

# WeirFoulds Ranked #1 in Novae Res Urbis Top 10 Development Law Firms in GTA

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WeirFoulds is thrilled to announce that it has taken the top spot in Novae Res Urbis' (NRU) 17th annual ranking of the GTA's most prominent planning and development law firms.

Rankings reflect the relative frequency with which firms are mentioned in the Greater Toronto Area Edition of NRU for their involvement in some of the most challenging and interesting cases that came before the Ontario Municipal Board between August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015.

According to the NRU, WeirFoulds took the top spot due to the huge number of appeals on which the NRU reported, and the two very challenging cases the firm took on, namely the appeals against the City of Vaughan, 2010 official plan, and the appeals of the Town of Richmond Hill 2010 official plan.

Among the firm's OMB cases and decisions from the surveyed period, the article highlights

- representing Hamilton in a settlement relating to compensation for lands expropriated by Hamilton;
- representing King North Commercial opposing a settlement between the King City Corporate Centre and King Township regarding an Official Plan Amendment (OPA) for ancillary commercial uses;
- representing Parkside Hills, and Silverwood Homes in a settlement with Hamilton regarding the adoption of a Rural Hamilton OPA that would prohibit a stormwater management facility on Parkside and Silverwood lands;
- representing 1804482 Ontario in a settlement regarding an appeal against Hamilton's approval of a Zoning By-law Amendment, draft plan of subdivision and draft plan of condominium for 1804482 Ontario;
- representing Shoppers Drug Mart in an appeal to permit a mixed-use building and eight townhouses in Hamilton; and
- representing Vaughan regarding appeals to its 2010 official plan.

This ranking comes on the heels of the firm recently being voted by our peers and colleagues as the number one regional law firm in [Canadian Lawyer's 2015 Survey for the Top 10 Ontario Regional Firms](#).

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Congratulations to the WeirFoulds Municipal and Planning Law Practice Group on this achievement!



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