

Shaila Taku, M.Planning Consultant



Shaila joined Watson in 2020 with a strong background in real estate studies, urban planning, and GIS.

This education and experience make her an asset to Watson and our clients in the areas of demographics, real estate analysis, growth management studies, and urban land needs assessment.

EDUCATION

*2020, The Raymond G. Chang School, Toronto Metropolitan University**
Certificate, Applied Digital Geography and GIS

2012, School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi
Master of Planning with specialization in Urban Planning

2010, School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi
Bachelor of Physical Planning

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Current

Consultant, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

- Supports the areas of demographics, real estate proformas, housing studies, growth management studies, supply analysis, employment land conversions, and urban land needs.

2020

Associate, Tax Consultant, H&R Block

- Conducted interviews and prepared complete, accurate tax returns for clients.
- Provided tax information and appropriate tax-saving suggestions.

* Toronto Metropolitan University was previously known as Ryerson University



EMPLOYMENT HISTORY cont'd

2013-2018

Associate, Transaction Advisory Services, Ernst and Young India

- Worked on transaction advisory assignments comprising overall project cycle including real estate market research, site selection, preparing concept plans, feasibility study and bid process management (RFQ/RFP Process).
- Prepared research reports for real estate development forums, detailing zoning and building regulations, leading practices and proposals for enhancing and incentivizing real estate investment environment.
- Coordinated and managed projects, consultants and vendors for government clients that included preparing, monitoring, and reporting timelines, consultant's work products, funds utilized for projects.
- Prepared multiple sectoral reports, investment packages and business cases for attracting investment for industrial and economic development.

2012-2013

Research Associate, SPA-HUDCO Research Collaboration – Delhi

- Worked on a research project for assessment of formal housing supply and institutional processes in the delivery of housing for low-income groups.
- Led the preparation of a research report and field activities of two out of four cities chosen as pilot case studies.
- Assessed legal and regulatory framework for development of housing; analyzed quantum of housing supplied to low-income group/economically weaker population vs. official plan guidelines.
- Examined socio-economic features of selected housing projects to assess their current status and level of success in ensuring housing supply to the low-income groups.

EXPERTISE

- Real estate analysis
- Planning/zoning analysis
- Urban land needs
- Land supply analysis
- Growth management studies
- Employment land conversions
- Municipal comprehensive reviews