



2017 Awards for Individual Achievement **DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION**



Dr. Pamela Shaw MCIP, RPP

Pam's approach to planning and the development of new planners is best described as innovative, passionate, enthusiastic, and tireless. This award focuses on the last 15 years of her career, when she has worked tirelessly to create the new, recently accredited Master of Community Planning Program at VIU.

“She is a facilitator of learning and a champion of students, lighting a path so they can find their own successes.”

Under Pam's leadership, the school focuses on small communities, the urban/rural interface, First Nation planning issues for communities on Vancouver Island and surrounding the Salish Sea, and issues relating to island and coastal communities. The first cohort of students will graduate in Spring 2017 with numerous professional contacts, a mentorship relationship, and experience in a wide range of applied, professional planning activities.

All of these take enormous effort to organize and keep in motion: without Pam's unending enthusiasm for students and her belief in the importance of an accredited planning designation, the school would not exist. As one colleague notes, Pam has one direction - and that is forward.

Pam has also contributed to the profession most recently as the elected Director for Region #1 (BC and Yukon) for the Board of the Canadian Institute of Planners, and also serves as Board Treasurer and the Board Liaison to *Plan Canada*.