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PIBC Announces Winners of 2023 Awards for Excellence in Planning

June 2, 2023 (Sun Peaks, 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. This year, the Institute is also celebrating a **new award for Enduring Planning Performance**.

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 2023 PIBC Award winners were announced and recognized on June 1st during the PIBC 2023 Annual Conference – *It Takes A Village* (May 30 – June 2) in Sun Peaks, BC. This year, planning professions from BC, Yukon and beyond were invited to join the conference in-person or virtually online.

"With this announcement, we're pleased to recognize some of the most innovative and meaningful achievements of BC and Yukon's registered professional planners (RPPs), their teams and project partners," said Emilie Adin RPP, MCIP, Chair of PIBC's Awards & Recognition Committee. "We're particularly proud of the new Enduring Planning Performance award, which allows us to celebrate exemplary long-term (10+ year) plans and projects."

PIBC also celebrated the recipients of this year's **Annual Student Fellowship Award** which provide funding to support selected university planning student members so that they may present their academic work or research to professional colleagues at PIBC's annual conferences.

It is with great pleasure that PIBC announced the following 2023 award winners:

AWARDS FOR ENDURING PLANNING PERFORMANCE

Gold: Canada Lands Company, City of Chilliwack, MVH Urban Planning & Design, and Ankenman Associates Architects Inc. – *Garrison Crossing*

Silver: City of Richmond – *Richmond City Centre Area Plan*

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING PRACTICE – CITY & URBAN AREAS

Gold: City of New Westminster and BC Poverty Reduction Coalition – *Community Action Network - Transforming Planning Practice Through an Innovative Partnership to Engage People with Lived and Living Experience*

Silver: EcoPlan and City of Vancouver – *Sea2City Design Challenge*

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

Gold: MVH Urban Planning & Design, City of Grand Forks, Bluerock Planning, Selkirk Planning & Design, Rynic, Amy Clarke Consulting, and LARCH Landscape Architecture – *Grand Forks OCP Update + Implementation Projects: The Three in One Plan*

Silver: O2 Planning & Design and City of Mission – *Mission Waterfront Revitalization Master Plan*

Honourable Mention: Tsawwassen First Nation – *Connecting to Our Roots Through c̓əlisələm*

Honourable Mention: Village of Masset and Urban Systems – *Main Street Vision & Action Plan*

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN POLICY PLANNING – CITY & URBAN AREAS

Gold: City of Nanaimo and LANARC – *City Plan - Nanaimo ReImagined*

Silver: City of Burnaby – *HOME: Burnaby's Housing + Homelessness Strategy*

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

Gold: Resort Municipality of Whistler – *Whistler Accessibility Action Plan*

Silver: City of Salmon Arm and Urban Systems – *Connect Salmon Arm: City of Salmon Arm's Active Transportation Network Plan*

AWARDS FOR RESEARCH & NEW DIRECTIONS IN PLANNING

Gold: TransLink and Urban Systems – *Rapid Implementation Design Guide for Bikeways in Metro Vancouver*

Silver: Cowichan Valley Regional District and Kerr Wood Leidal – *Cowichan Lake – Forecasting Future Regulatory Boundaries in Light of Climate Change*

Honourable Mention: Resilience Planning Ltd. and Aboriginal Housing Management Association – *Data Collection Framework and Recommendations for a BC Strategy for Indigenous Peoples Experiencing Homelessness*

AWARD FOR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS – YOUNG PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Malcolm MacLean, PIBC Candidate Member

The Award for Young Professional Leadership recognizes the efforts of young and new planners who demonstrate leadership, innovation, and outstanding achievement at an early stage in their career.

Malcolm completed his Masters in Planning with an Indigenous Community Planning specialization at the University of British Columbia's School of Community and Regional Planning (UBC SCARP). He has worked as a Community Planner for the City of Victoria and was recently appointed Senior Planner. One of his most significant achievements include leading the City's Missing Middle Housing Initiative where he demonstrated a high level of integrity and built trust both internally and externally to lead the creation of innovative city-wide policies and process changes that will help the City provide additional housing choices for residents. His professionalism and passion are felt by those he works with and Malcolm continues to demonstrate leadership and dedication through his positive contributions to the planning profession.

ANNUAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Madelaine Parent - University of British Columbia, School of Community and Regional Planning
Tenant Protections in Redevelopment

Mikhaila Carr - University of Northern British Columbia, School of Planning & Sustainability
Parks, Accessible Spaces and Storytelling

Courtenay Miller - Vancouver Island University, Master of Community Planning
Longstanding Sustainability: Addressing the Downfalls of Green Infrastructure Planning

Nathan Zemp - Simon Fraser University, School of Resource & Environmental Management
Quantifying the Effect of Single-Family Zoning on Housing Prices in Metro Vancouver, 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.

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