



EDUCATION

2006
Masters of Urban Design Studies
University of Toronto

1975
Bachelor of Environmental Studies,
Honours Urban and Regional
Planning
University of Waterloo

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Bernard P. Hermsen, MUDS, BES, MCIP, RPP

Bernard Hermsen, a Partner with MHBC Planning, has provided city, town and country planning services since 1975. Mr. Hermsen has experience in the preparation of Official Plans, Secondary/ Community Plans, Comprehensive Zoning By-laws and special studies for a range of municipalities in Ontario. He has advised municipalities with respect to restructuring, the assessment of long term land needs and economic, land use, transit/transportation strategies. He also provides regular planning services to smaller municipalities.

Mr. Hermsen has extensive experience with neighbourhood and subdivision design, as well as site plan/design approvals for commercial, residential, recreational, industrial and mixed-use developments. He has completed many community planning and design projects in suburban and inner city contexts. Mr. Hermsen takes a creative and community context approach to providing urban design solutions.

Mr. Hermsen has provided expert evidence before the Ontario Municipal Board on numerous occasions. He is also experienced in alternative dispute resolution and mediation.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Full Member, Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP)
Full Member, Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI)
Member, Ontario Expropriation Association
Former Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer, Southwest District of OPPI
Former Director of Professional Development, Ontario Professional Planners Institute and Member of OPPI Council (1996-2000)

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

1980 - Present Partner,
MacNaughton Hermsen Britton Clarkson Planning Limited

1975 – 1980 Senior Planner,
MacNaughton Planning Consultants Limited



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SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Consultant to the Ontario Growth Secretariat (Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal) in refining and mapping (GIS) the built boundary for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Preparation of **Official Plans** including;

- City of Brantford Official Plan 5-year Review and Update (ongoing)
- Saugeen and District (the Towns of Port Elgin and Southampton, and Township of Saugeen);
- Town of Orangeville;
- Town of Kincardine;
- Town of Paris;
- Town of Listowel;
- Township of Guelph;
- Township of Delhi;
- Town of Walkerton;
- Township of Middlesex Centre;
- Numerous major and minor Official Plan amendments in a range of municipalities.

Co-ordination and preparation of **Secondary/Community/District Plans**:

- Alliston Community Plan - Town of New Tecumseth
- East Woodstock Community Design Study and Secondary Plan - City of Woodstock
- Northwest Fergus Fringe Secondary Plan - Town of Fergus
- St. George - Township of South Dumfries
- Glen Morris Development Guide - Township of South Dumfries
- Northwest Baden Quadrant - Township of Wilmot
- Grand River South Secondary Plan - City of Kitchener
- Laurentian West Community Plan - City of Kitchener
- Westvale Acres Community Secondary Plan - City of Waterloo
- Lexington Residential District Plan - City of Waterloo
- Beechwood West Residential District Plan - City of Waterloo
- Country Hills East Secondary Plan - City of Kitchener
- Orangeville North and West Sector Secondary Plans - Town of Orangeville

Preparation of numerous **Plans of Subdivision** for properties in Bruce County, Huron County, Brant County, Wellington County, Kitchener, Waterloo and the

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surrounding areas representing in excess of 6,000 acres of land area. This included work for such companies as Major Holdings, the Hallman group of companies, Community Expansion, Buildevco, Trillium Estates Limited, University Downs, Wm. Gies Construction Ltd., Stamm Investments Ltd., and N. Kraus Holdings.

Preparation of **Comprehensive Zoning By-laws** for municipalities including:

- Township of Guelph/Eramosa;
- Town of Listowel;
- Town of Paris;
- Town of Mount Forest;
- Town of Kincardine;
- Town of Orangeville;
- Township of Guelph.
- Reviewed the Township of Onondaga Comprehensive Zoning By-law relative to objections and presented evidence at the Ontario Municipal Board to resolve same.
- Preparation of a draft comprehensive Zoning By-law for the City of Kitchener.

Preparation of **Maintenance and Occupancy By-laws** for the Towns of Paris and Mount Forest.

Housing studies for the Town of Paris and the Town of Durham.

Neighbourhood Improvement Plans for Paris, Kincardine, Mount Forest, and background research for Neighbourhood Improvement for the City of Cambridge.

Town of Warton **Master Recreation Plan**.

Economic and Planning evaluation of 500 acre **Ontario Land Corporation** Land Assembly in the City of Brantford.

Consultant on **Tourism Strategy Plan** with the Economic Planning Group for Bruce and North Grey Counties and Owen Sound.

Consultant to **Cambridge Leaseholds** (proposed **Regional Shopping Centre**) in Waterloo.

