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Environmental Planner

George McKibbon formed McKibbon Wakefield Inc. in 1996. Previously he was Senior Consultant: Land Use Planning with Ecologistics Limited (1987 to 1996), planner and senior planner with the Niagara Escarpment Commission (1978 to 1987) and Conservation Planner with the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority (1974 to 1978). During Mr. McKibbon's service with the Niagara Escarpment Commission, he helped draft the Niagara Escarpment Plan which was subsequently approved in 1985. His evidence at the Proposed Plan Hearings was the environmental analysis used by the Commission to draft the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

McKibbon Wakefield Inc. provides environmental planning services. *Our mission is to help organizations and individuals conduct planning processes and studies to meet a variety of regulatory and policy requirements and to plan for sustainable development.* We implement this mission by providing tailored services to meet design and approval requirements and work with respected and qualified collaborators in teams that include the scientific, technical and design professions. I am committed to developing healthy communities that address the challenges we face in adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change.

Present and former clients include corporations (e.g., Hanson Brick, Archer Daniels Midland, and Maple Leaf Foods), First Nations (e.g., Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, Windigo First Nations Council, and Bearskin Lake First Nation), and government ministries, agencies and municipalities (e.g., Environment Canada, Ministry of Natural Resources, and City of Hamilton).

George has over 35 years of planning experience and is a graduate of the University of Guelph (M.Sc., Rural Planning and Development) and York University (Masters in Environmental Studies). He is a Registered Professional Planner in Ontario, a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners in the United States and a Charter Member of the American Planning Association. He is the Director of Policy of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (2007 to present) and was the Canadian Representative on the Upstate New York Chapter Board of the American Planning Association (2003 to 2008).

- EDUCATION**
- M.Sc, Rural Planning and Development, 1985; University of Guelph
 - Certificate Course: Urban Systems Innovations, 1977; MIT
 - Masters in Environmental Studies, 1974; York University
 - Honours B. A. (Geography), 1971; Brock University

- MEMBERSHIPS**
- Canadian Institute of Planners
 - Ontario Professional Planners Institute
 - American Institute of Certified Planners
 - Charter Member, American Planning Association

EMPLOYMENT

October 1, 1996 to Present **McKibbon Wakefield Inc. – Environmental Planner and Principal
Hamilton and Burlington, Ontario**

McKibbon Wakefield Inc. designs and implements environmental studies in support of land use planning activities. Our office is situated in Burlington in premises also occupied by Planners, Ken Dakin and Donald May and G. O'Connor Consultants Inc., Landscape Architects.

1987 to 1996 **Senior Consultant – Land Use Planning
Ecologistics Limited, Hamilton, Ontario**

Mr. McKibbon was responsible for land use and environmental planning projects in Canada and the United States, a shareholder and Secretary of the Board of Directors (1994-1996).

1978 to 1987 **Planner and Senior Planner, Niagara Escarpment Commission
Georgetown, Ontario**

Mr. McKibbon helped draft the Niagara Escarpment Plan which was approved in 1985. He also reviewed and made recommendations to the Commission on environmental assessments, park master plans and municipal planning documents.

1974 to 1978 **Conservation Planner, Hamilton Region Conservation Authority
Ancaster, Ontario**

Mr. McKibbon reviewed municipal plans and planning applications, helped prepare park master plans, water management studies, and environmentally sensitive area studies, and administered the “fill and construction” regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Examples of the projects in which Mr. McKibbon has been, or is involved in include:

