

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

PIBC's Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) Committee is an operational committee of the Institute responsible for the oversight and management of the organization's member continuous professional learning programs, activities, and events. Gloria Venczel RPP, MCIP continued as chair of the Committee in 2025, supported by Brent Elliott RPP, MCIP, and Deborah Jensen RPP, MCIP. The Committee is looking at expanding its membership in 2026.

The CPL Committee continues to offer informative, educational, and progressive programming for PIBC members and planning practitioners. The continued "President's Minute Update" at the start of each webinar with the PIBC President (Kenna Jonkman RPP, MCIP as of June 2025) provides members with a quick overview of important Board and Institute initiatives.

CPL PROGRAMMING

The Institute's popular CPL webinar programming continued as a key member service delivered in 2025. Working with PIBC staff, the Committee developed a series of practical and topical webinars to complement the work of the Peer Learning Network (PLN) initiative. The number of CPL webinars decreased in 2025 (from 9 to 6 compared with the previous year) to provide 'webinar presentation space' and scheduling capacity for a number of PLN webinars delivered over the year. Additionally, the registration costs of CPL webinars for PIBC members were reduced starting in January 2026 to align with the Board's strategic priority of continuing to support and enhance member value.

SUPPORT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The Committee continues its work to develop and deliver CPL programming in support of the topics and areas of interest in alignment with the Board's strategic priorities by: ensuring JEDDIA principles were incorporated and considered in CPL programming; continuing to build profile and partnerships with governments, allied external organizations and others through CPL programming and activities; and continuing to support member value and connection with the continuation of the "President's Minute" update.

In early fall 2025, the CPL Committee conducted a survey of members on the Institute's professional learning programming. While there is a continued strong appreciation for webinars on current and "cutting-edge" or emerging topics, an overwhelming number of respondents also identified the need for nurturing practical learning and skills development for planning practitioners. These 'practical learning' program offerings have begun in 2026.

CPL WEBINAR PROGRAMMING:

The success of the Institute's CPL webinar programming continued to be a key pillar of member services in 2025, delivering another productive year of regular CPL webinars with strong member participation and attendance. The CPL

Committee, with support of staff, continued to help identify and develop topic areas, identify potential presenters, and suggest possible partners for CPL webinars. Additionally, work continued to ensure the incorporation of emerging issues and topics in CPL programming throughout the year.

In 2025, the Institute developed and implemented a total of six regular online webinars on topical and diverse planning themes, on a variety of diverse webinar topics, including the popular annual planning outlook update, artificial intelligence in planning, partnerships in planning, industrial lands & planning for employment growth, balancing density with good design and community health, and ethics & professional conduct for planners. These regular webinars were in addition to a number of housing related webinars delivered separately throughout 2025 as part of the Institute's Peer Learning Network (PLN) initiative.

This past year we partnered with 20 speakers from several organizations such as: Canadian Real Estate Association, BC Housing, Government of the Yukon, BC Non-Profit Housing Society, Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth, as well a number of private organizations, consultants, and First Nations presenters. Altogether, this past year's CPL webinar program delivered a total of 9 learning units of structured professional learning for PIBC members. A total of 20 speakers and presenters reached more than 1,336 participants from all over British Columbia and the Yukon. The shared group webinar registration option was again popular in 2025 (with at least 120 group registrations over the course of the year, in addition to the over 616 individual registrations). Thank you to all the individuals and organizations for their valued participation.

For those who could not attend the live webinars, we continued to offer the option to purchase digital recorded copies of PIBC's CPL webinars. This option continues to expand the accessibility and reach of the webinar program. As well, we continued to provide complimentary group access to webinar programming and recordings for student members at each of the accredited university planning programs in BC and the Yukon. This initiative is coordinated with the Institute's Student member representatives.

