# **Steve Coutts**

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#### **EDUCATION**

## Master of Planning, Urban Development Ryerson University

June 2018 (expected) Toronto, ON

- Student Member of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) since January 2017
- Ryerson Graduate Fellowship (2016 & 2017), Ryerson Graduate Development Award (2017)
- Major Research Project: Whose Smart City? A Framework and Discussion Guide for Open and Inclusive Planning of Urban Digital Experiments
- Relevant coursework: Legal & Institutional Context of Planning in Ontario, Physical Planning & Design Fundamentals, Site Planning, Feasibility Analysis

Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Geography University of Winnipeg June 2016 Winnipeg, MB

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2017 – present Toronto, ON

- Facilitating productive and inclusive dialogue during community engagement events for Toronto Pearson Connects (July 2017), Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan (Nov. 2017), and Sidewalk Toronto (Mar. 2018)
- Transcribing roundtable discussions to generate useful policy recommendations for use in summary reports

#### Research Assistant

MASS LBP

February 2017 – December 2017

#### School of Urban & Regional Planning | Ryerson University

Toronto, ON

- Reviewed and summarized 'smart cities' research and contributed to SSHRC Insight Grant proposal
- Performed statistical analysis and co-wrote manuscript: "Does Commute Influence Postsecondary Students' Social Capital? A Case Study of Four Universities in Toronto, Canada"
- Designed and presented poster at Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting 2018 in Washington, DC

#### Student Intern (Field Placement)

May 2017 - June 2017

#### City Planning (Strategic Initiatives, Policy & Analysis) | City of Toronto

Toronto, ON

- Analyzed demographic data to inform community services and facilities study for Golden Mile Secondary Plan
- Prepared summary reports of strategic priorities of community service sectors to aid stakeholder consultations
- Designed engaging map of community infrastructure for public consultation event using Adobe Illustrator

#### PROJECT EXPERIENCE

# Studio Project: Automated Vehicle Tactical Plan Stakeholder Consultation Client: City of Toronto, Transportation Services

January 2018 - April 2018

Toronto, ON

- Led graphic design of educational booklet about automated vehicles for use in stakeholder consultations
- Delivered presentations to clients and faculty, and transcribed feedback from stakeholder consultations to inform final recommendations for changes to Draft Tactical Plan

## Studio Project: Community Space Needs Assessment Client: Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust

September 2017 – December 2017 Toronto, ON

• Led development of survey on community organizations' space needs and analyzed responses to inform strategy for preventing displacement and negotiating for community benefits

• Delivered presentation to clients and faculty and co-wrote final report with preliminary findings and recommendations