

APPI EXCEPTIONAL
MENTOR AWARD

Duncan Fraser, RPP



Recognizing above and
beyond support of
Candidate members in
their professional planning
practice and
competence.

Duncan was co-nominated for this award by Tom Beck and Heather Chisholm.

Mentorship for Duncan Fraser is more than a vocation, it is an instinct. Duncan has been recruiting and inspiring young planners for many years. He has coached and inspired decades of professional planners in Alberta, always seeking out ways he can share his wisdom, help students and young planners start their careers, and promote the understanding of planning principles.

Since retiring from the City of Edmonton, he has continued to mentor, teach, share wisdom and inspire the planners of tomorrow by teaching at the University of Alberta planning program.

While he has formally mentored many via the RPP certification process, Duncan has always been open to share 'pearls of wisdom' and he has always had an open door policy for anyone interested in reflecting and advocating for "big-P" planning. These discussions extended beyond professional planning colleagues and Duncan has contributed significantly to the advancement and understanding of the planning profession amongst other professional disciplines.

As succinctly put by Heather Chisholm – "Duncan is a gem. He is a caring and enthusiastic professional planner who does whatever he can to help his mentees succeed....he will selflessly spend time with you to help you succeed if you are open to it, never ever expecting anything in return but always that you pay it forward. Duncan reminds us all to give back, lend a hand, and inspire a future community of giving, hardworking professional planners".

What an inspiration!

On behalf of the Institute and Membership we congratulate Duncan Fraser as a recipient of the 2021 Exceptional Mentor Award!