



## AMCTO's Corporate Training

# Planning for Non-Planners

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This one day workshop will provide an overview of Ontario's land use planning system and the various planning tools available for municipalities to help improve their communities. Planning reforms undertaken by the Province over the past two decades have enabled municipalities to make their own land use planning decisions. However, making land use decisions may prove to be a daunting experience. Over the years, land use planning, and in particular development approvals, have become complex and onerous involving many environmental, economic and social considerations. The creation of the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Source Water Protection program, Brownfields legislation, and other key provincial initiatives have complicated the planning process. This workshop will attempt to simplify the complexities of Ontario's land use planning system by "connecting the dots" required to make the right land use decisions.

### What You Will Learn:

- Why land use planning is a vital component to the growth and prosperity of a municipality
- The evolution of land use planning through legislation and policy development – The Ontario experience
- The relationship between land use and emerging issues relating to climate change, sustainable economic development, grid lock and other related and timely issues
- Planning Act tools to achieve high level of "quality of life"
- Planning approvals process – how to minimize time and avoid conflict