Industrial Land Use

- Mr. McKibbon is providing planning advice to a group of professionals employed by Hanson Brick Ltd. in the permitting of the Tansley Quarry (shale) on Halton Region under the Aggregate Resources and Planning Acts. This assignment has involved site selection, preparation of a planning report, co-ordination of the various technical reports and documentation filing, applications, responding to Halton Region's JART review comments and presentation to various Council and Council committees. The work commenced in 2000 and final approvals under the Parkway Belt Plan and legislation and amendments to the Region of Halton and City of Burlington's Official Plans and the City of Burlington Zoning By-law were secured in June 2007 without appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.
- Mr. McKibbon is providing advice together with air and noise engineers to Hanson Brick Ltd. and Dufferin Custom Concrete on planning for the Alton Neighbourhood in the City of Burlington. Hanson operates two brick plants and Dufferin operates a concrete batch plant on existing industrial sites within the neighbourhood. At issue is the development of surrounding lands with uses compatible with heavy industrial operations and application to Ministry of the Environment's Land Use Compatibility Guidelines. In part, the effort is to preserve Hanson's ability to build a new brick manufacturing plant on the property. The work commenced in 2002 and Parkway Belt West Plan, Region of Halton and City of Burlington Official Plan Amendments and City of Burlington Zoning Bylaw Amendment were approved in the summer of 2007 by the respective planning authorities without referral to the Ontario Municipal Board.
- Mr. McKibbon is providing advice to General Performance Chemical on land use compatibility (noise, dust, and odour) on their appeal of a planning application to build a food supermarket next to the chemical plant in Thorold. The work commenced 1998 with the review of a zoning bylaw amendment which added a limited range of commercial uses on adjoining lands and was re-activated in 2005 with the supermarket applications.
- Mr. McKibbon provides advice to Archer Daniels Midland on land use development plans for lands adjacent to three plants in Georgetown, Midland and Maidstone. The advice addresses land use compatibility of the surrounding uses (existing and planned) with these industrial plants and application of the Ministry of the Environments Land Use Compatibility Guidelines. The work commenced in 2002 and continues to the present.

Design

- Mr. McKibbon participated in a design team lead by G. O'Connor Consultants Inc., Landscape Architects, in the drafting of the Hamilton Recreational Trails Master Plan, 2006. The Master Plan provides a comprehensive plan and design for the development of a multi-use, off-road recreational trail system which incorporates measures to address emerging health concerns such as obesity and lifestyle issues as well as providing alternative

transportation modes to the automobile in support of municipal transportation and land use planning objectives.

- Mr. McKibbon participated in a design team lead by G. O'Connor Consultants Inc., Landscape Architects, in the preparation of a report entitled "Waterfalls and Cascades of Hamilton, Phase 2 – Upgrades and Enhancements" (2006). The study focuses on those Niagara Escarpment Waterfalls in the City of Hamilton for the purposes of interpretive, recreational and tourism development. The work began in 2005 and was completed in 2006.
- Mr. McKibbon participated in an engineering and planning team intended to develop a major new pork processing plant in the City of Hamilton for Maple Leaf Foods in 2005. Beginning with a "green field" site, he worked with scientists and engineers to develop a site plan, zoning and severances application to meet biological, engineering and servicing requirements of the City and Province of Ontario. Unfortunately, the projects did not proceed, in part because of community response.

Environmental Assessments

- In September, 1991, Mr. McKibbon gave evidence on behalf of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation and Windigo First Nations Council on the effects of the Ministry of Natural Resource's Class Environmental Assessment for Timber Management on these First Nations. In advance of the hearing, Mr. McKibbon assisted in the negotiation of an agreement between the First Nations and the Ministry and the Ontario Forest Industries Association on a separate First Nation planning procedure for forest management.

His evidence consisted of the agreement, its explanation and a short history of its development. The Environmental Assessment Board adopted the agreement in its decisions in 1994. After the hearing, he helped incorporate the agreement's provision into the Forest Management Planning Manual, approved as a regulation under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.

In addition, he helped community elders prepare to give evidence for the hearing at the September hearing. This included the preparation of brochures and a video for community use in English and Ojibwa.

