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Adam Shipowick provides strategic planning and development advisory services on complex land-use matters throughout Ontario.

His practice focuses on the intersection of planning policy, development approvals, municipal decision-making and planning litigation. Working closely with BLG's municipal, planning, expropriation and real estate lawyers, Adam assists clients in navigating challenging planning frameworks, evaluating development opportunities, identifying planning risks and constraints, and advancing approvals for a broad range of development and infrastructure projects.

His practice includes:

- planning and development approvals strategy
- planning policy, official plan and zoning bylaw analysis
- planning due diligence and land-use assessments
- preparation of planning opinions, memoranda and advocacy materials
- strategic planning advice and risk assessment
- development of planning rationale and supporting evidence for hearings, appeals and approval processes

Adam is actively involved in project management and stakeholder engagement, coordinating multidisciplinary teams and working directly with municipal staff, elected officials, consultants and community stakeholders to advance planning proposals.

He also prepares planning evidence and supporting documentation for matters before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), Toronto Local Appeal Body (TLAB), expropriation proceedings, municipal councils, committees of adjustment and other planning approval authorities.

Adam leads BLG's planning co-op internship program, mentoring planning students throughout their work terms and supporting the development of future planning professionals.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Inclusionary Zoning Framework approved in Toronto", BLG Article, November 2021
- Author, "Proposed land use guidelines have consequences for Ontario planning approvals", BLG Article, June 2021
- Author, "The interrelationship between MTSAs, PMTSAs and Inclusionary Zoning", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "Employment areas conversion requests underway in the City of Toronto", BLG Article, December 2020
- Author, "Inclusionary zoning, affordable rents up for consultation in Toronto", BLG Article, October 2020
- Author, "Bill 108, Ontario’s More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019", BLG Article, May 2019
- Author, "Government of Ontario Announces Proposed Change to the Growth Plan for Greater Golden Horseshoe", BLG Article, February 2019
- Author, "Bill 139 — The Proposed End Of The Ontario Municipal Board", BLG Article, June 2017

Education

- PLAB, Urban and Regional Planning, Ryerson University, 2008
- BA (Hons.), Urban Economic Social Geography, University of Toronto, 2005

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