

## **APPI 2023 Outstanding to the Profession Award**

**Beth Sanders, RPP**



This year APPI is pleased to announce that the recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Award is Beth Sanders!

After graduating with a Master of City Planning from the University of Manitoba in 1995, Beth began working as a District Planner with the Brandon and Area Planning District. Beth completed her RPP certification in 1997 and transferred to APPI from MPPI in 2005, when she secured employment in Fort McMurray. At that time, Fort McMurray, was the fastest growing city in North America, facing many unique challenges. In 2007 she founded POPULUS to “shepherd efforts to make city habitats that serve citizens well”.

Beth has been a long-time supporter of APPI and is committed to volunteerism, both in the planning profession and within her community. She demonstrated exemplary leadership with one two-year term on APPI Council starting in 2005 and then a second APPI Council term that spanned five years, including two years as President and two years as APPI’s representative on CIP Council. She also chaired the APPI Conference in 2010 and served as an oral examiner as part of the former RPP certification process.

In support of Beth’s nomination for this award, her colleague Matthew Boscariol shared these words: “Adventurer, storyteller, mentor, and friend. That is Beth to me, and to many. Aside from her track record of giving back to the institute and to many professionals across the country, Beth’s passion of thinking outside the box to solve complex problems had, and still has, a profound impact on my thinking. I congratulate her on this award and am proud to have learned from her.”

APPI honours Beth Sanders as the recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Award!