- Mr. McKibbon reviewed Ontario Hydro's Proposed Transmission Plan for Southwestern Ontario Environmental Assessment and presented evidence and the Niagara Escarpment Commission's position to the Joint Board in 1983. Two of the three alternative transmission systems proposed crossings of the Niagara Escarpment. His evidence addressed Escarpment related concerns and the assessment of environmental impacts and was accepted by the Consolidated Board in its decision.
- Mr. McKibbon reviewed the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth's East-West and North-South Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment and provided evidence and the Niagara Escarpment Commission's position to the Joint Board in 1984 and 1985. The North-South component involved construction of a transportation corridor through the Red Hill Creek. His evidence addressed Escarpment related environmental concerns and development of

public lands unaffected by the Freeway for park purposes and incorporation of runoff and erosion study results.

- Mr. McKibbon reviewed Ontario Hydro's Plan Stage Environmental Assessment for Southwestern Ontario. The Plan proposed a number of bulk transmission line alternatives designed to get power out of the Bruce Nuclear Generation Plant. His evidence on behalf of the Niagara Escarpment Commission addressed environmental effects, the Commission's position and the amendment of the proponent's study area and was accepted by the Consolidated Board in its decision in 1985 (reported in Vol. 1, C.E.L.R. (N.S.) 261).

Waste Management Projects

- Mr. McKibbon was retained by the City of Quinte to provide advice on the proposed Fibre Environmental and Ecology Limited applications to re-open and remediate the former Quinte Sanitation Landfill Site. Mr. McKibbon provided environmental and land use planning advice on this proposal to the Environmental Assessment Board during the first phase of the hearing. Subsequently the applicant withdrew its application and the City of Quinte received an award for costs against the Ministry of the Environment and the applicant in 1999 (reported in Vol. 31, C.E.L.R. (N.S.) 61).
- Mr. McKibbon provided advice to a landowner whose farm is located adjacent to the Taro East Quarry in the City of Stoney Creek. Taro Aggregated Ltd. received Environmental Assessment and Environmental Protection Act approval in July and September, 1996 for their East Quarry Landfill. Provisions were included within the conditions of approval and agreements with the host municipalities and others on matters such as a property value protection, complaints reporting and mitigation procedures and the preparation of secondary plan for uses surrounding the East Quarry. The client's property is affected by many of these provisions. Beginning in 1997, Mr. McKibbon's advice included ways in which the farmer might address his concerns within this context and the subsequent bankruptcy of Philips Environmental. This planning assessment was used with other reports to establish a settlement whereby Taro purchased the farm in 2003.
- Mr. McKibbon was retained in 1994 by the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth and the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority to join a team of consultants and review Steetley Quarry Products Inc.'s undertaking to establish a waste disposal site in the South Quarry, Town of Flamborough. Mr. McKibbon reviewed the public participation and social impact assessments undertaken as part of Steetley's Environmental Assessment and advise the clients legal team (reported in Vol.16, C.E.L.R. (N.S.) 161).
- Mr. McKibbon prepared the land use component of Laidlaw Environmental Service's Environmental Assessment, Proposed Rotary Kiln Project, in Moore Township in 1990 and 1991. The work involved detailing existing conditions and impact predictions arising from the assessment of the undertaking. Upon completion and review of the Assessment, Laidlaw decided not to proceed with the project due to changes in market demand.

Land Use and Environmental Planning

- Mr. McKibbon was a member of a study team which prepared the Background Report: Meadowlands Neighbourhoods 3, 4 and 5, Class Environmental Assessment Master Plan. He assisted in the preparation of environmental background studies and organized and edited the work of study team members as well as wrote the introduction and co-authored the concluding chapter of this report for three developing neighbourhoods within the former Town of Ancaster as a basis for the preparation of secondary plans for the three neighbourhoods. The Town approved the Master Plan in 2000.
- As a member of a multi-disciplinary study team, Mr. McKibbon participated in the preparation of background rural land use and environmental background reports and mapping which were used to draft the rural land use and environmental land use policies of the Grey County Official Plan. This plan was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on March 5, 1998 and received final approval by the Ontario Municipal Board on August 16, 1999.
- Mr. McKibbon designed and implemented the environmental studies needed to support Jannock Properties application for a business development park in Burlington at the intersection of King Road and North Service Road. His reports addressed the biological and physical character of the site and provided the environmental footprint necessary to plan for site development and the implementing approvals. The business park is situated within the Parkway Belt West Plan and was approved in 1995.
- Mr. McKibbon helped the Friends of the Altona Forest review the provisions of a Town of Pickering Official Plan Amendment and a Bramalea plan of subdivision to address preservation of the forest and negotiation of an agreement to address the management of the transition between developed lands and the Altona old growth forest. This included designing the terms of reference for required studies and review and comment on the work when it was complete. Mr. McKibbon's evidence to the Board consisted of a review of the boundary selection for the old growth forest preserve and technical comment on the appropriateness of the subdivision design.

