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2015 APPI VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

APPI is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award, Gary Buchanan, RPP, MCIP.

Gary Buchanan was the recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Award, in acknowledgement of his lifetime commitment to the profession and the Institute. However, when it came to the selection of the 2015 Volunteer of the Year recipient, it was evident that Gary had even outdone his own record for volunteering in 2015.

Gary's willingness to sacrifice his time, share his knowledge and assume a leadership role within the Institute has always been praiseworthy and 2015 was no exception. In 2015, Gary assumed the role of APPI's representative on the Professional Standards Board (PSB), a significant time commitment and leadership role for the Institute. In that same year Gary served as a facilitator for the APPI Professional Practitioner Course, and served on the following APPI Committees: Edmonton Events Committee, the Student and Legacy Awards Committee, and the Nominating Committee. There was rarely an APPI Event that Gary did not attend if he was physically within 100 km, and sometimes even then. In addition Gary mentored countless Candidate members of the Institute. He is APPI Administration's "go to guy", whether it is to serve on a committee, for guidance and advice, or to move a table or two. He is highly skilled and valued for anticipating the Institute's every need. Gary's generosity of his time, service to the Institute, and consideration of others is inspirational. All done with humility, selflessness and more often than not, a lot of tact and a little humour.

Please join APPI in honoring Gary Buchanan for his commitment and dedication to the Institute, the profession and his community. He is truly deserving of the APPI Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Award. APPI award winners were recognized at the APPI Volunteer Celebration on April 29, 2016 in Edmonton.