

## **Executive Summary**

This report will attempt to elucidate the role of the Community Planning Association of Canada (CPAC) and its Quebec Division in the development of planning in Quebec. The starting point for this historical research is the work of Quebec urban planning historian André Boisvert. In his *Aménagement et Urbanisme au Québec*, he lays out the early history of the planning profession in the province of Québec. Despite the acknowledged role of the CMHC in the development of the post-war Canadian urban landscape and of the involvement of many of his



, advocating so from its inception and provided the research, directed by Harold Spence-Sales that would form the basis the later La Haye Commission.

Through these tools we can appreciate the role of the Federal government in the development and promotion of planning in Quebec has been considerable. All of these tools are now mainstays of the profession and have shaped the urban landscape of the province. This stands in stark contrast with pre-war planning efforts, which never achieved the same level of outreach in their message, both among the public and officials. This report is therefore a contribution in illuminating a part of planning history in Quebec that has been relatively untouched so far.