Negotiations and Hearings

- Mr. McKibbon gave evidence on the Niagara Escarpment Commission's proposed Five Year Review to the Niagara Escarpment Plan in 1993 for the Niagara Escarpment Landowners Coalition. The evidence included factual and opinion evidence on the Commission's evaluations and recommendations and he was on the stand for four days. Many of his recommendations were accepted by the Hearing Officers in their Hearing Report handed down in March 1993.

Mr. McKibbon was also involved in the production of a video for the Landowners Coalition. He provided a short discussion of the Escarpment environment. The video set out the Coalition's concerns and was shown up and down the full length of the Escarpment on community television stations.

- In July 1994, Mr. McKibbon provided evidence on the Township of Oro's proposed Official Plan Amendment 28 and the Buffalo Springs plan of subdivision before the Ontario

Municipal Board. The work included assembly of a team of technical experts; identification of issues; negotiation of issues and providing assistance to the solicitor for the Jarratt Coulson Landowners Group. Some of the Group's traffic and safety concerns were addressed through negotiations and the subdivision plan was approved after substantial revision in a process whereby the Board took an active hand in mediating the competing perspectives.

First Nation Services

- Mr. McKibbon acted as Project Advisor (from 2004 to the present) for the Bearskin Lake First Nation Resource Planning which produced its report entitled "Reconnecting: A Land and Resource Strategy" for Bearskin Lake First Nation. The report included surveys of alternate energy, tourism, fisheries, forestry and environmental issues together with mineral and hydro-electric surveys done earlier, public consultation, capacity building including G.I.S. training and mapping, and preparation of a land and resources strategy for the Band's traditional lands and waters.
- Mr. McKibbon helped Windigo First Nations Council review the Placer Dome Canada Limited's environmental approval applications for the Musselwhite Mine located north of Sioux Lookout. The proposed mine potentially affected two Windigo communities and each sought safeguards to ensure their environmental concerns were properly addressed by the Placer Dome and the federal and provincial approval authorities. Beginning in 1988, the project concluded in the mid 90's.

The work also involved assembling and drafting a submission on First Nation socio-economic concerns for Placer Dome's Canadian Environmental Assessment Act submission. Placer Domes' environmental assessment was approved by the Minister in the fall of 1995. This assessment was the first private undertaking to be approved under the new federal legislation.

The work also involved preparation of estimates of the loss of traditional uses resulting from the mine for the purposes of negotiating a compensation agreement. He also helped prepare and negotiate draft agreements on a joint Provincial/First Nation Planning Board to address traditional and resource uses and preparation and negotiation of a draft agreement on resource development signed by the Federal and Provincial governments, the Joint Venture Partners, Windigo and Shibogama Tribal Councils and the affected First Nations. Mr. McKibbon also lead a technical review of Placer Dome, technical studies prepared in support of its various applications.

- Mr. McKibbon helped prepare reports and work with Foresters for the Brunswick House Band land claim and participated in the discussion leading to an agreement between the Province, Canada and the Band on the claims settlement. The claim arose as a result of the sale of the Band's reserve in 1926 and the failure of the parties to secure a replacement reserve until 1947. Forestry losses were a significant component of the claim.

Following the settlement, Mr. McKibbon helped the Band and the Band's legal counsel organize the ratification vote. The vote was taken in the spring of 1995 on the first ballot and the claim was signed shortly thereafter by the Band, Ontario and Canada.

