

Amanda-Brea Watson, RPP, MCIP

**Nominated for the position of Councillor
APPI Election 2019**

Academic and professional background

Obtaining a Bachelor of Environmental Studies, Honours Planning degree from the University of Waterloo in 2006, Amanda-Brea joined the Alberta Municipal Internship Program and worked with the Country of Grande Prairie. In 2011, Amanda-Brea became a Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and a Registered Professional Planner with the Alberta Professional Planners Institute.

Currently Amanda-Brea works for Dillon Consulting in their Yellowknife Office on various projects that include building capacity amongst community land use managers and improving planning policies in a number of northern communities. Prior to working with Dillon, Amanda-Brea worked as a municipal planner for several municipalities in the NWT, Ontario and Alberta. This has allowed for a wide range of experience in dealing with planning, development, community building and politics in both urban and rural contexts.

Having transferred memberships from APPI to OPPI and back has also helped to highlight the important of the realignment of CIP.

Involvement in professional organizations

- Mentor to several candidate members seeking Certification (2016- Present)
- Presenter in APPI world Town Planning Day Webinar event (2018)
- Truth & Reconciliation Workshop (2017)
- Treasurer & World Town Planning Day Coordinator for OPPI Southwestern District (2014-2017)
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- District Leadership Team Member of OPPI (2016-2017)
- Trustee for OPPI SW Student Scholarship Fund (2014-2017)
- Increased Role of Mediation under Bill 73 (2016)
- Ontario West Planners Forum (2015)
- Recognized as Expert Witness at Ontario Municipal Board (2013)

Election Platform

Since returning to APPI I been connecting northern Professional Planners with each other as well as with the Association. This has helped to with collective knowledge and maintaining standards of the profession.

My goal is to not only make members successful in their pursuit of planning excellence but to raise our professional status. While members understand how the work they do impacts the world around us, most of the world has little knowledge of our profession or the work we do.

To do this I hope to help elevate APPI members and recognition of the Institute, I will continue to give back to the profession, work to keep the *Institute* and our *Roles* relevant, as well as build on shared experiences for the betterment of the planning profession.