WORK WITH PIBC LOCAL CHAPTERS:

Supporting PIBC's nine local chapters across British Columbia and the Yukon remains an ongoing strategic priority and key member service. This includes supporting the delivery of local professional learning opportunities for members. In 2025, we were pleased to see a broad range of diverse professional learning, networking and other events delivered across our local chapters. Over the course of the year, there were at least 33 or more local chapter events that delivered a minimum of 44 structured learning units of activity for members across BC and the Yukon.

PIBC continues to support the local PIBC Chapters by provid-

CPL Events & Activities in 2025

40 CPL events & activities delivering
152.75 CPL Learning Units (LUs)

1 Annual Conference 99.75 LUs
6 CPL Webinars 9 LUs
33 Local Chapter Events 44 LUs

ing resources and capacity to help chapters organize and deliver professional learning, such as a dedicated Zoom subscription to assist with meetings and events, and staff assistance for communications and event registration support.

Additionally, in November 2025, in coordination with the PIBC World Town Planning Day Gala, we held the annual in-person Chapter Chair Roundtable Meeting of local committee volunteers. These organized meetings provide an opportunity for volunteer leaders from our chapters to connect with PIBC and each other, share experience and knowledge, and help coordinate activities for the membership. As well, a number of guests provided updates on important initiatives such as the Institute's Professional Governance Work Plan, the PLN work, including progress on the Intelligent Inventory and the Housing Advisory Bulletins. We extend our thanks to the many volunteers members at the local chapter level across BC and the Yukon.

For more detailed information on local Chapter activities in 2025, please refer to the local Chapters section of this report. Sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the dedicated volunteer members at the local chapter level who help keep local Institute activities and events happening across BC and the Yukon. Thank you all!

2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE – NEXT CHAPTER

We were pleased to hold our annual conference between June 10th – June 13th, 2025, at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre in vibrant downtown Vancouver, and welcome over 500 attendees (including those who were able to participate virtually via the online streaming of key program highlights). This annual event included engaging and inspiring keynote plenaries, over 40 conference sessions, including 10 interactive & mobile workshops. It provided opportunities to network and connect with peers & partners in a variety of settings such as the unique interactive welcome reception held in the Eureka Gallery of Science World, trivia night at the Fountainhead Pub, and the PIBC 2025 Awards Gala and Dinner.

Several memorable mobile workshops showcased planning and development in the City of Vancouver and surrounding

communities via bus, foot, bike, e-bikes and even canoe. Over 181 presenters and tour leaders helped us deliver a stellar and memorable program, providing 99.75 learning units of professional development. A delegation from the 2026 PIBC Annual Conference attended to invite and welcome everyone to Penticton in 2026.

A special thank you to the 2025 annual conference committee and to the countless volunteers, presenters, sponsors, attendees, and others who made this conference such a success. As 2026 approaches, work is already beginning for PIBC's next conference: Bold Plans. Local Action – Penticton, BC (June 2nd to 5th).

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITIES BY THE NUMBERS:

The Institute was pleased to see the delivery of at least 40 different professional learning activities and events over the course of 2025, representing a total of 152 units of structured professional learning for PIBC members. The Institute continues to measure and monitor professional learning activities during each year.

MOVING FORWARD:

Looking ahead to 2026 and beyond, the Committee will continue its work on: coordinating with respect to delivery of remaining Peer Learning Network (PLN) activities and related webinars for both members and non-members as the initiative winds down; continuing to develop, refine and implement PIBC's ongoing CPL webinar programming with greater emphasis on "practical learning"; and continued support for local chapter events and activities (both in-person and online).

COMMITTEE THANKS:

Sincere thanks are extended to the volunteers who supported PIBC's local chapters and contributed to the success of the 2025 annual conference. We also thank the presenters, sponsors, and partners whose involvement helped deliver successful CPL programming and events throughout the year. Special appreciation goes to members of the CPL Committee and PIBC staff for their ongoing commitment to guiding and delivering the Institute's programs and activities. Thank you for your invaluable contributions.