- In 1993, Mr. McKibbon provided a technical assessment of TransCanada Pipelines Limited's Nipigon River pipeline crossing's environmental assessment to the Rocky Bay Band. The Band was concerned the crossing would affect their downstream community water supply and the River's fishery. Mr. McKibbon helped the Band negotiate a settlement which included First Nation environmental monitors on the construction site and a program for water quality monitoring and management.

Special Studies

- In 2002, Mr. McKibbon was Executive Director of Action 2020 for six months, during which he completed a report summarizing the activities of the organization together with citizen working groups in the implementation of Hamilton's Vision 2020. The report is entitled "Seeing 2020, Final Report: Implementing Vision 2020" and it provides programs reports to that date. Unfortunately, the organization was ended in September 2002.
- Mr. McKibbon prepared a report entitled "Allocation, Disposition and Pricing Policies for Commercial Resource Industries on Crown Lands in Northern Ontario" (1998) for a study team assigned to help develop land disposition and allocation policies for tourist outfitters on Ontario Crown lands. The report compares operator certification requirements, the rights allocated (i.e. forestry, minerals, water power, mapping), responsibilities, opportunity identification, how decisions are made, approvals, costs and comparisons between resource uses.
- Mr. McKibbon prepared a report for the Hostels and Lodging Homes Unit, Social and Public Health, Service Department, City of Hamilton on the number, size and mix of residential facilities of services which need to be added to the existing emergency host system to service City of Hamilton's homeless population. The report is entitled "Emergency Shelter Gaps Analysis", 2001.
- Together with Arborvitae Environmental Services Ltd., Mr. McKibbon prepared a report entitled "Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Forestry Strategic Approach" (1997). The report provides advice to guide the development and involvement for First Nation in forestry on their traditional lands.

Awards

- Mr. McKibbon received an American Planning Association recognition award for serving as New York State Chapter Canadian Officer between the years of 2003 and 2008 on the New York State Chapter Board at the Upstate Conference in October 2008.
- Mr. McKibbon received an *OPPI Member Service Award* at the Institute's Conference in October 2007 for his contributions to the Policy Committee, helping draft "*Healthy*

Communities, Sustainable Communities” and serving as Canadian representative on the Upstate New York Chapter of the American Planning Association.

- Mr. McKibbon participated in a design team lead by G. O’Connor Consultants Inc., Landscape Architects, which produced the *Hamilton Recreational Trails Master Plan, 2006*. The Master Plan received a C.S.L.A. and A.A.P.C. Regional Merit Award in March 2007. He provided planning advice on the development of a multi-use, off-road recreational trail system which incorporates measures to address emerging health concerns such as obesity and lifestyle issues as well as providing alternatives to the automobile in support of municipal transportation and land use planning objectives.
- Mr. McKibbon was a planning advisor to the study team which produced the award winning report “*Visions of the Future, Land Use Development Scenarios for the Rideau Canal Shoreline*” for Environment Canada and the Canadian Park Service, Ontario Region. He provided planning and regulatory advice on the alternative development scenarios to ensure these reflected current planning practice. The report received the C.S.L.A. Citation, the C.S.L.A. Regional Honour Award and the CIP J. Wilson Award for Planning Excellence in 1993.

Publications

G. McKibbon. 2008. “*A Social Vision for Climate Change*” In Municipal World, February.

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G. McKibbon. 2006. “*Sustainable Communities and a personal reflection on 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and planning practice.*” in OPPI Member Update and News Volume 3 Issue 11, November.

G. McKibbon and members of the Natural Resources Working Group. 2006. “*First Nations and Planning*”, in OPPI Members Update & News, Volume 3, Issue 9, October.

G. McKibbon. 2006. “*The Changing Field of Ethical Enquiry: Reflections on Current Thinking.*” in the Ontario Planning Journal, Volume 21, No. 5, September/October.

