



Melanie Melnyk brings to her work over fifteen years of municipal planning experience, primarily with the City of Toronto's Community Planning Division. In addition to reviewing a range of development applications of varying types and scope, Melanie has also managed several special assignments including block and area studies within the City of Toronto, involving extensive research, consultation and implementation strategies. With this professional background, Melanie is able to offer a balanced perspective to both private and public sector clients.

Professional Planning Positions

Senior Planning Associate,
R.E. Millward & Associates
Ltd. (2010-present)

Planner, City of Toronto, City
Planning Division (1999-
2010)

Junior Planner, Walker Nott
Dragicevic Associates Ltd.
(1998-1999)

Planning Intern, Walker Nott
Dragicevic Associates Ltd.
(1997)

Education

Master of Science in
Planning, University of
Toronto 1998

Bachelor of Arts (Hons.),
Queen's University 1996

Professional Development
Courses, City of Toronto
1999-2009

Selected Projects

Steeles/Redlea Community Services and Facilities Strategy and Implementation Plan (July 2014 - Ongoing) - Developing a Community Services and Facilities (CS&F) Strategy for the City of Toronto's Steeles/Redlea area, which includes researching current developments and community services in the area; coordinating with both Toronto and Markham City Departments and community agencies and preparing a final report with recommendations for implementation.

Downsview Area Secondary Plan Review (November 2013 - Ongoing) - Providing land use planning expertise as part of a team led by DTAH in the review of the Downsview Area Secondary Plan. This review will result in a report to the Canada Lands Company that provides an analysis of the Secondary Plan, its development potential for CLC land holdings, opportunities for improvements and appropriate phasing of development.

2978 Dundas Street West (February 2014 - Ongoing) - Managing the rezoning and site plan process on behalf of the landowners to permit an eight-storey mixed-use building on one of the City's emerging "Avenues". The project requires the sensitive introduction of a larger-scale building on a historic main street, abutting an existing residential neighbourhood, and is currently in the consultation phase of the review process.

93-95 Berkeley St. and 112-124 Parliament St. (January 2014 - Ongoing) - Managing the planning approval process for a tall building located in the King-Parliament Secondary Plan area. This project requires a rezoning and site plan process with special heritage considerations as well as coordination and facilitation of public consultations and collaboration with community members and City of Toronto staff. A Planning Rationale and Community Services and Facilities Study have been submitted in support of the proposal and are under review.

Dufferin Street Avenue Study (September 2013 - June 2014) - Provided planning policy expertise to the City of Toronto's Avenue Study for the portion of Dufferin Street between Lawrence and Highway 401. The Study's objectives were to steer on-stream and future development with clear standards that ensure a comfortable, convenient, safe and high quality public realm, and to establish requirements for the transportation, site servicing and community services infrastructure necessary to support the future population.

Bathurst Street Built Form and Land Use Study (May 2013 – January 2014) - Provided land use and planning policy expertise for the City of Toronto's study of Bathurst Street, between Dupont and Queen Streets. Working with DTAH, Taylor Hazell Architects and Swerhun Facilitation, was actively involved in public consultations and communication with City of Toronto Planning staff. Developed final land use and built form recommendations which have resulted in an Official Plan Amendment and zoning changes for the corridor.

Seaton House Redevelopment Feasibility Analysis (February 2013 - June 2013) – Provided planning policy expertise to a team led by the Creva Group in support of a feasibility analysis for the redevelopment of Seaton House men's shelter. Deliverables included planning commentary on redevelopment options in the context of Toronto's Downtown East revitalization efforts and the emerging Garden District Heritage Conservation Study. Recommendations were provided to the City of Toronto's Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division in the form of three redevelopment alternatives.

2 Bicknell Avenue (March 2013 - Ongoing) - Providing planning policy advice and project management in support of a Rezoning for a three-building residential redevelopment at 2 Bicknell Avenue in west Toronto. The proposal consists of a four-storey mid-rise building and two banks of stacked townhouses adjacent to both an established residential neighbourhood and an industrial district. Collaborating with the multidisciplinary consulting team to advance an appropriate redevelopment scheme. Prepared and submitted a Planning Rationale report and Community Services and Facilities Study.

Condominium Consultation (November 2012 - March 2014) - Provided planning policy expertise to Swerhun Facilitation in support of the City of Toronto's consultation process with condominium residents, developers and stakeholders. Policy and operational recommendations have been formulated to help mitigate the challenges associated with condominium living.

Securing Cultural Benefits: Approaches to the Use of Section 37 for Arts and Culture Facilities (February 2012 - March 2013) – Provided planning policy support on a consultative study regarding the provision of arts and culture spaces in Toronto communities. Developed policy and operational recommendations to City of Toronto Cultural Services staff regarding the use of Section 37 of the Planning Act as a tool to fund new and enhanced cultural spaces through the development approval process.

Transit Supportive Mid-Rise Development Guidelines, City of Brampton (December 2011 - August 2013) - Worked as part of a team led by DTAH to develop urban design guidelines encouraging transit supportive mid-rise development in appropriate locations throughout the City of Brampton. As the planning policy expert, responsible for reviewing the proposed guidelines against the City's existing policy framework to identify where they may deviate from or impact the Official Plan, Zoning By-law, Secondary Plans and other pre-existing development standards, making recommendations for amendments where necessary.