

## **Candidate Information Package**

President-Elect Certified Member & Candidate Member Candidates Nominated for Election to the Board of Directors (2025 - 2027 Board Term)

The following President-Elect candidate(s), Certified Members and Candidate Members have been nominated for election to the Board of Directors in their respective positions/categories:

President-Elect (1 to be elected):

Narissa Chadwick RPP, MCIP \*

Certified Members (8 to be elected):

Rasika Acharya RPP, MCIP

Eric Aderneck RPP, MCIP

Cleo Corbett RPP, MCIP

Cherie Enns RPP, MCIP

**Eve Hou RPP, MCIP** 

Serena Klaver RPP, MCIP

Stacey Lightbourne RPP, MCIP

**Zoe Morrison RPP, MCIP** 

Sara Muir RPP, MCIP

Komal Shaikh RPP, MCIP

Alex Taylor RPP, MCIP

Andrew Yan RPP, FCIP

**Candidate Member Rep:** 

(1 to be elected):

Kristina Bell \*

In this package you will find information on each Certified Member & Candidate Member Candidate as provided by the candidates themselves. PIBC members eligible to vote should refer to their voting information – <u>sent separately by electronic mail</u> – for detailed online voting instructions.

Members with any questions or concerns regarding balloting should please contact PIBC Administrative & Governance Coordinator Matthew Walshe.

**Important Note:** Eligible members only receive ballots and vote for contested positions and candidates in the same respective membership category to which they themselves belong. Candidate(s) automatically elected by acclamation (if any) are noted above.

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Elected by acclamation.



### **President-Elect Candidate(s)**

# Narissa Chadwick RPP, MCIP \*



With an undergraduate degree in Comparative Development Studies and a formative career as an educator in parks, Narissa eventually found her professional calling in community and regional planning. Her master's degree at UBC allowed her to delve into the history of regional planning in British Columbia, including a series of interviews with some of the province's early planning pioneers — an experience that deepened her appreciation for the field's legacy and future potential.

Narissa spent over a decade and half with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (and its various iterations), where she focused on the implementation of sustainability programs, climate mitigation strategies, and infrastructure costing frameworks. Driven by a desire to be closer to on-the-ground change, she transitioned to local government planning and has spent the past six years with the Islands Trust — a natural home for someone deeply engaged in governance, policy, and the challenges of rural and coastal communities.

Elected to the PIBC Board in the last term and appointed to the Executive as Chair of the Housing Task Force, Narissa has led several key initiatives, including the launch of the Peer Learning Network. Her work is grounded in a strong belief in the power of collaboration and knowledge-sharing. She looks forward to continuing this work as President Elect, and eventually as PIBC President.

Outside of work, Narissa finds balance and inspiration in the natural world and the arts. Most mornings, she can be found running along the seashore in Victoria, biking forest trails on weekends, and unwinding in the evenings with her guitar — learning new chords and writing songs inspired by land, community, and connection.

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#### **Certified Member Candidates**

# Rasika Acharya RPP, MCIP



Rasika Acharya has worked in the land development industry (architecture, planning, urban design) for the last 30+ years, currently leading Land Vision Solutions Inc. which operates as a "One Stop Shop" in land development consulting. Previously she worked as the Manager of Community Planning Services at Tsawwassen First Nation for 5+ years; at BC Housing as a Senior Project Officer and at the City of Maple Ridge as a Senior Development Planner for 8+ years, where she championed the successful adoption of "Detached Garden Suites" bylaw, policy, as an infill tool in existing single family zones.

Rasika has a 5-years university degree in Architecture, 2-years Masters degree in Urban Planning, LEED-AP designation from the Canadian Green Building Council (CaGBC), a residential real estate trading license from UBC Sauder School of Business, an Urban Design Certificate from the City Program at SFU; and has been a Registered Professional Planner (PIBC and CIP) since 2011.

