



Chris Markides MCIP, LPP Urban Planner

As a Senior Planner at ZZap Consulting Inc. Chris Markides brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise gained through his post-secondary and six year of professional planning experience, including a comprehensive understanding of municipal and provincial planning frameworks.

Chris excels at providing Municipal Staff, Committees and Councils with informative materials and presentations that are easy to understand and interpret. Chris has drafted and reviewed Municipal planning regulations for communities across Atlantic Canada. Although focused in Nova Scotia, this cross section of experience has exposed Chris to many different planning regimes and enables him to bring new and innovative ideas and approaches to each policy document. Chris also has significant experience in delivering community and stakeholder engagement plans. Through project experience, he has developed valuable facilitation skills that have enabled him to build trust and deliver meaningful and informative engagement. He is passionate about interacting and building consensus through a collaborative approach that involves all stakeholders, resulting in projects embraced by the communities they serve.

EDUCATION

Master of Planning, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS 2018
Bachelor of Arts, Geography, specialization in Sustainability, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC 2014

Professional Associations

Full Member, Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP)
Licensed Professional Planners Association of Nova Scotia (LPP)

CAREER

2021-Present Senior Planner - ZZap Consulting Inc.
2019-2021 Urban Planner - ZZap Consulting Inc.
2018-2019 Operations Manager – Spring Garden Area Business Association
2017-2018 Planner – Upland Planning & Design



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SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

NSUARB EXPERT WITNESS

BRISON DEVELOPMENTS V. TOWN OF KENTVILLE 2023 NSUARB (ONGOING)

Expert Witness for Brison Developments. Certified by the NSUARB for land use planning matters.

ARMCO V. HRM 2021 NSUARB 147 M10141

Expert Witness for Armco Capital Inc. Certified by the NSUARB for land use planning matters.

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

210/214 WILLETT STREET, HALIFAX, NS (2019-2021)

Project Planner responsible for managing a plan amendment and rezoning application for the construction of a commercial / residential mixed-use development located in Clayton Park, Halifax. Client: Hazelview Investments

1029 SOUTH PARK HERITAGE ADAPTIVE REUSE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, HALIFAX, NS (2020-PRESENT)

Project Planner responsible for coordinating a Development Agreement (DA) application for the adaptive re-use and development of a 17-unit residential apartment building on South Park Street in Downtown Halifax. The design intent was to seamlessly integrate the new building with surrounding historic buildings, including the existing registered heritage property, through appropriate massing and building materials. Duties included planning due diligence, concept plan development, submitting planning application, attending public meetings, and negotiating terms of the approval with the local Planning Department. Client: North Point Properties

THE WAVERLY INN, HALIFAX, NS (2018-2024)

Currently in the Planning approval process, this contemporary addition to a well-known historic landmark on Barrington Street in Halifax will preserve the inn for the next 100 years. The scope of the project will restore the original c. 1865 Italianate dwelling to its original splendor and provide new hospitality suites in a 100-room contemporary addition. Managed rezoning and site plan approval process for the client. Client: Grafton Developments

TRURO MALL REDEVELOPMENT, TRURO, NS (2020)

Project Planner for development approval for a mixed-use community adjacent to the existing Truro Mall. The design intent was to create a new neighbourhood (183 units) to support the commercial and retail uses in the existing mall. This was the first mall redevelopment of its kind in Nova Scotia.

COMMUNITY MASTER PLANNING

WICKWIRE STATION, EAST HANTS, NS (2019-2020)

Project Planner responsible for facilitating community consultations, concept plan development, and coordinating planning approval processes (rezoning and development agreement) for a 500-acre property within East Hants Urban Core. Client: Armco Developments

COGSWELL DISTRICT REDESIGN (2019-2020)

Project Planner for the design process for demolition and removal of 1960's highway interchange and redevelopment of full urban community. Integrated Rick Hansen Accessibility Criteria into the master plan to meet the client's goal of meeting Rick Hansen Gold Standard accessibility. Client: Halifax Regional Municipality

BATES LANDS MASTER PLAN (2022-PRESENT)

Project Planner responsible for facilitating community consultations, concept plan development, plan policy implementation (Municipal Plan amendment and rezoning), and coordinating planning approval processes for a 175-acre property within the Colchester County/Bible Hill District. Client: Five Corners Properties



UPPER KING STREET MASTER PLAN (2020-2023)

Project Manager and Senior Planner responsible for concept planning and land use policy development to facilitate the redevelopment of Town of Lunenburg owned properties abutting the back harbour of Lunenburg. Client: Town of Lunenburg

PARKS PLANNING

MARSH CREEK MASTER PLAN, SAINT JOHN, NB (2018)

Project Planner for the development of a master plan and detailed site design for Marsh Creek Park. At the request of the client, the plan incorporated elements of passive recreation and emphasized active transportation linkages with the rest of Saint John.

ROOSEVELT CAMPOBELLO INTERNATIONAL PARK REVITALIZATION PLAN (2017-2018)

Project Planner for Upland Planning and Design on the design process of the revitalization of the natural area of the Roosevelt Campobello International Park. The objective of this project was to improve the existing trail network and design a new cycling trail facility around the island.

WAYFINDING PLANNING

WAYFINDING STRATEGY, SPECIAL OLYMPICS, VANCOUVER, BC (2013-2014)

Transportation Analyst responsible for developing a wayfinding strategy for the 2014 Special Olympics. Created clear directional signage, event signage designs, and wayfinding maps that were easily understood by all ages and abilities to ensure easy transition between events and to/from accommodations for events and spectators. Client: Special Olympics Canada

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SPRING GARDEN ROAD STREETSCAPING ENGAGEMENT, HALIFAX, NS (2018)

Project Planner responsible for facilitating community consultations, developing an online engagement platform and survey questions, and engaging and liaising with businesses affected by the project. Through consultation with the public and stakeholders, worked with the integrated design team to develop concepts for a pedestrian focused streetscape. Client: Halifax Regional Municipality.

HALIFAX COMMON MASTER PLAN, HALIFAX, NS (2017-2018)

Project Planner responsible for facilitating community consultations, concept plan development, and policy drafting for a 225-acre public open space in the heart of Downtown Halifax. Through consultation with the public and stakeholders, worked with the integrated design team to develop concepts for a redesign of a regional park. Client: Halifax Regional Municipality.

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (2019-2020)

Project Planner responsible for facilitating community consultations, concept plan development, and policy drafting for the Town of Bridgewater. Through consultation with the public and stakeholders, and a rigorous and immersive engagement strategy Chris worked with the integrated design team to develop concepts for the redesign and development of Bridgewater's Active Transportation network. Client: Halifax Regional Municipality.

YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

7+

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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