



EDUCATION

Masters of Planning in Urban Development (M. Pl), Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario (2015)

Hon. Bachelor of Arts (B.A), University of Toronto Scarborough, Toronto, Ontario (2012)

EMPLOYMENT

Junior Planner, Urban Designer, MBPD Inc. (M. Behar Planning & Design Inc.) – October 2015 to date

Student Land Use Planner, Municipal Services Office Central (MSO-C) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – May to August 2015

Planning Assistant, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – May to July 2014

Community Development Intern, East Scarborough Storefront – June 2012 to July 2013

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Ontario Professional Planners Institute (Candidate)

Canadian Institute of Planners

[Sophia Kanavas M.PI](#)

Junior Planner, Urban Designer

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Sophia Kanavas is a Junior Planner and Urban Designer with MBPD. Sophia provides project management, land use planning, and urban design services on a variety of projects for private and public sector clients.

Previously, Sophia worked at the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and was responsible for development review at the local scale by responding to public inquiries on lands within the Parkway Belt West Plan and associated Minister's Zoning Orders. Additionally, she processed applications to amend and implement the Parkway Belt West Plan and Minister's Zoning Orders, and reviewed and prepared summary reports regarding Official Plan Amendments and

subdivision applications to be transferred to Dufferin County.

Sophia is currently a candidate member of the OPPI.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Major Planning and Design Projects, Studies, Urban Design Guidelines, Peer Review Services and Development Approvals

M. Behar Planning & Design Inc.

- **715-725 Carrville Road, Richmond Hill** – applications for draft plan of condominium and part lot control exemption for Carrville South Development Corp. (ongoing)
- **240-242 Finch Ave. W., Toronto** – townhouses for One Four Eight Development Corporation (ongoing)
- **85 Peckham Ave., Toronto** – consent to sever and minor variance applications for detached houses for LiVante Developments (ongoing)
- **162-200 Cummer Ave., Toronto** – detached housing subdivision for LiVante Developments (ongoing)
- **711 Carrville Rd., Richmond Hill** - semi-detached houses for One Four Eight Development Corporation (ongoing)
- **9601-9611 Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill** – planning and urban design services for a townhouse development for OneFourEight Development Corporation (ongoing)
- **9623 Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill** – planning services for a semi-detached development for 2322643 Ontario Inc. (ongoing)
- **35 Tangiers Road, Toronto** – planning and urban design services for offices and retail development for real Wealth Group (ongoing)
- **Urban Design Study and Manual, Township of West Lincoln/Smithville** – planner and urban designer for a study to assist future development and growth in Smithville
- **86-90 Dundas Street East, Mississauga** – mixed use, high rise development for High Living Development Inc. (urban design)
- **61 Birch Ave., Richmond Hill** – lot severances for low rise residential development for 2434551 Ontario Ltd.
- **7476 Kipling Ave., Vaughan** – residential development for Portside Developments (Kipling) Inc. (urban design)
- **155 McNicoll Ave., Toronto** – planning services for a residential subdivision
- **2 Roosevelt Drive, Richmond Hill** – due

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diligence and planning services for Locamax Inc.

- **8051 Yonge Street, Markham** – mixed use, high rise development for The Norfinch Group Inc.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- Cross jurisdictional research on official plan policies to implement climate change policies of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014, May to August 2015
- Prepared briefing materials for consultations with municipalities related to the Parkway Best West Plan and associated Minister's Zoning Order mapping modernization project, May to August 2015
- Conduct inter-jurisdictional research on Greenbelts and Agricultural land reserves from around the world to be used in the ten-year coordinated review, May to July 2014

Ryerson University

- **LeBreton Flats: Redeveloping Former Brownfield Land in Canada's Capital – A Study of Urban Design Best Practices** - Investigated the policies and urban design principles that may be used to develop the brownfield site of LeBreton Flats in Ottawa, Canada, 2014 to 2015
- **The State of the Walking Movement in Canada, Client: Canada Walks, Green Communities Canada** – Presented findings collected from The State of the Walking Movement in Canada Survey, a project spearheaded by Canada Walks, an initiative of Green Communities Canada, January to April 2015
- **River XING, Client: Evergreen Brick Works** – Provided evidence-based design recommendations and planning direction for a bridge connection over the Don River near Evergreen Brick Works, September to December 2014