

# AWARDS & RECOGNITION

PIBC's Awards & Recognition Committee oversees and administers PIBC's various awards and recognition programs, including the Awards for Excellence in Planning and Awards for Individual Achievement. The Committee also oversees and assists with the Institute's Honourary and Life Member recognition activities as well as the Institute's Student Fellowship Award program.

Each year the Committee issues calls for submissions or nominations for a number of award types and categories. The Committee then reviews and evaluates all the submissions received, acting as the jury for the awards program, to collectively determine the winners. In the case of Honourary and Life Member recipients, they are ultimately determined by unanimous approval of the Board, based on recommendations from the Committee.

The Committee continues to update and manage the awards process and program based on the Institute's strategic objectives, member feedback and regular evaluation of each awards cycle. The Committee reviews and considers potential revisions to the awards categories, submission requirements, selection criteria, and approaches to recognition. Lisa Colby RPP, MCIP stepped down from her role as Chair of the Committee at the conclusion of the 2025 awards cycle, and Jill Collinson RPP, MCIP took over as Chair in the fall of 2025.

## 2025 AWARD WINNERS

### Excellence in Planning Practice: Cities & Urban Areas

**Gold:** Aboriginal Housing Society of PG, M'akola Development Services, DYS Architecture, and IDL Projects – Urban Indigenous Community

**Silver:** The District of Saanich – Strategic Support for Non-Market Housing in Saanich

**Honourable Mention:** The City of New Westminster – The Crises Response Pilot Project: Transforming Planning Practice in Addressing the Three Crises of Homelessness, Mental Health and Substance Use

### Excellence in Planning Practice: Small Town & Rural Areas

**Gold:** Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, WSP Canada Ltd., and Cycle 16 Trail Society – Cycle 16 Trail Project

**Silver:** City of Courtenay – From Policy to Practice: Visualizing R-SSMUH's Integration into Our City

### Excellence in Policy Planning: Cities & Urban Areas

**Gold:** District of Saanich and Diamond Head Consulting Ltd. – District of Saanich Biodiversity Conservation Strategy & Urban Forest Strategy

*No silver award granted*



**PIBC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AND RECEIVING RECOGNITION AT THE 2025 WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY GALA EVENT.**

**Excellence in Policy Planning: Small Town & Rural Areas**

**Gold:** Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), EcoPlan International, Regenerative Design – Úxwumixw 2050: Skwxwú7mesh Generational Plan

**Silver:** District of Tofino – Limits to Growth Policy

**Research & New Directions**

**Gold:** Metro Vancouver – Metro Vancouver Tree Guide

*No silver award granted in 2025.*

**Enduring Planning Performance**

*No awards granted in 2025.*

**Congratulations & Thanks:**

Congratulations to all the 2025 award winners and to everyone who participated in the 2025 awards and recognition programs. Special thanks are extended to all the dedicated volunteer members of the Awards & Recognition Committee for their time and contributions to the Committee and their significant efforts and thoughtful deliberations in reviewing and evaluating the many different award submissions and nominations.

Thank you all.



**ATTENDEES AT THE 2025 PIBC ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER, BC**