She has volunteered to organize past PIBC conferences and been a presenter at various PIBC and CIP Conferences, e.g. Calgary in 2017, she presented a paper on "Resilience Through Generational Adaptations"; Sun Peaks in 2023 and Halifax in 2023 (CIP-API Conference), she presented on "Connecting to our Roots Through céliselem"- a successful pilot project on TFN food security and sovereignty which was also recognized with "Honorable Mention" by PIBC for in the category of Excellence in Planning Practice - Small Town & Rural Areas; and Edmonton in 2024, on "Planners Wellbeing - Naut'sa Mawt - collaborative career connection".

Currently, Rasika is serving as one of the Directors on the CIP-PSTF board to support young professional planning students. She is interested in joining the PIBC Board of Directors for the coming two-year term to actively advance the interests of the profession, be a collective voice of the planning profession, with particular interest in areas such as professional development, communications, advocacy, diversity and multiculturalism, indigenous planning, and long-term well-being of planners.

In her personal life, Rasika is a lover of art, an Indian Classical dancer, choreographer, henna artist, acrylic painter. She is a creative thinker, loves music/dancing, volunteering at kids/women's leadership programs.



#### **Certified Member Candidates**

## Eric Aderneck, RPP, MCIP



I'm a full RPP / PIBC / CIP member, with over two decades of diverse experience in the Metro Vancouver region and other parts of British Columbia. My career spans both the public and private sectors, including planning policy, real estate development, consultant, and instructor, providing me with a comprehensive understanding of planning and development matters.

I believe that a successful planner -- and the resulting plan -- is informed by a diversity of work experiences, education, training, and knowledge.

I have contributed to advancing positive land use and city building in a number of ways, including as planning consultant and development planner leading projects through the design and approval processes, and as regional and municipal planner advancing policy programs. My focus is on industrial lands and their economic and employment benefits to the community.

<u>I also teach urban planning and land development</u> as academic courses for students and short classes for professionals. I have published many articles including in PIBC Planning West and CIP Plan Canada magazines, about industrial lands, employment uses, and related matters. I regularly attend conferences and events, including organizing two sessions at the BC Land Summit in 2024 and three sessions at the PIBC Conference in 2025.

I strongly believe that successful city building requires close collaboration between planners -- both in the public and private sectors -- and allied professionals. This is informed by my own experience working on multi-disciplinary teams, and recognizing the increased complexities of planning and development, as well as urban issues.

In running for the PIBC Board, I am advocating the following initiatives to advance the planning profession, practice, and practitioners' contribution to society:

- 1. Build better connections and relationships between planners and other city-building / land use professions.
- 2. Promote market-based solutions through supportive public policy and enhanced collaboration between planners and developers to achieve community goals.
- 3. Provide additional learning opportunities for planners about: the complex relationship between planning policies, market forces, financial factors, real estate development objectives; and how local government policies can promote economic sustainability and resiliency.
- 4. Focus PIBC resources on land use planning matters within the purview and competencies of Registered Professional Planners.
- 5. Raise the public profile of PIBC as the body representing professional planners in British Columbia

Please see my website to learn more about me and my plan: <a href="www.Aderneck.ca">www.Aderneck.ca</a>. I appreciate your support.



#### **Certified Member Candidates**

### Cleo Corbett RPP, MCIP



Greetings, and thank you for taking time to read about your 2025 PIBC candidates!

My life experiences and professional background shape who I am in the world and my commitment to giving back. Growing up in Co-op Housing in Vancouver and spending some of my childhood in parts of Africa have influenced my understanding of 'home' and 'community.' I entered the planning profession unconventionally with a Tourism Management Degree from Vancouver Island University and an Urban Design Certificate from SFU. Over 20 years, I gained experience in development, long-range, parks, and social planning in small and mid-sized communities across BC.

This set the stage for my current role with CMHC's Municipal Relations team. I work with local governments across British Columbia, the Yukon and Nova Scotia to deliver housing programs, build capacity and improve the planning and housing systems. My work has been recognized by the United Nations and UBCM, and I am a current Director on the PIBC Board.

