

Chris Down, RPP, MCIP

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

Academic and professional background

Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (B.URPI) 2005
Guest Lecturer, School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Alberta (*Considerations when Planning in Alberta*) Planning for Resilient Cities and Regions,
Down, C, Birchall, S.J. (2019). Climate change planning: Understanding policy frameworks and financial mechanisms for disaster relief. In W.L. Filho, P.G. Özyur, P.J. Pace, U. Azeiteiro and L. Brandli (Eds.), *Climate Action, Encyclopedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals*. London: Springer
Member, MSc. (Planning) Student Supervisory Committee, School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Alberta.

Municipal and Regional Planning Advisor, Department of Energy, Government of Alberta, (2014 – present)
Senior Advisor, Energy, Energy Secretariat, Department of Economic Development and Transportation, Government of Nunavut, (2010 – 2014)
Manager, Environmental Assessment and Regulations, Department of Economic Development and Transportation (ED&T), Government of Nunavut, (2012 – 2013)
Strategic Planner, Department of Municipal Affairs, Government of Alberta. (2006 – 2010)
Research Associate, Intergovernmental Committee on Urban and Regional Research (2003 - 2006)

Involvement in professional organizations

Member of Alberta Professional Planners Institute (since 2006)
Member of Canadian Institute of Planners (since 2006)
Past regional representative of the Canadian Institute of Planners on the Indigenous Peoples Planning Committee (IPPC), representing Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut (2011-2013)
Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow (QUEST) : Northern Caucus Member 2011-2014
Alberta Professional Planners Institute - Program Committee member for Jasper conference 2007

Election Platform

Planners play an important role in providing advice and recommendations that often have long term community impacts on the future of our communities. I believe that our knowledge, strengths and contribution to the public interest as a profession in understanding these impacts, both positive and negative, are best demonstrated when professional planners are engaged and have the opportunities to share and discuss our experiences.

As a planner with over 15 years of experience, I have worked for provincial and territorial governments on diverse planning challenges with current and future impacts on regional and local governments. My experience allows me to appreciate the role and the significant degree to which professional planners have in providing information to inspire decisions makers, business and community leaders on ways that improve public and private development decisions which affect people, places and the environment. To this end, I look forward to working with APPI members and Council in providing planners in Alberta and the North with the leaning and development opportunities to advance our profession in how we share and advance our work and knowledge.

If elected to Council, I look forward to working with APPI Council and the membership to represent and advance our mutual interests and knowledge.