Alain Miguelez was born in 1968 of Argentinean parents who emigrated to Canada's capital two years later. He grew up in Ottawa but had the good fortune of having parents who loved to travel, so during his childhood Alain got to see Argentina, Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, France, Spain, California, as well as most of Eastern Canada. During the course of those trips, inspired by his parent's urban culture, he developed a passion for cities and history, and has continued travelling and enjoying the world's beautiful cities as often as possible. He studied urban planning at the Université de Montréal and has been working as a planner almost continuously since graduating in 1994. Migulez also got to know his city through a variety of jobs including working as a tour guide on Parliament Hill, at a hardware store, as a festival security guard, at a corner store, driving tour buses, DJ'ing in bars, and writing the occasional op-ed piece for the neighbourhood newspaper. Alain currently works for the City of Ottawa and lives in Sandy Hill with his spouse, Leslie.