Robert E. Millward

FCIP, RPP
President



As the president of R.E. Millward + Associates Ltd., Robert has acted as the Lead Planning Consultant and Project Manager for a variety of master planning processes, large scale consultations and land use development projects for both public and private sector clients, including several major projects in Toronto's Port Lands.

Prior to founding R.E. Millward + Associates, Robert worked as a senior municipal planner and served as the Commissioner of Planning and Development for the (former) City of Toronto from 1987 to 1996, where he was actively involved in all aspects of policy formulation, project management and economic development.

Professional Positions

President
R.E. Millward + Associates
(1997 - Current)

Commissioner, Planning and Development
Former City of Toronto
(1987 - 1996)

Director and Deputy Commissioner, Central Core and Waterfront Division
City of Toronto Planning and Development Department
(1979 - 1986)

Director of Planning
City of Toronto Housing Department (now TCHC)
(1974 - 1979)

Various Planning Positions
New York City Planning Department (1968 - 1974)

Education

Masters in Urban Planning
New York University
(1970)

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Political Science
University of Rochester
(1964)

Planning Approvals and Applications

1700 Wilson Avenue
Westdale Construction Co. Limited. (2023 - Ongoing)
R.E. Millward + Associates was retained to manage the site plan application for 1700 Wilson Avenue. The proposal involves constructing three one-storey non-residential builings on the property fronting Wilson Avenue.

99 Cartwright Avenue
Sterling Hall School (2022 - 2024)
R.E. Millward + Associates has been retained to prepare a due diligence report on the relevant planning policy framework and development context for a development application to expand Sterling Hall private boy's school onto two newly acquired properties at 109 Cartwright Ave and 130 Bentworth Ave. This application is a rezoning. The 99 and 109 Cartwright Avenue and 130 Bentworth Avenue By-law was adopted by City Council on November 14, 2024.

21 St. Clements Ave
St. Clement's School (2020 - 2023)
As part of a multidisciplinary team, R.E. Millward + Associates received site plan and minor variance approval for a 3-storey addition to the existing St. Clement's School in Midtown Toronto. The project required policy, development activity, and process research and helped coordinate the approvals process.

Limberlost Place, 185 Queens Quay East
George Brown College (2018 - 2022)
As part of a multidisciplinary team, R.E. Millward + Associates coordinated the development application for a 10-storey mass-timber building for George Brown's Waterfront Campus. Robert is acting as the firm's academic lead and is overseeing the planning approvals process with the City of Toronto. It will be Ontario's first mass-timber, low-carbon institutional building.

Integrated Learning Centre, 73 Queens Park Crescent
Victoria University (2018 - 2022)
R.E. Millward + Associates provided assistance in preparing applications to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law for Victoria University. Our firm is providing planning support including drafting the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, strategic advice, meetings with the City Planning staff and/or Ward Councillor as required, monitoring the University of Toronto's Secondary Plan approval, and attending public consultations.

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Memberships

Urban Land Institute Toronto
Executive Director
(2013)

Canadian Institute of Planners
Fellow

Ontario Professional Planners Institute
Registered Professional Planner

Urban Land Institute
Toronto Member

Various Universities
Occasional Lecturer
(Ongoing)

Board of Trade Planning Committee (former)
Chair

Board of Trade Infrastructure Committee (former)
Member

Lambda Alpha International
Member, Simcoe Chapter

Studio City Film and Television Studio, 945 Lake Shore Boulevard East (2019 - 2021)
R.E. Millward + Associates obtained site plan approval for the development of a film and television studio in Toronto's Port Lands. Robert was the Planning Lead for the site plan approval process. This project required an understanding of the changing planning and policy context for the Port Lands and various meeting with the project team and City Divisions.

Mid - rise Development, 2978 - 2988 Dundas Street West (2016 - 2019)
R.E. Millward + Associates managed the rezoning process for a seven-storey mixed-use building on one of the City's Avenues. The project proposed the sensitive introduction of a larger building into a Heritage Conservation District, abutting an existing residential neighbourhood. Our firm worked closely with the other project consultants to produce an Avenue Segment Study, Planning Rationale, and Community Services and Facilities Study.

Policy Development, Zoning, and Implementation

Richmond Hill Zoning By-law
City of Richmond Hill (2024 - 2025)
R.E. Millward + Associates is undertaking research and analysis to provide recommendations on how to bring Richmond Hill's current 41 "parent" Zoning By-laws into a single harmonized city-wide zoning by-law as well as conformity with the City of Richmond Hill's Official Plan (OP) and other recently updated regional and provincial policies. Robert is advising the project team on translating land uses and conditions from the former municipal zoning by-laws into the city-wide zoning by-law, and ensuring these conform to municipal and provincial policies. Further work involves determining whether land uses should remain, be deleted, amended, or if new uses should be added, and the consideration of land use permissions and zoning standards such as compatibility, adjacency issues, neighbouring zones and major streets.

Zoning Conformity for Official Plan Employment Areas
City of Toronto (2022 – 2024)
R.E. Millward + Associates conducted research and analysis to provide recommendations on how to bring Toronto's city-wide zoning by-law 569-2013 into conformity with Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 231, Employment Areas. Robert oversaw the project team's translation of land uses and conditions from the former municipal zoning by-laws into the city-wide zoning by-law, and ensured these conform to municipal policies. Further work involved determining whether land uses in employment industrial zones should remain, be deleted, amended, or if new uses should be added, and the consideration of employment industrial zone land use permissions and zoning standards such as compatibility, adjacency issues, neighbouring zones and major streets.

