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### PIBC Announces Winners of 2022 Awards for Excellence in Planning

**July 6, 2022 (Vancouver, BC)** – The Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) is excited to announce the winners of this year’s Awards for Excellence in Planning & Individual Achievement, as well as the recipients of its annual Student Fellowship Award.

The Institute annually recognizes the professional work and individual accomplishments of members across British Columbia and Yukon through its awards and recognition program. The **Awards for Excellence in Planning & Individual Achievement** honour the best in professional planning work undertaken by members.

The 2022 PIBC Award winners were announced and recognized today during the Elevation 2.0 National Planning Conference (July 5 - 8), co-hosted by PIBC with the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) in Whistler, BC. This was the first in-person conference and awards presentation held since 2019, as the past two ceremonies were virtual and held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“More so than ever, we are seeing and experiencing first-hand how inclusive, thoughtful, and innovative planning can significantly help communities, and the people who live and work in them, thrive. This year, it is our pleasure to recognize, in-person, the exceptional work & achievements of registered professional planners (RPPs), their teams and project partners,” said Emilie Adin RPP, MCIP, Chair of PIBC’s Awards & Recognition Committee.

PIBC also celebrated the recipients of this year’s **Annual Student Fellowship Awards** which provide funding to support selected university planning student members so that they may attend and present their academic work or research to professional colleagues as part of the program at PIBC’s annual conference.

**It is with great pleasure that PIBC announced the following 2022 award winners:**

#### **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN POLICY PLANNING – CITY & URBAN AREAS**

**Gold:** City of New Westminster - *Seven Bold Steps for Climate Action*

**Silver:** Township of Langley, MODUS Planning, Design & Engagement, Solstice Sustainability Works, and Strandberg Consulting - *Our Thriving Community: Township of Langley Social Sustainability Strategy*

**Silver:** City of Coquitlam - *City of Coquitlam Child Care Partnership Strategy*

**Silver:** District of Saanich - *Saanich Housing Strategy*

#### **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING PRACTICE – CITY & URBAN AREAS**

**Gold:** District of West Vancouver and Neighbourhood Character Working Group - *Community-led approach to Neighbourhood Character*

#### **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN POLICY PLANNING – SMALL TOWN & RURAL AREAS**

**Gold:** City of Vernon - *City of Vernon Climate Action Plan*

**Silver:** City of Castlegar and Resilience Planning - *City of Castlegar Housing Strategy*

#### **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING PRACTICE – SMALL TOWN & RURAL AREAS**

**Gold:** City of Port Alberni, Vancouver Island University, and Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute - *Uptown District Revitalization Strategy*

**Silver:** City of Prince Rupert, iPlan Planning and Development Services, Beasley & Associates and CIVITAS Studio - *Prince Rupert OCP and Visioning Processes*

## AWARDS FOR RESEARCH & NEW DIRECTIONS IN PLANNING

**Gold:** CitySpaces Consulting Ltd. and BC Non-Profit Housing Association - *A Path to Partnership: A Guide to Navigating Non-Profit Partnerships with Developers in Mixed-Tenure Developments*

**Silver:** Origin Sustainable Design + Planning and AES Engineering - *Local Government Low Carbon Building Policy Toolkit*

## AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT – LEADERSHIP IN ADVOCACY & INNOVATION

**Kim A. Fowler, RPP, MCIP**

The Award for Leadership in Advocacy & Innovation honours and recognizes a registered professional planner who demonstrates outstanding leadership, tenacity, and advocacy on planning issues either in their community, provincially, or more broadly. Their continual persistence and/or innovation contribute to the ongoing success of PIBC and the planning profession.

## PIBC ANNUAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

**Jasmin Senghera - University of British Columbia, School of Community & Regional Planning**

*The 15-Minute Suburb: Determining the Accessibility of Amenities in the City of Surrey*

**Kristina Bell - Vancouver Island University, Master of Community Planning**

*Unpacking Form-based Codes in a British Columbia Planning Context*

**Mailyn Lai - Vancouver Island University, Master of Community Planning**

*“Natural” Disasters and Natural Assets: The Path to Climate Change Resiliency*

**Chris Oberg - Vancouver Island University, Master of Community Planning**

*Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas Certificate – Building Capacity for Professional Planners in BC*

**Congratulations to this year’s PIBC award winners! For more information, please visit:**

- PIBC Awards at <http://www.pibc.bc.ca/pibc-awards>

- PIBC Annual Student Fellowship Award at <https://www.pibc.bc.ca/pibc-annual-student-fellowship-award>

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## 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 Yukon and is affiliated with the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) – the national association.

A non-profit professional organization incorporated in 1958 under the *Societies Act*, the Institute’s current membership includes over 1,700 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 & Yukon.** They also may use the designation ‘MCIP’ to indicate their professional status nationally with the Canadian Institute of Planners.

**For more information about PIBC, visit [www.pibc.bc.ca](http://www.pibc.bc.ca) or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#).**

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