

NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCILLOR

Khalid Mohammed, PhD, RPP, MCIP, LEED AP ND

(nominee's name)

Academic and professional background

Academic Background

- Masters Certificate in Municipal Leadership – Schulich School of Business- York University
- US Green Building Council Certified - LEED AP ND.
- Certified Specialist in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).
- Completed Master of City Planning Program- University of Manitoba
- D34 Certified Internal Verifier - University of Oxford Cambridge and Royal Society of Arts
- PhD Economics-Public Finance
- Master of Arts Major
- Bachelor of Arts Major

Professional Background

I am an active and full member of the Canadian Institute of Planners/ Alberta Professional Planning Institute, with over 20 years of experience in land use planning, community and policy development, management, and teaching. My specific professional planning background is in urban planning and development, regulatory land use planning, urban growth policy, public consultation, urban design, community and sustainable development.

In my current role as Manager of Planning and Development Services for the Town of High River, I have not only supervised and mentored staff in the provision of current and long-range planning services but have been directly involved in leading the creation of several long- range planning policy documents of critical importance to the future growth and development of the community.

Involvement in professional organizations

- Full member of APPI and CIP
- APPI Calgary Events Committee Chair- 2016-Present
- APPI representative at the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape Faculty Council-UFC
- Past President of Manitoba Multicultural Resource Center
- Former Committee Member of Medicine Hat Safe Community Association
- Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, Alberta-Canada - 2012- Present

Election Platform

APPI has made significant progress in the past few years defining what it means to be a Registered Professional Planner and what it takes to maintain our professional standards.

I have been volunteering with APPI throughout the last 6 years in different capacities and would appreciate the opportunity to continue be involved in high level opportunities to provide additional support and also for gaining more experience and grow professionally.

By looking at the geographical locations of current APPI Council members, and given my geographical region, I truly believe that we need a true regional representation on Council to have diversity and inclusiveness within our organization. Moving forward my priorities as a Councilor would be:

- To promote the guiding role that the planning profession has on development within APPI regions.
- To promote the importance of respecting land and community knowledge, by avoiding supporting growth within environmental sensitive areas.
- To promote and strengthen relationships with related professional organizations including engineering and architecture to minimize conflicts and promote collaboration.
- To promote the importance of regional representation on APPI Council which may help highlight urban as well as rural planning issues alike and help bring professional planners closer.
- I would like to see a closer relationship between planners who work for the public and private sectors.