G. McKibbon. 2006. “*Border Dispute: Understanding Canadian Licensing Requirements*”, in The New York State APA “The Upstate Planner”, Volume 21, Issue 3, August.

G. McKibbon and members of the Natural Resources Working Group. 2006. “*Climate Change Implications for Planners*”, in OPPI Members Update & News, Volume 5, Issue 5, May 1.

G. McKibbon and members of the Natural Resources Working Group. 2005. “*The Ministry of the Environment Land Use Compatibility Guidelines (D1 through D6)*” in OPPI Members Update & News, Volume 2, Issue 12, December 1.

R. Holt, G. McKibbon. 2000. “*Negotiating a Pit Expansion*”, in *Intervenor*, published by the Canadian Environmental Law Association, Volume 25, No. 3 and 4, July-December.

G. McKibbon. 1999. “*Term and Condition 77: Origins, Implementation and Future Prospects*”, in the Economic Renewal Forum Report on Partnership Trends: Aboriginal Business and the Forest Sector, Economic Renewal Secretariat, presented in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, December 8 and 9.

G. McKibbon. 1992. “*A Background to Resource Planning for Native Communities in Northern Ontario*”, in *Doing Business with First Nations* proceedings from the Canadian Institute Conference, April 23 and 24.

F. McKay, G. McKibbon. 1992. Presentation on “*Negotiations*” at a conference entitled “*Sharing the Land*”, convened by the Canadian Environmental Law Association, January 25 and 26.

D. Hunter, G. McKibbon, and N. Kleer. 1989. “*Rural Development: Environmental and Planning Issues*”, in *From the Barnyard to the Boardroom: Issues in Rural Practice*, proceedings from a Continuing Legal Education Workshop, Canadian Bar Association – Ontario, June 6.

G. McKibbon, C. Lewis and F. Shaw. 1987. “*Protecting the Niagara Escarpment*” in the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*, Volume 42, Number 2, March/April.

G. McKibbon. 1987. “*The Role of Land Use Change in the Management of the Niagara Escarpment*”, in *Lands Directorate, Environment Canada, Monitoring for Change: Workshop Proceedings, Land Use in Canada Series Volume 28*.

G. McKibbon. 1986. “*A Review of Class Environmental Assessment Experience in Ontario*”, a background paper prepared for the Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation. Findings reported in *Environmental Assessment in Ontario*, R. Gibson and B. Savan, Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation, December.

G. McKibbon. 1981. “*Ecosystem Stability and Biophysical Land Classification Techniques*”, Occasional paper No. 7. Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto.

Presentations

G. McKibbon. 2008. “*Built Environments for Active Living Abroad: Canada*” presentation at the American Planning Association Upstate New York Conference in Rochester, New York State. October.

G. McKibbon. 2008. “*Built Environments for Active Living Abroad: Canada*” presentation at the American Planning Association Conference in Las Vegas Nevada, April and May.

G. McKibbon. 2008. Moderated a Session entitled “*On How Bill 51 is being Implemented*” at an Insight Ontario Planning Forum: Land and Economic Development, March 31st and April 1st.

G. McKibbon, Melanie Horton, Alex Taranu and Nick Poulous. 2007. “*OPPI Moves forward with Healthy Communities Initiative: We are gaining ground in creating and fostering healthy communities*” presentation at the OPPI Lifestyles Conference in the Town of Blue Mountain, October.

G. McKibbon. 2007. Presentation on Northern and Aboriginal and Public Health and Land Use Issues at conference sponsored by the Association of Local Public Health Associations (ALPHA) in Toronto, February.

H. Evens, J. Ferguson and G. McKibbon. 2006. Presentation on Ontario’s Growth Plan at the Joint Annual Conference of the New York Upstate Chapters of the American Planning Association and the American Society of Landscape Architects and the NYS Geographic Information System Association in Auburn, New York State, September.

G. McKibbon. 2004. Presentation on natural resource policy within a larger presentation by the OPPI Policy Committee entitled “*Land Use Planning in Ontario: A Buff-and-Tone Approach or Major Surgery?*” of the OPPI, Canadian Institute Planners Conference, July.

