

course, writing is more than grammar and syntax. It is the ability to organize and articulate one's thoughts coherently. Versatility is the ability to perform credibly on a variety of planning jobs. I believe these qualities in our graduates speak well of our curriculum and pedagogy. However, I feel we can do better, especially with respect to our streams. Presently, we have three streams: land use and real estate, housing and human services and environmental services. At times it feels like five streams. I believe a planner is a good generalist only when he or she also has specific and special understanding and skills in some particular planning area, a sort of Jack or Jane of all trades and a master of some. The "specializing" is good for train-

intellectual as well as socio-political processes, but I am troubled when process is taken to mean administrative procedures. We fail our graduates, and indeed society, if what they "excel" in is the minutiae of bureaucratic paper-pushing dressed up as "the planning process." As educators we have the responsibility to educate informed practitioners at six core courses provide foundation to a student to tackle most planning endeavours, the three required courses in each area of concentration are an attempt to give a student sufficient understanding of a planning stream for further skill development, the three to five elective courses offer scope for deepening or broadening a student's knowledge base and skill set, and the thesis/report prepares a student to initiate and execute independent research. The two most common descriptions of our graduates by employers and sponsors are that they can write and they are versatile. Of



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Bettina continues to work with Geomatrix Consultants. Emma (5) will be heading to Senior Kindergarten in the fall and Cameron (3) is in preschool nearby. They are living in Old Ottawa South just off Sunnyside between Bank Street and Bronson (Carleton University) and love being back in Ottawa. You may reach them by e-mail at home at harperlongino@hotmail.com or you may reach Kevin at work at kharper@ibigroup.com.

Ross Cotton ('81) recently left the Township of Seguin as Director of Planning in the Muskoka cottage area of Ontario and became Manager of Planning with the Town of

Innisfil, which is a growth area in the north portion of the Greater Golden Horseshoe of Toronto. Ross also became a grandfather last summer – congratulations!

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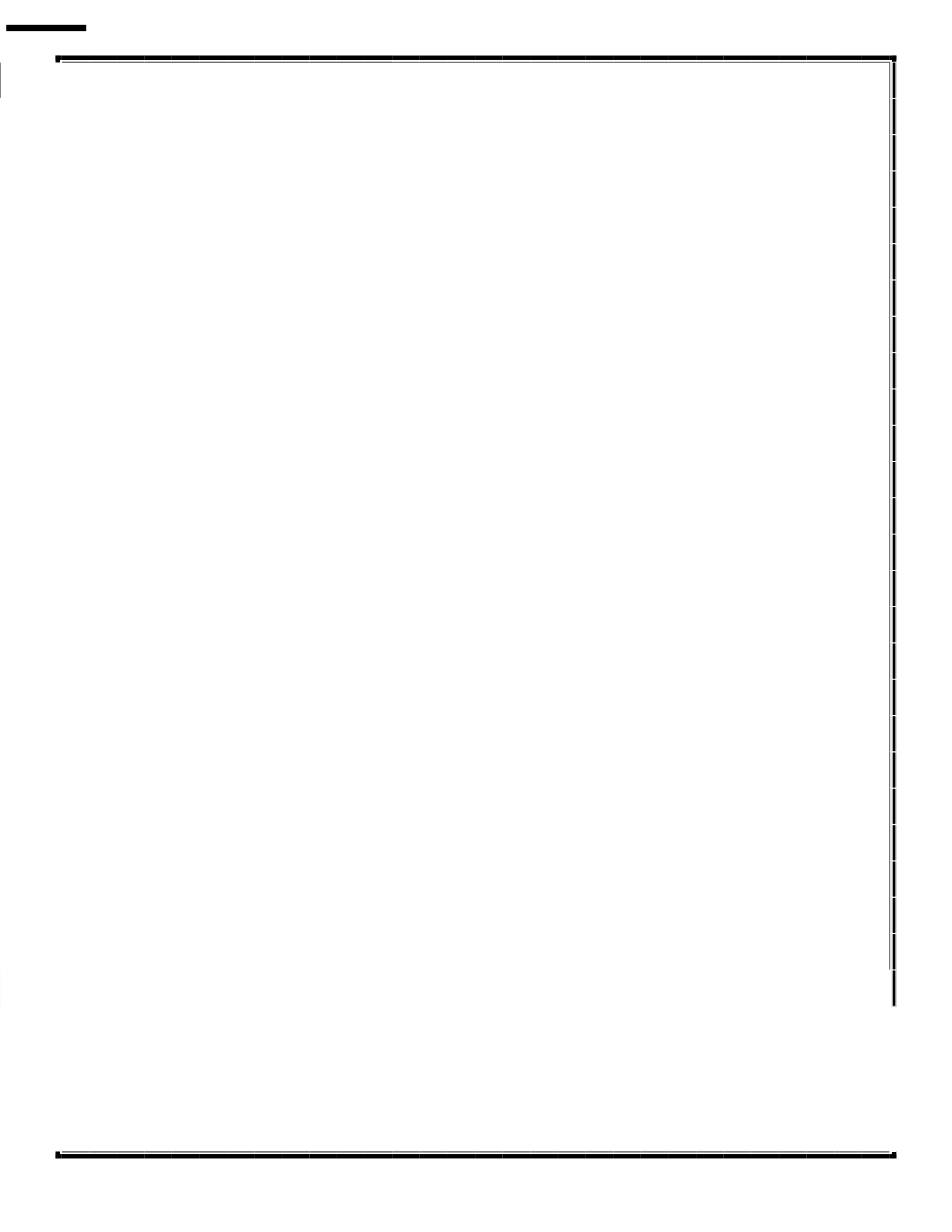
Hok-Lin Leung continued his writing and research on land and urban issues in China. In particular he did two rather unusual pieces in the *City Planning Review* journal, reflecting on his personal and intellectual journey when he studied in the U.S. and England, and was overwhelmed by the warm re-