During my first term, I am proud of the strategic plan the Board developed and pursued. The top priorities include pursuing JEDDI, enhancing member engagement and advancing the profession. As co-chair of the Member Engagement Committee, I aim to make the Board and Institute more accessible and welcoming, and address member concerns about the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition process. I am committed to challenging the status quo at PIBC, and encouraging an inclusive approach to membership that celebrates diversity. I am also dedicated to decolonizing the profession.

I am grateful to live on Vancouver Island, in Liğwiłdaxw territory, in what is now known as Campbell River. I balance a busy career and family life with dog walks, volunteering and rock n' roll. My favouite volunteer gig these days (next to PIBC) is running a High School Open Mic night for budding performers.

Thanks again for taking the time. I would be honoured to have your vote and continue to serve. Gilakas'la



#### **Certified Member Candidates**

# Cherie Enns RPP, MCIP



Cherie Enns has extensive experience in the planning field, including more than 30 years of membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners. Dr. Enns is a SCARP (UBC) graduate who began her career at Lavalin in the 80s. She has consulted for many municipalities and taught planning throughout her career, focusing on housing policy, child/youth rights, age-friendly planning, and creative placemaking. She can address complex community needs with creativity and expertise.

Cherie's role as an educator at the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) showcases her passion for nurturing the next generation of planners. Her successful launch of an undergraduate planning degree demonstrates her commitment to enhancing planning education in the Fraser Valley. At the same time, her emphasis on social justice, climate

change and global challenges ensures that future professionals are well-equipped to tackle local, regional and global societal challenges.

Her academic achievements, including a Ph.D. in planning and policy from Ardhi University in Tanzania and her international experience advising UN-Habitat on youth integration, governance, planning and technology in urban settings, position her as a global urban thinker. Cherie's dedication to sustainable development and advocacy for vulnerable populations reflect her holistic approach to more just planning. As a mentor for youth planning professionals and an active volunteer with PIBC, Cherie exemplifies leadership and community engagement. Her vision for a two-year board term is rooted in advancing professional development on both local and global fronts—an essential perspective in today's interconnected world.

Besides her professional pursuits, Cherie finds joy in family, including two grandbabies, nature, and exploration, making her a well-rounded candidate who values balance and connection. In conclusion, Cherie Enns is not just a candidate but a visionary leader poised to make a substantial impact as a board member. Her blend of experience, passion for education, and commitment to social justice will undoubtedly enrich the planning community and help shape a more inclusive, sustainable future.



#### **Certified Member Candidates**

# **Eve Hou RPP, MCIP**



Eve is Senior Manager of Policy Development and Decision Analysis at TransLink. Eve and her team are responsible for developing both internal policy for the Enterprise (e.g., transit fare policy) and external transportation policy (e.g., ride-hailing licensing, regional parking). Her team also leads up development of the region's long range transportation strategy – Transport 2050.

Eve is a SCARP alumni, with an economics undergraduate degree, also from UBC. She has worked most of her planning career in regional government – over a decade at Metro Vancouver prior to her six years at TransLink. Her expertise is in air quality, climate change, and transportation policy. Prior to working in Vancouver, she had a career in Texas, working for the state government on air quality planning.

Eve joined PIBC's JEDDI in 2024 with a desire make the profession a better experience for future generations of planners, particularly those who hail from marginalized groups. Eve joined the PIBC Board in 2024, serving the remainder of a term that her former JEDDI Co-Chair, Dear Bhokanandh, vacated.

Born in Vancouver, Eve is a second generation Canadian, with both parents hailing from China. She lives in North Vancouver and is a mother of two grumpy, but also awesome, teenagers. In her free time, you can find her walking her chocolate lab in the woods, at a barre class, or soaking in a hot tub.



#### **Certified Member Candidates**

## Serena Klaver RPP, MCIP



A Registered Professional Planner in B.C. with 8 years of experience in community planning, social planning, and strategic initiatives. Her diverse career spans public, private, and non-profit sectors, demonstrating a commitment to inclusivity, diversity, and cultural awareness.