G. McKibbon. 1999. Presentation of “*Term and Condition 77: Origins, Implementation and Future Prospects*”, at a conference on Partnership Trends: Aboriginal Business and the Forest Sector, Economic Renewal Secretariat, presented in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, December 8 and 9.

T. Waboose, G. McKibbon. 1996. Presentation to a workshop addressing mining environmental concerns at a conference entitled “*First Nations Environment Conference, Strengthening Mother Earth – the Environmental Challenge*”, London, Ontario, December 10, 11 and 12.

G. McKibbon. 1992. Presentation of “*A Background to Resource Planning for Native Communities in Northern Ontario*”, at the Doing Business with First Nations, Canadian Institute Conference, April 23 and 24.

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G. McKibbon. 1987. Presentation of the paper “*The Role of Land Use Change in the Management of the Niagara Escarpment*”, at the Lands Directorate, Environment Canada, Monitoring for Change: Workshop.

Advisor

Participant in the Heart and Stroke Foundation/Canadian Obesity Network “*Listening for Direction Workshop on Barriers and Enablers to Financing Smart Growth in Canada: Role and Opportunity for the Canadian Obesity Network*”, 2007, in Edmonton on September 25th.

Advisor on land use planning matters to Evergreen in the production of “*Keeping it Green: A Citizen’s Guide to Urban Land Protection in Canada*”, 2005.

Professional and Community Activities

- OPPI representative on the Conference Planning Steering Committee which planned the 9th and 4th Annual A. D. Latonel Conservation Symposium, “Conservation in Action: Crossing Boundaries and Connecting Communities” and “Conservation in Communities, Sustaining Ecology, Culture and Economy”, October 1997 and November 2001 in Alliston, Ontario.
- Member of Region of Hamilton-Wentworth Vision 2020 Progress Team which is evaluating the implementation of the Region’s (now City of Hamilton) Vision 2020 – The Sustainable Region” policy. The Team reported to Regional Environmental Services Committee and Regional Council in December 1998. The Progress Team report and recommendations entitled “Strategies for a Sustainable Community, was adopted by Regional Council in 1998.
- Member of the Emission’s Reduction Working Group and Upwind Downwind Conference Planning Committee of Clean Air Hamilton, June 1998 to the present. Specifically, he helped organize the 3rd, 4th and 5th Upwind Downwind Conferences held on February 2008 (Climate Change and Healthy Communities), February 2006 (Cities Air and Health) and March 2004 (a practical conference on improving air quality).
- Both Vision 2020 and HAQIC won international recognition as model municipal sustainable development efforts.
- Director of Policy of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and chair of the Policy Committee 2007 to the present. In addition he was a member of the Public Policy Committee’s Environment and Resources Working Groups, 1997 to the present. From 2002 to 2006, he was Chair of the Natural Resources Working Group. During his tenure as Chair, he participated in the preparation of Institute comments on several Provincial legislation and policy initiatives including the preservation of Oak Ridges Moraine, revisions to the Provincial Policy Statement, amendments to the Planning Act and drafts of the Greenbelt and Growth Plans and supporting legislation. From 2006 through 2007, he chaired the Sustainable Communities Working Group where he helped develop OPPI’s healthy community initiative.
- Canadian Representative, Upstate New York American Chapter Planning Association Board from 2003 to 2008. Cross appointed by the Chapter Board and O.P.P.I., Mr. McKibbon kept both organizations informed on items of mutual interest.

- Chair 2000 to 2003, Ecumenical Downtown Ministries Steering Committee (EDM). EDM represented several City of Hamilton downtown churches. It developed projects which helped fill the gaps. These include a concert by “la Chorale de l’Accueil Bonneau” (The Montreal Homeless Men’s Choir) in support of the Housing Emergency Loan Program, the Stone Mason’s “free” clothing outlet which served up to 9,000 users each year and helped organize the ongoing Social Justice Stations of the Cross Good Friday observance.