

STEVEN ROWE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER

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PROFILE

A senior land use and environmental planner with experience in identifying solutions and developing policy and approval frameworks for private sector, public sector and public interest clients. Able to assess and expedite land use and environmental approval requirements, to coordinate large and diverse consulting teams, and to represent clients in negotiation and as an expert witness.

CAREER SUMMARY

SENIOR ASSOCIATE, HARDY STEVENSON AND ASSOCIATES, TORONTO	2003 - 2004
STEVEN ROWE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER, TORONTO	1997-2004
WALKER, NOTT, DRAGICEVIC ASSOCIATES, TORONTO Senior Associate Senior Planner Planner	1981-1997
WAKEFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL, U.K. Policy Planner	1976-1981
SHIRE VALLEY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, MALAWI Rural Development Planner	1973-1976

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Land Use

- Led a team that conducted consultation and prepared six official plan amendments to bring King Township's planning documents into conformity with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. The amendments were adopted within the Province's prescribed deadline. The team is currently undertaking an Oak Ridges Moraine conformity amendment to the Township's zoning bylaw, and a comprehensive zoning bylaw review.
- Currently a member of a team advising the County of Oxford regarding groundwater source protection policies in its Official Plan.
- Currently advising the City of Vaughan regarding the environmental effects and planning issues raised by an aggregate extraction proposal on the Oak Ridges Moraine.
- Assisted the City of Toronto and a citizens' group – Save the Rouge Valley Systems - regarding the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. Reviewed and coordinated expert submissions on drafts of the Plan, and prepared reports describing technical findings. (2001-2002)
- Currently assisting a corporate client, reviewing planning and development issues in relation to soil contamination.

- Provided policy advice to an industrial client seeking an official plan amendment to permit open storage on a former landfill site. (2001)
- Prepared an environmental study and developed a secondary plan and zoning bylaw for the area around the Keele Valley Landfill site for the City of Vaughan. Successfully defended these in expert testimony before the Ontario Municipal Board. (1989-93)
- Identified and represented GO Transit and VIA Rail interests regarding noise, vibration, ventilation and buffering for development projects on the City of Toronto Railway Lands, resulting in changes to City planning policy. (1996)
- Worked with a hydrologist in developing a case for additional flood protection in the development of a former Ontario Hydro corridor for a citizens' group in Scarborough, City of Toronto. The City elected to purchase the affected lands. (1998)
- Currently assisting a client in Rouge Park, City of Toronto, in an appeal of the City of Toronto Official Plan.
- Project planner for numerous Official Plan amendments, secondary plans, zoning by-laws, subdivisions, expediting development approvals and preparation for Ontario Municipal Board hearings for residential, industrial and commercial land uses.

Environmental Assessment

Energy

- Member of a team providing consulting services to MOEE in consulting stakeholders and developing an environmental screening process and guideline for the approval of electricity projects. The guideline and associated regulation are now in effect and provide for consultation, environmental protection and a level playing field among public and private proponents. (2000-2001)
- Currently providing environmental planning expertise to Vision Quest Windelectric (a division of TransAlta) for a wind farm proposal in Prince Edward County.
- Team member in a comprehensive "best practices" review of siting for electricity transmission and generation facilities through provincial and federal environmental assessment (EA) processes, for a major electricity utility. (2000)
- Acted on behalf of a private client in critiquing an Ontario Hydro Class EA project for an electricity transmission line in the Town of Oakville and City of Burlington, and contributed to a consultation process that resulted in a less expensive solution with lower environmental impacts. Prepared a submission for the same client on proposed revisions to Hydro's Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities. (1997)
- Peer reviewed the Ontario Hydro Demand/Supply Plan EA on behalf of aboriginal clients across Ontario and prepared evidence for an Environmental Assessment Board hearing on rationale and siting for a variety of electricity generation and transmission facilities. The hearing was discontinued. (1993-4)
- Reviewed planning documents and advised an aboriginal group responding to a proposed wood waste fired electricity generation facility in northern Ontario. (1998)

