

Sam Carter-Shamai M.Pl, B.A.

Planner

Sam holds a Master of Planning from Ryerson University and has worked and studied in cities across northeast Canada and the United States; Newport News Virginia, Halifax, Montreal and Toronto. Sam's approach to planning is informed by a liberal arts background in cultural geography, photography, and design. Sam has a strong commitment to progressive planning, development and visual storytelling. His master's research focused on realizing the potential of *Back Space* and laneways: marginal and underused sites in complex urban regions, drawing on case studies in Toronto, Berlin, and Detroit.

Prior to joining SvN Architects and Planners, Sam worked as a researcher for the Ryerson City Building Institute, investigating best practices in programming and cultural planning for civic museums, and most recently, as Special Assistant to Councilor Joe Cressy (Ward 20 - Trinity Spadina). While working in the Councilor's office at Toronto City Hall, Sam acted as liaison between city staff and community stakeholders on parks and streetscape projects, as well as stewarding development approvals and minor variance applications in the Grange, Harbord Village, Kensington Market and Chinatown neighbourhoods. Sam remains engaged with his community through volunteer and support work for the Black Artist Network Dialogue, as a mentor for future planners, architects, and urban designers with the Maximum City youth engagement program, and as a guest lecturer and panelist at Ryerson University's School of Urban and Regional Planning.

Selected Project Experience

- 2017 West Park Healthcare Centre – Toronto, ON
Dundas Connects, Mississauga Employment Study – Mississauga, ON
OPP Facilities Modernization Planning - ON
Long Branch Community Neighbourhood Character Design Guidelines – Toronto, ON
Youth Engagement and Consultation Lead: Alexandra Park
Community Centre Revitalization – Toronto, ON
Queen West Streetscape Improvement – Toronto, ON
Glasgow Street Public Realm and Streetscape Improvement Project – Toronto, ON
318 Queens Quay Preliminary Parks Planning and Public engagement Strategy* – Toronto, ON
- 2016 A New Life For Old City Hall – Toronto, ON
Activating Back Space: Residual Territories and Landscapes of Deletion – Toronto, ON
Engage or Enrage: Collaborative Planning in Ontario's Wind Energy Planning Process – ON
- 2015 Future Life Framework: The Wellington Destructor 2015 Masters Consulting Project for the Friends of Fort York
- 2014 Close the Housing Gap Rally Report
- 2011 Newport News Transportation Hub Feasibility and Amenity Analysis Study



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Employment History

- 2015-2017
Special Assistant: Parks and Public Space,
Office of Councilor Joe Cressy
- 2015-2016
Research Assistant: Adaptive Reuse and
Museum Planning, Ryerson City Building
Institute
- 2014-2015
Research Associate, City of Toronto: Affordable
Housing Office
- 2014-2015
Planning and Development Intern, Cityzen
Development Group
- 2010, 2011
Transportation Planning Intern, City of
Newport News VA: Planning Department

Qualifications

- 2016, Masters of Planning, Ryerson University
- 2012, Bachelor of Arts, Urban Planning
Specialization, Concordia University

Awards

- Pound & Stewart Graduate Planning Award for
Exceptional Work in Environmental Planning

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