Key accomplishments in Serena's planning practice:

- Led the review of social services, served as the City planning lead for implementing Accessible BC Act requirements, developed a City Land Strategy, and supported the Community Safety and Well-being Plan, and Regional Poverty Reduction strategies.
- Coordinated Point-In-Time Counts and led anti-stigma dialogue sessions and peer-centered programs addressing the overdose-toxic drug crisis.
- Facilitated learning for courses in Marketing Recreation and Tourism Experiences, and Leisure Planning for Resilience at Vancouver Island University.

Serena is interested in joining the PIBC Board of Directors to contribute her expertise in community planning, social planning, and strategic initiatives. Her goals include:

- 1. Promoting inclusivity and diversity in planning practices.
- 2. Enhancing professional development opportunities and authentic partnerships for planners.
- 3. Strengthening the connection between planning and community health & wellbeing.

With her experience in public speaking, Serena is well-equipped to represent PIBC in various forums and contribute to public outreach efforts. Serena's candidacy for the PIBC Board of Directors represents an opportunity to bring fresh perspectives and a wealth of diverse planning experience to the organization, contributing to the growth and development of the planning profession in British Columbia.



#### **Certified Member Candidates**

# Stacey Lightbourne RPP, MCIP



Stacey is originally from Auckland (Tāmaki), New Zealand (Aotearoa). Following her graduation with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Geography and Environmental Planning, she traveled to Canada over 25 years ago for a year of skiing. That year turned into many, leading her to settle in Rossland, BC, a ski town in the Kootenays, where she now lives with her husband and two daughters.

Stacey's planning career began in the early 2000s when she was asked to assist the City of Rossland's non existing planning department during a period of significant ski hill development. She has since advanced to the role of Manager of Planning, a position she has held since 2015. Stacey has been a certified member of the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) and a Registered Professional Planner since 2013. She values the wide range of planning responsibilities that a small-town planner must undertake. This includes, but is not limited to, development, climate action, infrastructure, parks, heritage, social, and transportation planning. She

appreciates the complexity involved in balancing the various, and occasionally conflicting, goals and objectives inherent in the planning process. She believes that effective planning requires implementation, which is not possible without listening, partnerships, and persistence.

Last year, Stacey's work was recognized as part of a team that received the PIBC award for excellence in planning practice in small-town and rural areas, for the development of a Net Zero Mixed Use building comprising city hall on the ground floor and 37 units of affordable housing above.

With recent changes in Provincial housing legislation, the awareness of the planning profession has significantly increased over the past couple of years. Consequently, she rarely encounters that question we've all heard many times, "What does a planner do?". Stacey is excited to contribute to the ongoing success of PIBC in capitalizing on this growing awareness of the planning profession, bringing the small-town planner's voice to the table.

Outside of work, she enjoys the outdoor lifestyle that Rossland offers, including skiing, mountain biking, hiking, camping, and enjoying good food with family and friends.



#### **Certified Member Candidates**



## **Zoe Morrison RPP, MCIP**

Zoë Morrison is a Yukon-based planner who has worked in the North for 20 years. She is a Senior Planner and the Whitehorse Office Leader at Stantec, where she works with communities, First Nations and local governments across the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Northern British Columbia, Nunavut, and Alaska. Zoë works on a wide range of projects including municipal planning, neighbourhood design, climate action planning, active transportation, land development, and downtown revitalization. Before joining Stantec, Zoë worked for Yukon government and the City of Whitehorse, as well as for smaller planning firms. Having experience in the both the public and private sectors means that she understands the diverse challenges that BC and Yukon planners face.

Zoë has been involved in the PIBC since 2012, when she helped set up the Yukon Chapter. While on the executive, she hosted lunch and learns, welcomed new planners and built the network of professional planners in the Yukon. Zoë was a co-chair of the 2021 PIBC Annual Conference, which was held as hybrid on-line event in Whitehorse. She is a long-term volunteer on the Professional Standards & Certification Committee. The PIBC-related activity that Zoë has enjoyed the most has been mentorship, and she has loved mentoring Yukon planners both formally and informally.

