and Tubers, The Future of Transportation in Nova Scotia

11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Imperial Ballroom

Clarence Woudsma, University of Waterloo

The dizzying pace and scope of technological evolution presents a fascinating future for our communities. In this closing keynote address, our speaker will take us through the inventory of major transportation disruptions coming and explore with us their potential impacts and opportunities for our communities. (1.0)

CONFERENCE WRAP-UP & PRIZE DRAW

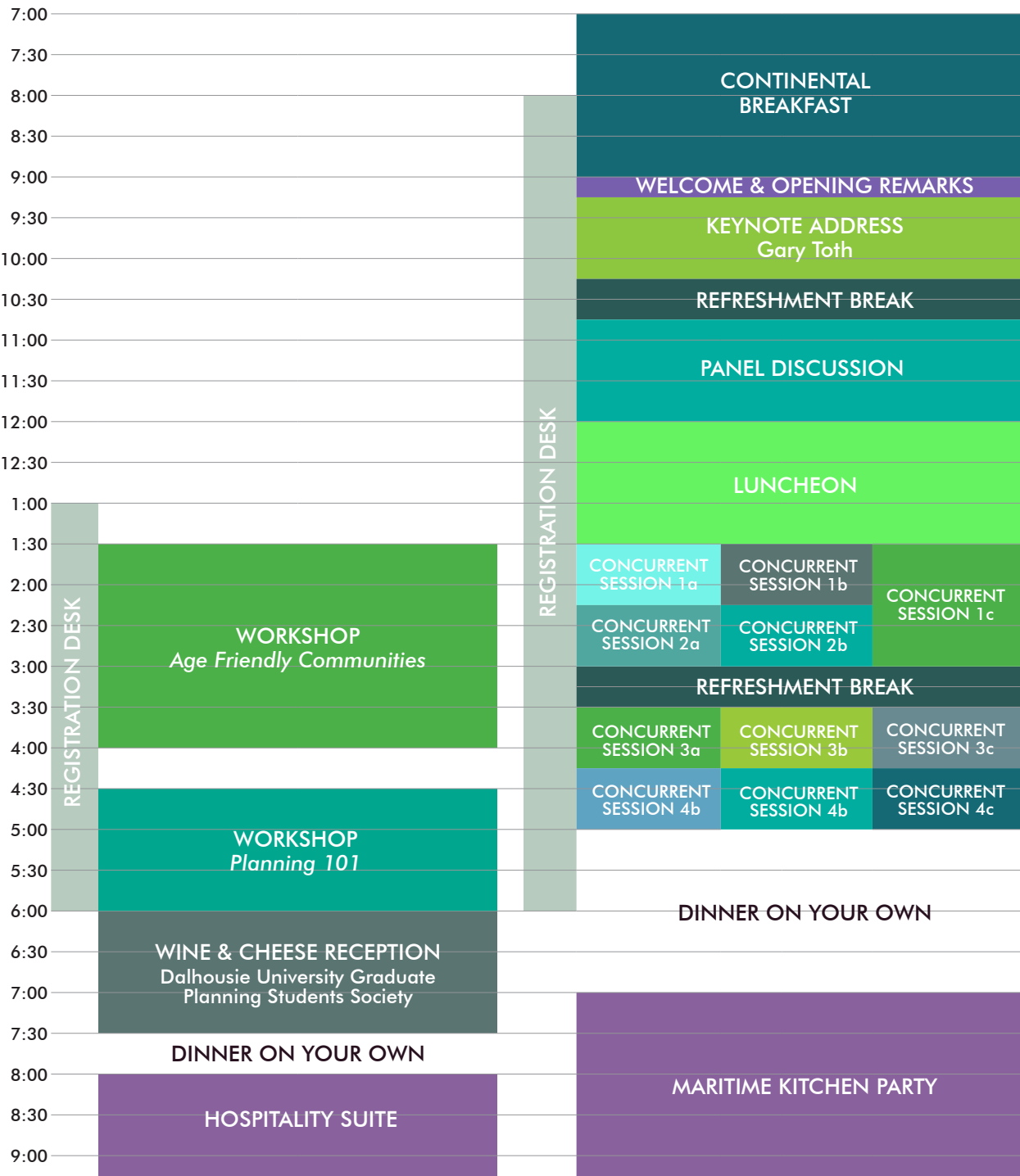
12:00 - 12:15 pm | Imperial Ballroom

A recap of the main conference themes followed by a prize draw for a night's stay at the Lord Nelson Hotel's Premier Suite, complete with a bottle of wine and continental breakfast for two. Conference attendees must be present to be eligible for the draw.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

THURSDAY, MAY 18





PRIZE DRAW!

Win a Night at the Lord Nelson

Conference attendees will be automatically entered into a draw to win a night's stay at the Lord Nelson Hotel's Premier Suite, complete with a bottle of wine and continental breakfast for two. The draw will take place at the Conference Wrap-up at 12:00 pm on Friday. The winner must be present when the draw is made.



FRIDAY, MAY 19

REGISTRATION DESK

CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST

LPPANS ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING

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REFRESHMENT BREAK

CLOSING KEYNOTE
Clarence Woudsma

CONFERENCE WRAP UP & PRIZE DRAW

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Who Should Attend?

This conference is intended for anyone interested in shaping our communities, in particular planners, municipal councillors, planning advisory committee members, engineers, citizen groups, and municipal staff involved in community development, planning, and sustainability initiatives.

Where?

Lord Nelson Hotel, 1515 South Park Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Please book your room early. When making your reservation please mention you will be attending the Planning Directors Conference. For reservations call (902) 423-6331.

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