



Dryden is a vibrant, outdoor-oriented community nestled on the shores of Wabigoon Lake and Thunder Lake in northwestern Ontario. With a population of 7,400 and a strong culture of civic pride, Dryden offers a unique balance of lifestyle, impact, and professional challenge. To support its strategic growth and community priorities, the City is seeking an engaged and forward-thinking municipal professional to serve as its next:

Planner

Reporting to the Manager of Building and Planning (Chief Building Official), the Planner plays a pivotal role in shaping Dryden's future. This position is responsible for the review, development, and implementation of land use and community improvement plans, programs, and services. The Planner oversees all matters related to the use and development of land within the City, including private development proposals and strategic municipal initiatives, while ensuring full compliance with provincial and municipal legislation, policies, and regulations.

As Planner, you will collaborate directly with senior leadership, Council, committees, developers, residents, Indigenous governments, and community partners. You will provide clear, timely planning advice and guide development applications that align with Dryden's Official Plan, Zoning By-law, and community improvement priorities. Success in this role will be defined by your ability to apply planning expertise, foster collaboration, and contribute strategically to housing diversification, downtown revitalization, environmental stewardship, and regional growth.

The Role:

- Review and process planning applications including zoning amendments, Official Plan amendments, plans of subdivision, site plans, consents, and minor variances.
- Prepare reports, recommendations, and presentations for Council, committees, and the public.
- Support downtown and community improvement initiatives, housing supply expansion, and economic diversification projects.
- Provide professional planning guidance to developers, residents, and community partners.
- Liaise with Indigenous governments, provincial agencies, and regional partners on cross-boundary planning matters.
- Serve as staff resource to the Committee of Adjustment and the Land Sale & Development Committee.

What You Bring:

- A university degree in planning or a related discipline.
- Registered Professional Planner (RPP) designation with OPPI, or working toward it.
- Minimum 2 years of planning experience, ideally in a municipal environment.
- Strong technical knowledge of land use planning legislation, zoning, and municipal processes.

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to explain planning concepts to diverse audiences.
- Analytical and creative problem-solving skills, sound professional judgment, and attention to detail.
- A collaborative and approachable style, with adaptability, initiative, and accountability essential to thriving in a small but busy department.
- A valid G driver's licence.

Why Dryden?

Dryden is more than a place to work; it is a place to live well. You will enjoy a high quality of life, four-season recreation, and a welcoming community, all while making a direct contribution to Dryden's growth and prosperity. Here, planning decisions have an immediate and visible impact, and you will be part of a small, collaborative municipal team where initiative and dependability are valued. Dryden's natural setting on Wabigoon Lake, its active recreation culture, and its role as a regional hub make this a uniquely rewarding professional and personal opportunity.

Compensation:

Salary range: \$84,676.80 – \$99,278.40 annually, based on qualifications and experience.

The City of Dryden offers a comprehensive benefit (OMERS Pension | 100% Employer-Paid Benefits | Relocation Support Available).

To Apply:

Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and the position will remain open until filled. Early submissions are encouraged. Questions and applications referencing **HR-BP-2025-53** can be sent to: recruitment@dryden.ca

Personal Information is collected pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, and will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility for employment. Questions with respect to the collection of personal information should be addressed to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator, City of Dryden, 30 Van Horne Avenue, Dryden, ON P8N 2A7 or via telephone contact at (807) 223-1432.

The City of Dryden is committed to creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, or age. Accommodations of persons with disabilities are available for all parts of the recruitment and selection process. Applicants need to make their required accommodations known.