Toronto Metropolitan University Zoning By-law Review

Toronto Metropolitan University (2022 - 2024)
R.E. Millward + Associates has been retained by Toronto Metropolitan University to conduct a review and update of zoning by-laws applicable to TMU lands. The project consisted of a harmonization exercise to address the varied layering of zoning regulations on properties owned by TMU in 1980 and since acquired with particular attention to the development of campus-wide bicycle parking rate, vehicle parking rate, and open space requirements. A multi-property rezoning application was submitted to the City of Toronto in late 2022. The Toronto Metropolitan University By-law was adopted by City Council on March 20, 2024.

Rethink Zoning
City of London (2022 - 2023)
R.E. Millward + Associates worked with Sajecki Planning, Scribe, LURA Consulting, and Posad Maxwan to implement The London Plan through a new comprehensive zoning by-law. The London Plan's new approach to planning, replacing conventional land uses with Place Types, will be translated into an innovative zoning by-law that balances land use permissions with form and intensity considerations.

Milton MTSA/Mobility Hub Study
Town of Milton (2018 - 2020)
As the project lead of a multidisciplinary team, R.E. Millward + Associates provided land use planning expertise for a Major Transit Station Area and Mobility Hub Study in the Town of Milton. R.E. Millward + Associates developed a community services and facilities strategy and conducted analysis of planning and development alternatives. Robert acted as project manager and provided strategic advice on policy recommendations to support the successful implementation of the preferred growth scenario. The final report for this Study was completed in 2020.

Queen Street MTSA Study
City of Brampton (2016 - 2019)
R.E. Millward + Associates provided land use planning expertise for a Rapid Transit Master Plan and Major Transit Station Area Study for the Queen Street Corridor in the City of Brampton. Our work will support the development of a planning and urban design framework to improve multi-modal transportation Queen Street and enable future intensification. Robert served as project lead, actively guiding policy formulation and providing strategic advice.

Bloor West Village Avenue Study
City of Toronto (2017 - 2018)
R.E. Millward + Associates provided land use planning and policy expertise to lead Urban Design firm DTAH in support of the development of an Avenue Study for the Bloor West Village neighbourhood in Toronto. The Avenue Study forms the basis for implementing official plan and zoning by-law amendments.

ConsumersNext: Consumers Road Business Park and Area Planning Study
City of Toronto (2015 - 2017)
R.E. Millward + Associates led a multidisciplinary team on an area planning study of a suburban business park undergoing significant changes at its edges. The study re-envisions the area in a way that supports existing and future employment and residential uses. Robert contributed project management and land use planning expertise for the Planning Study which integrated built form, open space, public realm improvements, a multi-modal transportation network and servicing strategies for a new Secondary Plan for the area.

King-Spadina Cultural Spaces Retention Study
City of Toronto (2016 - 2017)
This study examined the retention and expansion of cultural spaces in the King-Spadina area to inform creative sector strategies under development for the TOcore planning study of downtown Toronto. Robert provided strategic advice, land use planning expertise and consulted with a range of stakeholders to develop a range of policy recommendations intended to strengthen Toronto's largest creative cluster.

Planning Analysis & Research

Film Studio District Precinct Plan
City of Toronto (2013 - 2014)
R.E. Millward + Associates provided land use and planning policy expertise to the City of Toronto's Precinct Plan for the revitalization of the Film Studio District, that resulted in recommended zoning by-law amendments. Previously, Robert worked as a Planning Consultant on Film Port (now known as Pinewood Studios) for the first phase of development.

Seaton House Redevelopment Feasibility Analysis
City of Toronto (2013)
R.E. Millward + Associates provided planning policy expertise with a team including the Creva Group and DTAH, in support of a feasibility analysis for the redevelopment of Seaton House. Deliverables included planning analysis on redevelopment options in the context of Toronto's Downtown East revitalization efforts.

Securing Cultural Benefits: Approaches to the Use of Section 37 for Arts and Culture Facilities, TOCore - Economic Development and Cultural Services
City of Toronto (2012 - 2013)
Robert acted as planning policy strategic advisor on a study regarding the provision of arts and culture spaces in Toronto communities. R.E. Millward + Associates developed policy and operational recommendations to City Cultural Services staff regarding the use of Section 37 of the Planning Act and was a component of the Toronto Downtown Official Plan Amendment, commonly known as "TOCore".

Previous Professional Experience in Toronto

City of Toronto Planning Department
Director of Central Core and Waterfront/Commissioner (1980-1986)
Commissioner of Planning and Development (1987-1996)
City of Toronto Official Plan 1991 (1993)
The Kings Zoning Initiative, City of Toronto (1990 - 1992)
Air Canada Center/Railway Lands, City of Toronto (1988 - 1993)
SkyDome Stadium (Rogers Stadium) (1983 - 1987)
Metro Toronto Convention Center, City of Toronto (1980 - 1990)
BCE Place, City of Toronto (1985 - 1989)

City of Toronto Housing Department
Director of Planning for the newly created City of Toronto Housing Department (now TCHC) (1974-79)
Mandate was to create moderate and low income housing opportunities throughout the City. Major Focus was implementing the new neighbourhood named St. Lawrence (Crombie Park).