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2026 APPI Nominating Committee Report

The 2026 Alberta Professional Planners Institute (APPI) Nominating Committee gratefully recognizes Khalid Mohammed, Connor Smith, Sue Holdsworth, Margaret Kralt and Nicholas Kuhl, Council terms will end at the 2026 Annual General Meeting to be held virtually on April 30, 2026. APPI also acknowledges Marilyn Hooper's significant commitment to the Institute, during her more than six years of service as the Public Member on Council. The Public Member position on Council is currently vacant, and the Institute is awaiting confirmation of the new appointee from the Government of Alberta.

The continuing members of Council for the 2026-2027 term will be as follows:

Name	Position	Member Status	Location	Sector
Erik Backstrom	President	RPP	Edmonton	Public
Debra Hamilton	Councillor	RPP	Calgary	Public
Lilit Houlder	Councillor	RPP	Edmonton	Private
TBD/Vacant	Councillor	Public Member		

The Nominating Committee is pleased to report that the following regulated members in good standing were either recruited by the Nominating Committee or nominated independently. As the number of nominees for Council is equal to the number of vacant Councillor positions, and only one nominee was secured for the position of President Elect, an election will not be held and all nominees will be acclaimed. As a means of introducing the new members of Council to the membership, their platforms are now posted on the APPI website at [Council Election](#).

Name	Position	Member Status	Location	Sector
Margaret Kralt	President Elect	RPP	Yellowknife	Private
Hilary Janzen	Councillor	RPP	Taber	Public
Nabil Malik	Councillor	RPP	Fort McMurray	Public
Connor Smith	Councillor	RPP	Edmonton	Private
Martino Verhaeghe	Councillor	RPP	Valleyview	Public

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Bravender, RPP - Nominating Committee Chair
Dnyanesh Deshpande, RPP - Nominating Committee Member
Kate Van Fraassen, RPP - Nominating Committee Member

APPI Mission Statement

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.

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