

# APPI

Alberta Professional Planners Institute



## About APPI

The Alberta Professional Planners Institute (APPI) is a professional regulatory organization governed under the provisions of the *Professional and Occupational Associations Registration Act* of Alberta, and is responsible for certifying members to achieve “Right to Title” and thereby legally use the Registered Professional Planner designation – RPP. APPI regulates private – and public – sector planners practicing in Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut and is a publicly accountable organization with an obligation to serve the public interest.

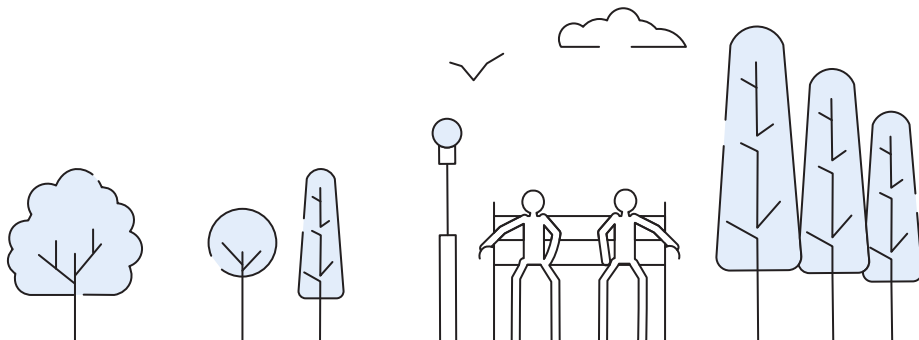
Planners link knowledge and action in ways that improve public and private development decisions which affect people, places and the environment.

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*Planning is key  
to shaping our  
communities and  
leading how we adapt  
to and manage the  
physical, economic and  
social forces that affect  
our communities.*

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**1000 APPI MEMBERS**



## Our Values

- We value **ethical practice**.
- We value **diversity**.
- We value **resilient communities** that support the wellbeing of their residents.
- We value the public interest and believe in **public participation** in planning.
- We value a **fair and democratic** planning process.
- We value **environmental integrity** and social and economic sustainability for the wellbeing of future generations.
- We value **continuous learning** of members for the benefit of communities and the profession.

## Our Vision

**Excellence in the planning profession.**

# The Role of APPI Planners

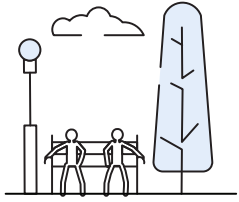
- Strike a viable balance between public and private, individual and community interests.
- Support municipalities, economic interests and citizens to envision new possibilities and consider the short- and long-term consequences of decisions facing their communities.
- Lead in the development of innovations in regulation, programs and policy.
- Anticipate change to help communities synthesize and meet the challenges of growth and development.
- Design communities that create better options for where and how people live and work.



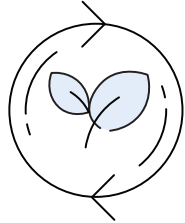
## Our Mission

*We are the face of the planning profession within Alberta, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. We serve the public interest by providing regulation, advocacy, promotion and services for our members.*

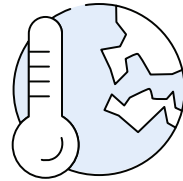
# What Planners Do



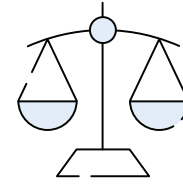
**PUBLIC REALM  
AND OPEN SPACE  
DESIGN**



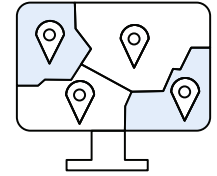
**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY  
TOURISM AND RESOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT**



