

## APPI VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Natasha De Sandi



Natasha was nominated by Lyndsay Francis, Stephen Yu and Taylor Varro.

Natasha De Sandi has been an active member of APPI since she completed her Master's Degree in Planning at the University of Calgary. She first became involved with the Institute by attending conferences, seminars, and events where she found a passionate planning community with opportunities to connect, collaborate, receive guidance, and grow as a professional.

Known for her outgoing personality and her laugh, Natasha has been involved in different subcommittees. Natasha serves as the chair the Edmonton Events Committee. In this role, Natasha led the successful coordination of in-person events. Natasha continues to chair the Edmonton Events Committee and also Co-Chaired the 2021 APPI Evolution Conference. She was instrumental in the successful transition of the events and conference to the virtual platform. Natasha was able to adapt, correct course, and find a path forward for APPI making her an integral and valued volunteer of the Institute.

Natasha has the ability to make both new acquaintances and lifelong friends always feel welcomed and inspired to contribute. Natasha is a dedicated professional who is committed to making her community a better place to live and in doing so she enriches the lives of all those with whom she comes into contact, both personally and professionally. Natasha is truly deserving of the APPI Volunteer of the Year Award!

On behalf of the Institute and Membership, APPI congratulates Natasha De Sandi as the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award!