Zoë was first elected to the PIBC Board of Directors in 2023. She has been honoured to represent Yukon and BC planners on the board and has learned a lot in her first term. She sees that to stay relevant PIBC will need to balance rigorous membership requirements with the need for the profession to be flexible, adaptable and welcoming. Zoë remains committed to continuing PIBC's important work on climate change and reconciliation.

Zoë has two boys, and spends her spare time playing hockey, hiking, camping, and wondering if driving kids to soccer is considered a hobby.



#### **Certified Member Candidates**

## Sara Muir RPP, MCIP



A landscape architect by training and a registered planner by practice, Sara is an accomplished professional who has over 25+ years of experience in facilitating research excellence, collaborative partnerships, strategic visioning, effective governance, planning and design to advance and implement sustainability and climate change solutions in communities, organizations, and universities. After 15+ years at the University of British Columbia working with the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, the UBC Sustainability Hub, and as a sessional lecturer for the Faculty of Forestry, Sara joined Metro Vancouver in 2024 as an Air Quality Planner focusing on advancing the energy transition for the region.

Sara is an elected Director and Secretary Treasurer for the Planning Institute of BC (PIBC), past Chair and current member of the Policy and Public Affairs Committee and member of the Climate Action subcommittee. She is keen to continue her volunteer role as a Director and with these committees to support and further advance the institute to ensure it responds to and reflects members needs and interests.

Outside of work and her volunteer role on PIBC, you may find her tending to "lavender hill" on the family farm; playing soccer in the metro women's soccer league; or, preparing and enjoying home cooked food with family and friends.



#### **Certified Member Candidates**

### Komal Shaikh RPP, MCIP



Komal is a passionate changemaker focused on building resilient communities with over two decades of professional experience in Canada, U.S. and India. Komal studied Architecture at the L.S. Raheja School of Architecture in Mumbai and completed her Master's in Urban & Regional Planning at CEPT, Ahmedabad, where she received the Dean's Medal for Best Academic Performance. She then received a Master's in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania where she was a recipient of a Merit Scholarship. Komal has worked in the areas of Heritage Conservation, Community Engagement, Metropolitan Regional Planning and Transportation Planning in India.

While in the US, she worked with the non-profit sector in inner city housing development for marginalized populations, transit-oriented development and environmental sustainability and in the public sector in leadership roles in municipal land use planning.

She has lived and worked in Canada on both coasts for the past 20 years and continues her work in city planning, housing development and sustainability. She currently serves as the Director of Lands for Tsawwassen First Nation where her planning approach is based on core principles such as honoring and respecting indigenous cultures, languages, knowledge and protocols, collaboration, and participatory action.

She is a Certified Member of PIBC and Registered Professional Planner and has been a presenter at several PIBC Annual Conferences as well as CIP Conferences.

She is interested in joining the PIBC Board of Directors for the coming two-year term to help continue to grow and develop the planning profession going forward, with particular personal interest advancing diverse representation in the planning field, and helping creating a pathway for indigenous planners.



#### **Certified Member Candidates**

# **Alex Taylor RPP, MCIP**



I have been humbled and honoured to represent you on the PIBC Board since 2019, having served on the Executive Committee, Governance & Nominating Committee, as a Signing Authority, and as Professional Conduct Review Committee (PCRC) Chair.

I am seeking re-election so I can continue to advocate for:

- the profile of the Institute and ensuring that planners are well-known for their leadership in solving the many key challenges our communities face.
- Growing and developing membership to ensure that PIBC represents the diverse communities we plan for.
- Exploring the potential for the profession to be regulated under the Professional Governance Act.
- Continuing to work on the review of PIBC's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, to better
  include topics of bullying, harassment, discrimination and work safety, in-person and in the
  digital realm.
- Continuing to increase transparency of the PCRC complaint process for members.
- Ensuring the Board considers the challenges and constraints of our chapters and volunteers.
- Ensuring and communicating the value-for-money provided by PIBC to members.
- Finding efficiencies in PIBC and committee operations.