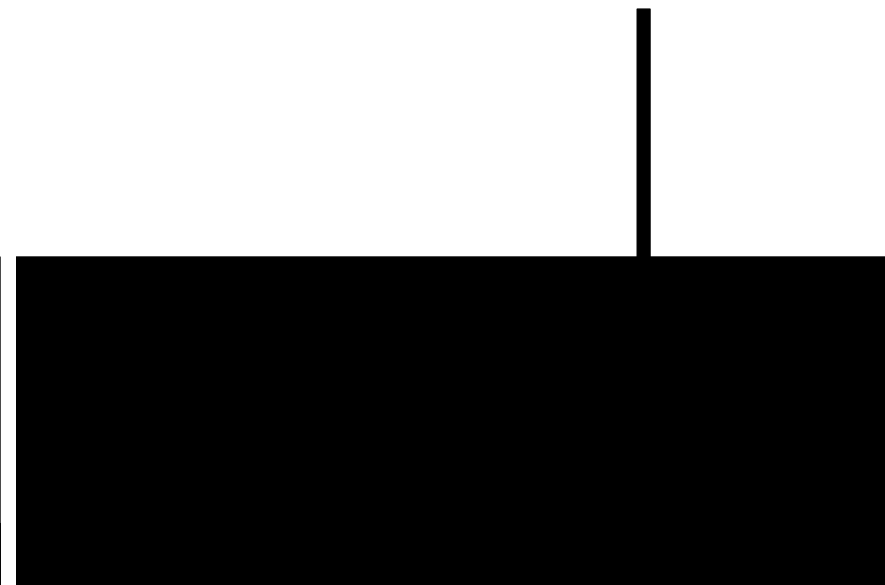
FACULTY CONGRATULATIONS

We're happy to report that **John Andrew** was awarded a two-year appointment at the School beginning July 1, 2006 .

Hok-Lin Leung was elected as a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners and was presented with a certificate naming him as a Fellow in front of a national audience of planners at this year's CIP conference in Vancouver. To quote from his award letter, "... you have made an exemplary con-

The newly-elected Fellows, Stephen Jewczyk, David Palubeski, Hok-Lin Leung and Philip Weinstein, pose with their certificates at the CIP Conference in Vancouver this summer.





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