



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### PIBC Announces Winners of 2018 Awards for Excellence in Planning and Individual Achievement

**May 31, 2018 (Vancouver, BC)** – The Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) is excited to announce the winners of its annual *Awards for Excellence in Planning* and *Awards for Individual Achievement*. The 2018 winners were formally presented at the PIBC 2018 Annual Conference – *The Game Plan* – on Thursday, May 31st, at the Victoria Conference Centre in Victoria, BC.

The Institute annually recognizes the professional work and individual accomplishments of members across British Columbia and the Yukon through this awards and recognition program. The **Awards for Excellence in Planning** honour the best in professional planning work undertaken by members in five categories. The **Awards for Individual Achievement** recognize the efforts and impact of individual members' work and personal commitment to planning in their community in several different categories. The **Annual Student Fellowship Awards** recognize the work and contributions of student members enrolled at accredited university planning programs in British Columbia and the Yukon.

It is with great pleasure that PIBC announced the following 2018 winners in their respective categories:

#### 1) Excellence in Planning Practice - City & Urban Areas

**GOLD WINNER** - Capital Regional District for *People Power: The Active Transportation and Healthy Communities Program*

**SILVER WINNER** - City of New Westminster for *New Westminster Infill Housing Program*

#### 2) Excellence in Planning Practice - Small Town & Rural Areas

**GOLD WINNER** - BC Transit for *The Planning & Implementation of Inter-Community Transit Services on Highway 16*

**SILVER WINNER** - District of Kitimat & Urban Systems for *Minette Bay Concept Plan*

#### 3) Excellence in Policy Planning - City & Urban Areas

**GOLD WINNER** - City of Surrey for *Parks, Recreation and Culture (PRC) Strategic Plan*

**SILVER WINNER** - City of New Westminster for *New Westminster Official Community Plan*

#### 4) Excellence in Policy Planning - Small Town & Rural Areas

**GOLD WINNER** - Town of Ladysmith, Stz'uminus First Nation & DIALOG for *Waterfront Area Plan: Itst uw'hw-nuts' ul-wum - We Are Working As One*

**SILVER WINNER** - Town of Creston for *Town of Creston Official Community Plan: Freshly Picked Future*

#### 5) Research & New Directions

**GOLD WINNER** - Plassurban & BC Housing for *Zero to One Hundred: Planning for an Aging Population*

**SILVER WINNER** - District of Squamish, Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd., Arlington Group Planning + Architecture Inc. & SNC-Lavalin for *Squamish Integrated Flood Hazard Management Plan*

**HONOURABLE MENTION** - Whistler Centre for Sustainability for *A Scan of Leading Practices in Affordable Housing in Small Communities*

## **Individual Achievement – Distinguished Professional Contribution**

- Susan Hallatt, MCIP, RPP from Victoria, BC.

## **Individual Achievement – Leadership in Advocacy & Innovation**

- Beverly Grieve MCIP, RPP from Coquitlam, BC.

## **2018 Annual Student Fellowship Awards**

- From Vancouver Island University – Aaron Dixon for *A New-Urbanist Approach to the Last-Mile Issues' Facing Freight Delivery*

For more information about the PIBC Awards, visit <http://www.pibc.bc.ca/content/pibc-awards>

## **About The Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC): “Forward Thinking, Shaping Communities”**

The Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) is the professional association of planners in British Columbia and the Yukon and is affiliated with the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) – the national association.



**PIBC celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year!** A non-profit professional organization incorporated in 1958 under the *Societies Act* the Institute's current membership includes over 1,500 professional planners that work in both the public and private sectors in many different fields of planning, including land-use and development, municipal and regional planning, policy and law, heritage conservation, transportation, environmental sustainability, social planning, First Nations community planning, and more.

Our forward thinking mission is to advance, promote, and support the planning profession with professional certification, services, events, and activities that help professional planners shape more livable, sustainable communities. Our Certified Members have the exclusive right and privilege to utilize the professional title '*Registered Professional Planner*' and the designation '*RPP*' in British Columbia. They also may use the designation '*MCIP*' to indicate their professional status nationally with the Canadian Institute of Planners.

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