Transportation, Transit

- Currently working on behalf of the Town of Ajax in relation to an EA for an extension to Highway 407 and a link between Highways 407 and 401 proposed within the urban separator between Ajax and Whitby.
- Worked with local citizens in reviewing and responding to a Class EA process for a proposed by-pass around the Norval community, including a crossing of the Credit River, in the Town of Halton Hills and City of Brampton. The proposal was put on hold following submissions. (2000-2001)
- Provided consulting services to the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth in preparing an exemption request for changes to the EA Act approval for part of the Red Hill Creek Expressway-the submission was successful. Subsequently provided a review of terms of reference for a federal panel review of the valley section of the Expressway under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. (1997, 1999)
- Critiqued an EA for a rail storage yard for GO Transit and managed recommended changes, resulting in a less expensive proposal with lower environmental impacts. (1995)
- Provided consulting services to a private landowner in responding to proposed improvements to the Bronte Interchange on Highway 401, Oakville, Ontario. (1997)

Waste Management

- Coordinated consultants, prepared evidence and provided support in securing EA approval for the Halton Landfill, the first landfill to be subjected to a hearing under the Ontario EA Act. (1982-89)
- Provided consulting services in EA planning to landfill proponents including the City of Guelph and County of Wellington, Region of Ottawa-Carleton, WMI, Dofasco and Canadian Waste Services Inc. (1987-97)
- Peer reviewed the EA for a hazardous waste treatment and disposal facility proposed by the Ontario Waste Management Corporation (OWMC) in Niagara Region on behalf of municipal and public interest clients. Coordinated consultants and provided expert evidence to a major Joint Board hearing; the case presented was fundamental to the Board's Decision. (1992-93)
- Provided consulting services to the City of Vaughan, including coordination of team responses to a proposed Keele Valley landfill expansion and clay borrow proposals, and responses to odour problems from a composting facility. (1989-1997)
- Coordinated teams of up to fifteen consultants in responding to the Interim Waste Authority EAs for landfills in the Greater Toronto Area, on behalf of the City of Vaughan, Town of Pickering and Town of Halton Hills-these proposals were withdrawn by the proponent. (1991-94)
- Peer reviewed other landfill EAs including North Simcoe and West Northumberland (both involving expert evidence and decisions favouring the client), Acton Quarry, South Simcoe, and Green Lane, Elgin County. (1990-96)
- Provided consulting services in EA planning to the Region of Waterloo, in relation to an expropriation for landfill expansion; the case was settled. (1998)

Protected Areas and Crown Land

- Led a consulting team assisting Ontario Parks, Ministry of Natural Resources in consulting stakeholders and preparing a new Class EA for Provincial Parks and Conservation

Reserves. Also provided input to the concurrent preparation of the MNR Class EA for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects (formerly the Class EA for Small Scale MNR Projects). (2000-2001)

Teaching, training

- Sessional instructor for a graduate Environmental Assessment Workshop course, Department of Geography, Programme in Planning, University of Toronto. (1999, 2000)
- Coordinated program development for the 2002 and 2003 Canadian Urban Institute Brownfields Conferences – currently working on the 2004 Conference.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- Written and spoken extensively on Federal and Ontario EA planning, facility siting, legislative and policy change, brownfields and drinking water source protection.
- Articles published in Plan Canada, the Ontario Planning Journal, Canadian Public Administration, Municipal World and IPPSO Facto (Independent Power Producers' Association of Ontario).
- Spoken at events sponsored by the Environmental Assessment Board, Canadian Institute of Planners, Ontario Professional Planners' Institute, Ontario Association for Impact Assessment, Ontario Society for Environmental Management, Canadian Institute, Canadian Bar Association, and Insight Information.

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Member, Canadian Institute of Planners

Member, Ontario Professional Planners Institute (Environmental Editor, Ontario Planning Journal)

Registered Professional Planner

Ontario Society for Environmental Management (President)

Member of the Case Selection Committee, Environmental Defence Canada

Member of the Canadian Urban Institute Brownie Awards Selection Committee

QUALIFICATIONS

Diploma in Town Planning, Leeds Polytechnic (now Leeds Metropolitan University), U.K., 1973-recognized for admission to the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Courses in Digital Geography and Geographic Information Systems at Ryerson Polytechnic University (1998, 1999).

Professional development conferences and training in EA and land use planning, alternative dispute resolution, brownfields.