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Consultant to the **Homewood Health Centre** in evaluating long term land use for their property in Guelph.

Consultant to **Labatt Breweries** on the re-use of their lands in the City of Waterloo.

Consultant to the **Regional Municipality of Waterloo** to assess long term demographic change and population projections as input to the Region's Water Supply Strategy.

Consultant to the **W. C. Wood Company** in the City of Guelph. This project included the preparation of long term plans for the re-use of 17 acres of inner City industrial land.

Consultant to **Transamerica Life** in the planning of their lands in Waterloo Luther Village.

Consultant to the **Regional Municipality of Waterloo** with respect to land use, populations, and employment characteristics along the Regional Central Transit Corridor.

Consultant to the **City of Mississauga** in preparing policies for the Port Credit Heritage District.

Consultant to the **City of Waterloo** to facilitate their Uptown Waterloo Transportation Study.

Consultant to the **County of Wellington** in preparing comprehensive groundwater policies.

Member of the Staging of Development Working Committee for the City of Waterloo.

Member of the Laurel Creek (Waterloo) Watershed Round Table. Subconsultant to subwatershed studies in the Cities of Waterloo and London.

Member of the **Economic Development Task Force** of the Chamber of Commerce of Kitchener and Waterloo.

Industrial development projects including:

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- Industrial Park design/strategy for 1500 acre Huron Industrial Business Park in the City of Kitchener.
- Industrial Strategy report for the Town of Kincardine.
- Conceptual design for greenhouse use of waste heat from the Bruce Nuclear generating plant.
- Industrial Strategy report for the Town of Orangeville.
- Industrial Needs Assessment for the Township of Guelph.
- East Paris Pit industrial analysis.
- Development of a 100 acre industrial park design for Cambridge Leaseholds in the City of Waterloo.
- Design of an industrial park in the Township of Blandford/Blenheim, near the City of Woodstock.
- Design for an Industrial/Commercial Business Park for the University of Guelph.

County Restructuring – Consultant to the Town of Port Elgin, Town of Kincardine and the Township of Guelph with respect to County Restructuring.

Land Need Studies

- Consultant to the City of Brantford – preparation of a Growth Management Strategy (2006).
- Participant on a consultant project team to review long term land need requirements for the City of Waterloo in conjunction with City, Regional and Provincial Staff.
- Consultant for the Township of Guelph in participating on a joint City/Township/County Committee to determine land need requirements for the City of Guelph.
- Consultant to the City of Kitchener to determine long term industrial and residential land requirements relative to the southwest study area.
- Prepared projections and inventories of land use to determine future needs for the Town of Orangeville.
- Consultant to the Town of Port Elgin in preparing a detailed land need study for residential, commercial and industrial requirements.
- Consultant to the Town of Kincardine in a successful annexation to provide for the Town's long term needs.

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Planning Consultant to the **Township of Guelph / Eramosa.**



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Planning evidence at numerous **Ontario Municipal Board** hearings.

PROFESSIONAL / COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

Past Chair, Municipal Liaison Committee, Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber of Commerce; Member of Executive Committee

Past Chair, Greater Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber of Commerce (2002/03)

Founding Member, Board of Directors of Region of Waterloo Economic Development Corporation ("Canada's Technology Triangle")

Founding Member, Board of Directors of Waterloo Wellington Autism Services

Founding Member, Leadership Waterloo Region and past Chair of Marketing Committee

Past Chair of founding Steering Committee; Wellington Waterloo Community Futures Development Corporation; Industry Canada (2003)

Member, Prosperity Council - Waterloo Region (2003)

Member of Nominating Committee, Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation (2002/03)

Past Member, Board of Directors, Junior Achievement of Waterloo Region Inc.

Member Pragma Council, University of Waterloo

AWARDS / PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS

"Does Waterloo Region Have Urban Sprawl?", May 9, 2002 - Presentation to the Pragma Council Spring Conference at the University of Waterloo

"Rural Planning Trends and Overview", June 25, 2003 - Presentation to the Municipal Law Seminar Series, Fergus.

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"The Planner as Expert Witness", Annual presentation at the School of Planning, University of Waterloo.

"Elementary Schools and Residential Absorption Rates in New Neighbourhoods" published in the Spring 2004 Ontario Expropriation Association newsletter.

Brownfield Case Study Presentation to the Re-urbanization Conference (Waterloo Region), June 2005

2003 Brownfields award from the Canadian Urban Institute for the Luther Village project in the City of Waterloo.

CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate in Neo-traditional Neighbourhood Design, University of Waterloo, 1992

Certificate in Negotiation and Mediation, 1997

Certified to prepare Site Plans pursuant to Aggregate Resources Act

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