

Josh C. Estrella

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Highlights

- Demonstrable municipal experience in land-use planning (urban design guidelines, bylaw amendments, and creating master plans for recreation and for urban forestry)
- Software skills: GIS tools (QGIS, ArcGIS), CAD tools (SketchUp, Rhino3D), Adobe (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign), BlueBeam, Laserfiche, MS Office Suite, others
- Pre-candidate member of the Canadian Institute of Planners; dedicated to the field
- Experienced project manager with strong organization skills and prompt project delivery

Experience

Development Planner

May 2022 – Present

Town of Ajax – Ajax, Ontario

- Drafted and implemented the new pre-consultation bylaw, effectively transitioning to a more comprehensive two phase review process, achieving organizational compliance
- Skilled at distilling planning challenges into digestible stories for front counter customers
- Realized a broad range of development and pre-consultation applications such as Site Plans, Zoning By-law Amendments, Official Plan Amendments, and Plans of Subdivision
- Coordinated minor variance files; guiding dozens of applicants throughout the process

City Planner I

August 2021 – April 2022

City of Regina – Regina, Saskatchewan

- Amended the *Zoning Bylaw* to permit *Backyard Suites* throughout the city: researching options and approaches, engaging with the public and creating design guidelines
- Reviewed and approved applications for subdivisions, rezoning, and infill development
- Provided excellent customer service to residents and businesses looking for planning information from zoning, development control, cannabis regulations, and civic priorities

Community Development Officer

July 2020 – February 2021

Town of Pouch Cove – Pouch Cove, Newfoundland and Labrador

- Authored the Town's *Trails Master Plan* and drafted supporting documents such as Crown Lands Applications, trail system and route outline maps, and potential signage
- Managed mapping projects (road work, emergency services, parkland, business maps)

Urban Planner

March 2019 – April 2020

City of Mount Pearl – Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador

- Independently managed the research and development of the City's first-ever *Urban Forestry Plan*, authoring an ambitious plan to greatly increase urban tree coverage
- Played a key role in drafting the *Recreation Master Plan*, identifying its needs and goals, presenting an elegant and attractive plan for new facilities and amenities

Education

University of Waterloo

Certificate Program, Economic Development

University of Toronto

Honours Bachelor's of Arts, Architecture & Urban Studies

Toronto Metropolitan Univeristy (formerly Ryerson University)

Professional Development Award, Project Management