

Town officially hires new Chief Planner

By Rob Paul

The Town of Caledon has announced that Antonietta Minichillo has been appointed the new Director of Planning/Chief Planner for the Town of Caledon.

“Antonietta brings to the Chief Planner position a progressive work style that is centred on collaboration, strategic action and empowerment,” said CAO Carey Herd. “She thrives on bringing forward and fostering new ideas and approaches that inspire others and support an environment of commitment, innovation and passion. Antonietta's experience will be an asset to the Planning team as we continue to manage the future growth of Caledon.”

Prior to joining Caledon, Minichillo was the Director of Planning, Building and By-Law in the Town of Grimsby where she led significant transformation through the modernization of planning development application processes, conducting the Town's first ever urban design review panel, and facilitating Grimsby's first geothermal development. In a short time, Antonietta advanced numerous Council priorities across a spectrum of portfolios, including the Downtown Reimagined project, all while leading during a pandemic.

Previously, Minichillo was the Manager of Community Innovation and Resilience at the City of Brampton. She led the delivery and implementation of the Brampton 2040 Vision.

Minichillo will begin her duties as the Chief Planner for the Town of Caledon on March 7, 2022, taking over for Acting Chief Planner Ed Sajecki. She will play a significant role as Caledon prepares to finalize its Official Plan later this year.

“Her experience and knowledge of the Region of Peel will be an asset for the Town of Caledon,” the Town said in a statement.

Minichillo is a Registered Professional Planner (RPP), member of the Canadian Association of Heritage Planners (CAHP), and holds a Masters Degree in Environmental Studies (Planning).

“On behalf of Members of Council and the community, I thank Ed Sajecki for his leadership during the last year and for moving the Official Plan forward while managing increasing demands,” said Mayor Allan Thompson. “We are thrilled to welcome Antonietta to Caledon at this exciting time of growth and opportunity.”