

Glinis Buffalo, RPP, MCIP

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

Academic and professional background

I am a registered professional planner and a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners with over 15 years of experience within the public and private sector. My background includes First Nations land use planning, conservation planning, municipal planning, environmental assessment, extensive community engagement and supporting women in leadership program development. I currently work in the Indigenous Relations Ministry for the Government of Alberta. My role is to provide advice to cross-ministry partners that work with Alberta's First Nations and Metis Peoples on crown-led land and natural resource management initiatives. Positive approaches and methods for best practices with engagement and consultation contributes to thoughtful and meaningful relationships with Indigenous Peoples.

Involvement in professional organizations

It has been an exciting two years with APPI Council and an honour to serve as your Council. With my involvement and the combined leadership of the Council team, we were successful to have the first ever Indigenous awareness training for our Council and executive leadership team. It has been humbling to witness a continued commitment to Indigenous awareness training for all incoming new Council. Additionally, with my involvement, APPI recognizes the importance of land territorial acknowledgements of Canada's Indigenous Peoples at APPI events. Further, in October 2018 at the APPI annual conference, I had the honour to introduce an elder from Stoney Nakoda First Nation who greeted and welcomed conference delegates to Treaty 7 traditional territory. I had the pleasure to co-present with Stoney Nakoda First Nation to share best practices on "Collaboration and Engagement with Indigenous Peoples and the Government of Alberta". This co-presentation was the first time the Indigenous Relations Ministry had a presence at an APPI conference and my involvement with APPI provides me the opportunity to raise the profile of the role of indigenous planners in provincial government.

Election Platform

I have chosen to seek re-election to continue to contribute my dedication to raising the profile and capacity of RPP planners; encouraging planners to take leadership roles; and to continue raising awareness of the importance of Indigenous planning in order to contribute to the important work APPI is undertaking. These contributions enhance APPI's vision that "We are the face of the planning profession within Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. We serve the public interest by providing regulation, advocacy, promotion and services for our members".

If re-elected as an APPI Councilor I endeavor and will commit to:

- Continuing to seek, create and share learning opportunities to enhance the capacity of our membership on the value of building positive relationships with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, through the implementation of professional development opportunities such as learning from an Indigenous mentor or working on Indigenous led community transformation initiatives. Creating opportunities for planners to feel empowered to work with Indigenous Peoples will contribute to planning for reconciliation.
- Providing more opportunities for collaboration with planners from all levels of government (municipal, provincial, federal and Indigenous); industry sector planners; and planning students, to meet together to share best practices and lessons learned when planning for people, places, and sustainability. Learning and sharing in multi-disciplinary spaces such as round tables provides significant potential to raise the capacity of our membership.
- Working closely with women in planning and planning students to enhance leadership opportunities in the planning profession.

Please re-elect Glinis Buffalo in the upcoming APPI Council Election. Thank you for your continued support.