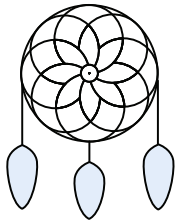
**CLIMATE CHANGE  
ADAPTATION AND  
MITIGATION**



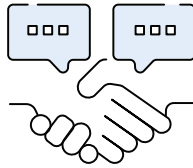
**ZONING BYLAWS**



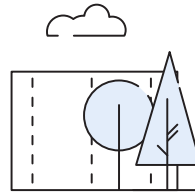
**GIS SPATIAL  
MODELING**



**INDIGENOUS  
COMMUNITY  
PLANNING**



**PUBLIC AND  
STAKEHOLDER  
ENGAGEMENT**



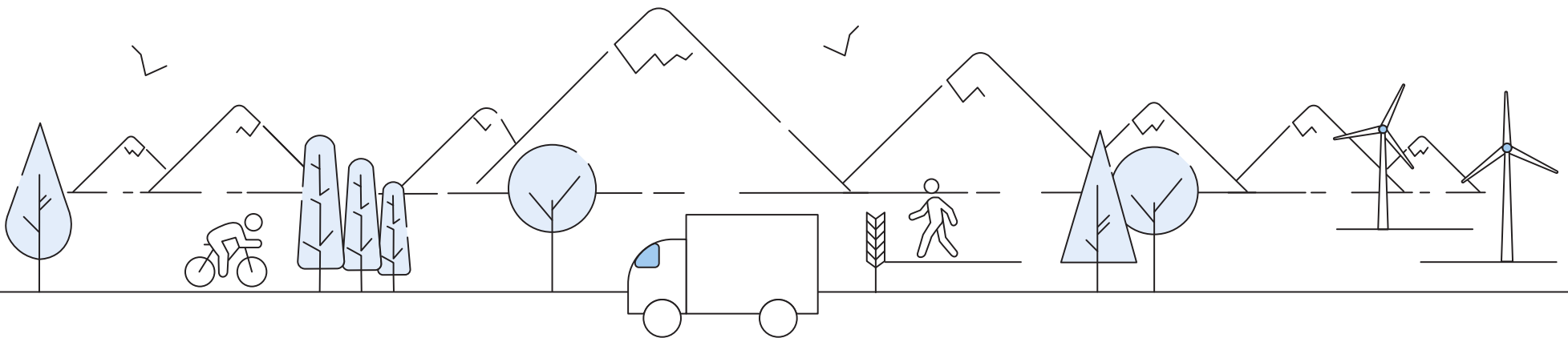
**LAND-USE POLICY, REGIONAL  
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT**



**LEGISLATION  
AND REGULATION**



**TRANSPORTATION AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING**



## Becoming a Member

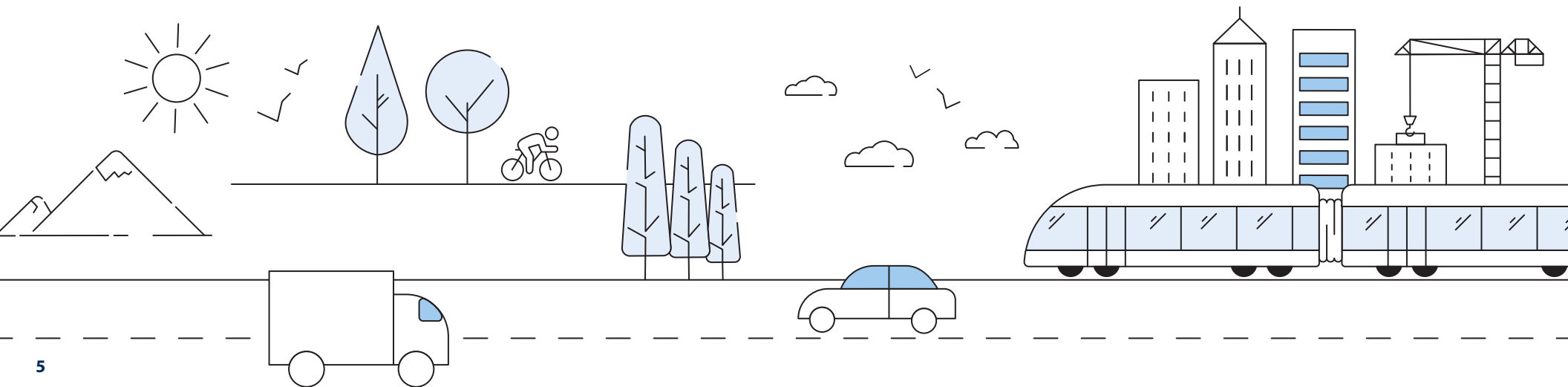
The first step to becoming a Candidate Member of your Provincial or Territorial Institute or Association (PTIA) is applying to the Professional Standards Board (PSB). The Professional Standards Board is a national body that reviews applications for membership, and administers the certification standard. Assessment applications for Candidate membership are to be submitted directly to the PSB. Once the PSB has assessed the applicant as eligible to proceed to Candidate membership, the PSB will advise APPI and your Candidate membership will be vetted through the APPI Registration Committee. APPI will advise you of your official Candidate membership acceptance and issue a separate invoice for the current year member dues.

### Professional Designations and the Use of RPP

APPI's RPP members have rights and responsibilities defined in both the Alberta Professional Planner Regulation and APPI's bylaws. Within the APPI jurisdiction, the Institute has the exclusive authority to grant the RPP professional designation and protected title to those members who have completed the certification process and relevant standards for ethical and professional competency.

## APPI History

While APPI came into effect in 2010, it is based on a rich history. It's evolution which reflects the development of planning in Alberta and Canada began with the initial interest expressed by civic societies, business and municipal representatives in the early 1900s "for improving their cities as places in which to do business and to live." This interest gave rise from the 1900s to the 1950s to various pieces of provincial legislation addressing municipal design and development. In 1955 an informal association, the North West Group of TPIC (Town Planning Institute of Canada) was formed. This was followed in November 1956 by the formal organization of the Edmonton Branch, Town Planning Institute of Canada. As the demands for effective planning grew throughout Alberta so did the need to further refine the planners' organization. This led to the establishment of Alberta Association of the Town Planning Institute of Canada April 1960 and implementation of a code of professional conduct. Since the 1960s the Alberta Association has grown in membership, geographic extent and complexity. Mirroring this growth has been the name changes of the Association; Alberta Association, Canadian Institute of Planners (AACIP) in 1976 and Alberta Professional Planners Institute (APPI) in 2010. Throughout this evolution, the organization's purpose has remained the same: promoting excellence in planners and planning throughout Alberta. (Sources: E. Backstrom RPP; J. David Hulchanski)



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