Alex is an award-winning planner, project manager and civic leader with two decades of consulting and public sector experience, focusing on community and parks planning, public engagement, land development and project management. Alex joined the City of Surrey in 2024 as their Manager of Parks Planning and Design, after working at the City of Vancouver, Metro Vancouver and City of Port Moody over the previous 9 years. Alex also worked for a decade as a planning consultant, leading projects for municipal governments, First Nations and land owners across BC and western Canada. He has developed and managed over 100 Community Planning projects and public engagement programs, led interdisciplinary work teams, delivered dozens of presentations and workshops with councils, managed multi-million dollar project budgets, and worked on projects in over 150 western Canadian municipalities.

Alex has a BA in Geography (Co-op) from the University of Calgary and a Masters of Urban Planning from McGill University. Alex actively volunteered with CIP from 2008 to 2019, as treasurer of the CIP Planning Student Trust Fund (PSTF), and with PIBC since 2010, on the South Coast Chapter (SCC) Events Committee (2011-2019), and as an oral examiner. Alex lives in East Vancouver and enjoys skiing, biking, hiking and camping with his wife and two young kids.



#### **Certified Member Candidates**

## Andrew Yan, RPP, FCIP



Andy Yan is the Director of the City Program and an Associate Professor of Professional Practice in Urban Studies at Simon Fraser University. Starting with a career spanning the non-profit and private sectors, he has worked on urban planning projects in major metropolitan regions including Vancouver, San Francisco, New York City, Los Angeles, and New Orleans.

A member of the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) since 2008, Andy began his planning career with Bing Thom Architects (BTA). His portfolio includes a wide range of projects such as the Surrey City Centre Plan, the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Campus Plan, Tulsa's Living River Plan, and Vancouver's Neighbourhood Retail Study. In 2024, he was inducted into the College of Fellows of the Canadian Institute of Planners.

Andy holds a Master of Urban Planning from UCLA and a Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in Geography and Political Science from Simon Fraser University.

Now seeking a third term on the PIBC Board of Directors, Andy is committed to supporting the profession's growth and engagement. He aims to challenge members to address pressing issues such as climate change and social inequality—areas where planning professionals are uniquely positioned to lead and implement meaningful change.

Andy proposes a systematic study of the planning profession's current state and future needs, focusing on labour demand and demographics in British Columbia and the Yukon. This initiative would help inform policymakers, educators, and employers about the profession's strengths, challenges, and opportunities.

His vision also includes deeper engagement with future planners through the development of high school classroom resources and stronger ties with the Canadian Institute of Planners' Fellows' project, which is working to document the history of planning in Canada and build a publicly accessible digital library of the profession.

As a professional body of problem solvers, PIBC must continue to advocate for and empower its members—present and future—with the best ethical frameworks, ideas, and practices from British Columbia, the Yukon, and beyond.



### Candidate Member Candidate(s)

### Kristina Bell \*



Kristina is a Candidate Member of PIBC with nearly three years of professional experience and a strong passion for building inclusive, sustainable, and resilient communities. She first joined PIBC as a Student Member in 2020 while completing her Master of Community Planning at Vancouver Island University.

During her studies, Kristina was actively involved in the planning community—volunteering with CIP, serving on the organizing committee for PLACE21 (a national, student-led virtual planning conference), and completing a student internship with Your Planning Career, where she helped support both professional development and student-focused events. In 2022, she was awarded the CIP Student Fellowship Award, which gave her the opportunity to present her thesis research at the national CIP/PIBC conference, Elevation 2.0, in Whistler.

Since graduating, Kristina has been working in the private sector, gaining hands-on experience in land use planning, development processes, and community engagement across a range of projects. She believes her private sector experience as a recently graduated student will bring a valuable and unique perspective to PIBC Board initiatives and strategies.

With a strong interest in communications and events, Kristina is passionate about building connections within the planning community and supporting the next generation of planners. She would be honoured to represent Candidate Members and contribute to the continued growth, engagement, and evolution of PIBC.

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