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Dear APPI Members,

As you know, in response to a change in federal legislation, the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) has been in the process of revising its bylaws. The procedure for voting on the CIP's new bylaws has just been announced. This voting process will determine the future of the Canadian Institute of Planners and it is important that you participate.

On behalf of APPI Members, APPI Council has followed the CIP bylaw revisions closely throughout the process and has discussed them at length. Council has also heard from concerned and informed planners across the province and has received legal opinions regarding the CIP's proposed bylaws. Following these considerations, APPI Council would like to share the following items of importance to APPI members:

- APPI Council supports the draft CIP bylaws and believes that CIP has much to contribute to APPI's members and the profession.
- Assuming the draft CIP bylaws are adopted, APPI will no longer have our past-president be a representative on the CIP Board. This means that the Institute will no longer have a say in the governance of the CIP. The geographical region consisting of Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut will still be represented on the CIP Board with a representative chosen through an open nomination process. Therefore, APPI will need to amend its bylaws, to allow APPI members to individually choose whether or not to be members of CIP. This process will commence once the national vote on the CIP's bylaws is finalized.
- This year, APPI Council will complete a new Strategic Plan, which will include a commitment to working with CIP on a new strategic services agreement and defining services that CIP will provide to APPI. This agreement will help define the evolving APPI-CIP relationship moving forward. APPI Council and Administration will continue to provide updates on this work as it progresses.

APPI Council encourages all APPI members to inform themselves about the proposed new CIP bylaws to be voted on via an electronic special meeting, the date and time which has yet to be confirmed by CIP.

Sincerely,



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President, APPI