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APPI Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Award

This year APPI is pleased to present the Outstanding Contribution to two members of the Institute.

APPI is pleased to announce Mr. David Klippenstein, RPP, as one of recipients of the 2017 Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Awards.

David Klippenstein has made extensive contributions to planning in western and northern Canada since his career began in 1972. Over his 40 plus years career in planning David has worked in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northwest Territories and for a wide variety of clients, including governments, Indigenous Communities, and the private sector. David is a passionate advocate and practitioner of planning and he has created a generation of planning documents, many of which have been the basis of creating great communities.

As a Manitoban, David has a deep appreciation of the Metis people. He devotedly helped them achieve their goals within the context of limited resources and he came to truly understand planning and its relevance in and to everything land. David has served many Indigenous clients and has become a recognized expert in community planning for Treaty Nations in Alberta and Saskatchewan. These plans provided the foundation for infrastructure development and community growth, within the context of limited resources, and enabled the community development that is being completed and renewed in recent years. His success with Indigenous clients is based on his technical expertise, his sensitive and well informed approach as well as his patient, ethical, respectful and professional treatment of clients and communities. David has introduced many Indigenous Peoples to the world of land planning and his work set the stage for future planners in this practice area.

David inspires and nourishes others to do more, be better, reach higher, and not be complacent. David was instrumental in resolving issues pertaining to the accreditation challenges of the University of Saskatchewan Planning Program and was a sessional lecturer at the University of Saskatchewan. David has and continues to serve as a mentor and volunteer with patience and passion.

David's commitment to service illustrates David's desire to give back to the planning community and the public:

- registered member in good standing status since 1980
- President of APCPS (now SPPI) and represented APCPS in the University of Saskatchewan Senate from 1988 to 1991
- APPI Registration Committee from 2007 to 2011 and was instrumental in the Planning for the Future initiative
- Served on the Meewasin Valley Authority Planning and Development Committee (1986 to 1992)
- Participated as a citizen planner in the St Albert Smart Growth discussions

David is a dedicated and versatile generalist who truly understands planning and its relevance in and to everything land.

Please join APPI in honouring Mr. David Klippenstein for his commitment to the profession, the Institute and the community with a strength and clarity of practice, and versatility that is rare. He is truly deserving of the 2017 APPI Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Award.