

Each year the Alberta Professional Planners Institute recognizes exemplary planning within the planning profession. Awards acknowledge meritorious plans and projects, undertaken in whole or in part by members of the Institute, that significantly contribute to the livability of communities in Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. Plans and projects specific to rural and indigenous planning are encouraged.

The awards will be presented at the 2023 APPI Conference in Jasper, October 16th. Recipients receive a Certificate of Planning Excellence or a Certificate of Planning Merit.

CATEGORIES

The plan or project must be submitted for only one category and meet the Eligibility and Submission requirements.

1. Comprehensive and Policy Plan

- A strategic, long-range policy plan for a municipality, a portion of a municipality (e.g., neighbourhood, downtown) or multiple municipalities (a region), often in the form of a municipal development plan, area structure plan, area redevelopment plan or inter-municipal development plan, also including a land use bylaw.
- A policy plan which addresses specialized areas such as the environment, housing, economic development, recreation and/or parks, social planning, roads or utility infrastructure of a municipality or region.

2. Design Plan

- A physical land use plan or project focusing on design elements for a specific site or larger area, including but not being limited to site design plans, park/trail plans, historic site/resource plans, revitalization plans, downtown improvement plan.

3. Special Study

- An original or clearly outstanding study/report, based on sound research and analysis through creative or outstanding approaches leading to findings, solutions and/or approaches of value to the planning profession, the livability of communities or the sustainability of resources.

4. Education

- Written or electronic materials and videos intended for use within or outside the planning profession to inform or educate the public or segment thereof about the benefits of planning, how planning makes a difference, how planning works and how to be effectively involved in planning processes.

5. Implementation Success (Plan, Study, Report or Education Materials Approved Prior to 2020)

- A Plan, Study, Report or set of Education materials that was approved prior to 2020 and has realized or are realizing their goals and objectives as demonstrated by an accompanying Plan Evaluation (max 3 pages) submitted with the originally approved document. The evaluation must explain specifics of the Plan's positive impact on the community or communities it was intended to serve.

EVALUATION CRITERIA Categories 1 – 4: Plans or Projects Completed in 2020-2022

The Awards Committee appointed by APPI Council will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria (the weighting for each criterion is shown in parentheses).

Planning Process (25 %), shows an exemplary demonstration of:

- sound planning principles and knowledge, a thorough, appropriate and methodologically sound approach
- the inclusion of the relevant public, stakeholders, and decision-makers
- support for or alignment with other related plans and planning objectives
- acknowledgement and/or resolution of potential effects on other plans, objectives, and policies and/or effects on adjacent and nearby lands and resources.

Originality, Innovation/Creativity/Outstanding Application (25%), shows an exemplary demonstration of:

- a process, product and/or solution that is:
 - original or uniquely visionary in its approach and/or outcome
 - furthering planning goals, principles, and processes
 - applying markedly innovative approaches to existing techniques, procedures, or concepts
 - demonstrating a positive impact on the planning profession or approaches to planning.

Transferability (20%), shows an exemplary demonstration of:

- applicability to other jurisdictions and issues
- being instructive to other applications, issues and circumstances.

Results (20%), shows an exemplary demonstration of:

- achieving the intended objectives of the product, process or plan
- being appropriate to the nature of the challenges and issues addressed
- being supported by analysis and community/stakeholder input
- being carried out or feasibility to be carried out
- being effective and making a positive and measurable difference.

Clarity of Presentation (10%), shows an exemplary demonstration of:

- organization, conceptualization, thought, analysis, writing, graphics
- application of planning goals, principles and/or processes
- being appropriate to the targeted audience.

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Note: Evaluation weighting is provided as information to entrants; detailed scoring of submissions is at the discretion of the Awards Committee and will not be disclosed to any or all of the award applicants.

PLANNING AWARDS
Submission Criteria
Deadline – 3:30 PM July 15, 2023

EVALUATION CRITERIA - Category 5: Implementation Success - Plans Completed Prior to 2020

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Results (40%), shows an exemplary demonstration of:

- achieving the intended objectives of the product, process, or plan
- being appropriate to the nature of the challenges and issues addressed
- being supported by analysis and community/stakeholder input
- being carried out or feasibility to be carried out
- being effective and making a positive and measurable difference

Transferability (20%), shows an exemplary demonstration of:

- applicability to other jurisdictions and issues
- being instructive to other applications, issues, and circumstances.

Planning Process (20%), shows an exemplary demonstration of:

- sound planning principles and knowledge, a thorough, appropriate, and methodologically sound approach
- the inclusion of the relevant public, stakeholders, and decision-makers
- support for or alignment with other related plans and planning objectives
- acknowledgement and/or resolution of potential effects on other plans, objectives, and policies and/or effects on adjacent and nearby lands and resources.

Originality, Innovation/Creativity/Outstanding Application (10%), shows an exemplary demonstration of:

- a process, product and/or solution that is original or uniquely visionary in its approach and/or outcomes
- a process, product and/or solution that applies markedly innovative approaches to existing techniques, procedures or concepts
- a process, product and/or solution that is an outstanding application of existing techniques, procedures or concepts.

Clarity of Presentation (10%), shows an exemplary demonstration of:

- organization, conceptualization, thought, analysis, writing, graphics
- application of planning goals, principles and/or processes
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