

ALEX GAIO

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Planning student enrolled in an accredited Planning Degree Program with **global experience** and **proven leadership skills** who is deeply passionate about **city building, public transit, and stakeholder engagement**. Excellent **public speaker**, presenter, and communicator. Experience in research, analysis, and project management. Interested in the nexus of transportation, sustainability, and public health as well as the reduction in personal automobile use, and integrated mobility.

EDUCATION

Ryerson University

September 2014 - Present

Urban & Regional Planning
Bachelor's Degree

- Relevant courses in economics, planning process, urban design, municipal governance, stakeholder engagement, civic technology, technical communications, GIS, sustainable development, land use planning
- Researched and compiled reports based on social, economic, and statistical data

Birmingham City University

Winter 2016

BSc (Hons) Planning,
Environment, and Development

- Relevant courses in property investment and finance, design and development, policy
- Selected as a student with a high academic average to participate in a study abroad semester in Birmingham, UK

Canadian Urban Transit Assn.

Fall 2015

Transit Planning
Certificate

- Training in developing and using service standards, collecting and analyzing data for performance monitoring and evaluation
- Developed route service plans
- Evaluated Bus Rapid Transit

WORK EXPERIENCE

Auckland Transport

May 2017 - Present

Intern Public Transport Planner
New Network Implementation

- Implemented Auckland's new public transport network in West Auckland
- Reviewed school transit service for Central and Isthmus zones
- Provided project support and service planning analysis and recommendations
- Worked collaboratively with other teams to engage stakeholders

TCAT.ca

January 2017 - April 2017

Work Placement Student
Complete Streets for Canada

- Developed Toronto Centre for Active Transportation's (TCAT) database of Complete Streets for Canada
- Managed online publishing and created design components for Active Transportation Beyond the Greenbelt publication

World Council on City Data

September 2016 - April 2017

Data Control
Analyst

- Supported the development of ISO 37120 and standardized civic data
- Developed a visual identity in the form of presentation and reports that are co-published with major international organizations and governments

City of Calgary

May 2016 - August 2016

Summer Research Planning Student
Transportation Infrastructure; Green Line LRT

- Planned Calgary's single largest rapid transit expansion and researched policy
- Developed a tool for benchmarking transit-oriented development success
- Prepared provincial business case
- Performed duties as project ambassador

Ryerson University

October 2015 - April 2017

Research & Communications
Assistant

- Led communications, engagement, and branding for land use and transportation research lab at Ryerson School of Urban and Regional Planning

Canadian Armed Forces

April 2013 - Present

Acting Sub-Lieutenant
180 Mosquito Squadron, Toronto

- Worked in areas of project management, planning, event coordination, presentation, delivery, conflict management, professional development

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Canadian Urban Transit Assn.

November 2015 - Present

- Founding member of the Youth and Engagement Task Force
- Developed a strategic plan for the next generation of transit professionals in Canada
- Nominated to task force vice chair position

Emerging Leaders in Transit

August 2015 - January 2017

- Developed lecture series for students and young professionals on transit planning
- Topics on suburban transit, customer experience, business acumen, and service planning

Memberships

Canadian Urban Transit Association, Ontario Professional Planners' Institute, Canadian Institute of Planners, Urban Land Institute

Certifications

Standard First Aid, CPR-C & AED, Cisco IT Essentials, Class 5 BC Driver's License

SKILLS

Communication & Planning

- Confident and well-versed public speaker
- Meeting facilitation, conflict resolution, problem solving
- Able to communicate complicated concepts clearly and concisely
- Experience with ArcGIS, ArcMap, QGIS, Sketchup, SPSS, and AutoCAD
- Strong instructional and problem solving abilities
- Strong research, analytical and data collection skills
- Collaborative team player with a positive attitude

Technical & Computing

- Presentation and report design/preparation
- Web design and authoring, domain management
- Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop)
- Advanced Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook) knowledge and abilities
- Advanced Wordpress web content management
- Deeply familiar with Microsoft Windows and Mac OS X
- Very organized and detail-oriented

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & AWARDS

Projects

- **School Area and Site Design Guideline for Toronto**. Developed a comprehensive set of design guidelines for promoting safe and active school travel for the City of Toronto's Transportation Planning Division.
- **Can-Amara Station TOD design concept**. Awarded the best design proposal for design charette on Waterloo's Ion LRT project. Focused on linking naturalized spaces to small-scale urban fabric and health promotion.
- **Hamilton LRT Terminus case competition**. Designed integrated transit hub supporting multimodal transportation connections and community amenities. Designed streetscape, public realm, and zoning elements.
- **Ladner Crosstown Greenway Concept mixed-use pathway project study**. Providing active transportation connections in response to public health survey. Determined routing, designed, consulted, and presented project.

Conferences

- Colloque Interuniversitaire Urbain (2017)
- American Public Transportation Association (2016)
- Ontario Professional Planners Institute Conference (2015)
- Canadian Urban Transit Association Conferences (Delegate 2013-2014, Presenter 2015-2016)
- Canadian Urban Transit Association Youth Summit (2013)
 - Delivered award-winning presentation on incentivizing active transportation.

Awards

- APTA Richard J Bouchard AECOM Scholarship
- Ontario Professional Planners Institute Scholarship
- Ryerson University Faculty of Community Services Full-Time Undergraduate Award
- Todd Hesselink International Exchange Award
- Captain Miles Selby Award for Excellence in Leadership
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Standard
- Top 8 Finalist: Ryerson's Next Top Speaker
- Most Innovative Project Grant - Canadian Urban Transit Association Youth Summit
- Corporation of Delta Heritage Commission Scholarship