

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCILLOR**

**Debra Hamilton, RPP, MCIP**

Nominee's Name

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**Academic and professional background**

Master of Environmental Design (Planning), University of Calgary  
Bachelor of Arts (Geography), University of Windsor

I have worked in several municipal governments in both the United States and Canada as a planner before starting at The City of Calgary 25 years ago. I am currently the General Manager of Planning & Development Services. I lead a departmental team of over 1000 professionals that imagine and plan our city in the portfolios of Climate & Environment, Downtown Strategy, City & Regional Planning, Community Planning and Development, Business & Building Services.

**Involvement in professional organizations**

I am a Registered Professional Planner and have been a member of APPI in good standing for many years. I have attended APPI annual conferences and supported candidate members through mentorship and logbooks. As a champion for the profession, I encourage my staff to attend and present at APPI conferences and events. I support staff in pursuing their professional designation and volunteering for APPI.

It is now time for me to give back to our professional organization in a greater capacity and am pleased to put my name forward for APPI Council.

**Election Platform**

In times of rapid growth, uncertainty, and low trust in institutions, it is crucial to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for professional planners. To navigate these challenges, my platform is built on three key pillars:

**Enhancing the Profession, Relationships, and Trust:** Committed to the three pillars of APPI's Strategic Plan 2025-2029, I emphasize building trust through relationships. I propose creating positive spaces for our members to engage and collaborate on key issues, driving meaningful progress together.

**Supporting Our Members on Key Issues:** Education and knowledge are vital for addressing issues such as housing, affordability, equity, technology, and climate. I will promote educational sessions and collaborative efforts with industry to identify innovative solutions.

**Preparing the Next Generation:** Elevating the profession for long-term success is at the core of our mission. This involves providing tools and resources for resiliency in an increasingly fluid world. I will support members in hiring professional planners and work with post-secondary institutions to prepare future planners through co-op and planner-in-training positions.

Together, we can build a resilient, future-focused path for APPI and our members, meeting our communities' needs with compassion and innovation.