

Stephen Yu, MPlan

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

Academic and professional background

Senior Planner, Invistec Consulting, 2018 - Present
Planner, Invistec Consulting, 2015 - 2018
Public Engagement Intern, CitySpaces Consulting, 2015

Master in Planning, University of Calgary, 2015
Bachelor of Arts, Urban Development, University of Western Ontario, 2012

Trained in IAP2's Foundations in Public Participation, 2018
Trained in Performance Excellence Institute's Advanced Issues in Project Management, 2018
Trained in Performance Excellence Institute's Project Management Tools and Techniques, 2018
Completed Edx's Ecodesign for Cities and Suburbs, course, 2017

Involvement in professional organizations

Candidate Member, Alberta Professional Planners Institute, 2018 - Present
Candidate Member, Canadian Institute of Planners, 2018 - Present

Committee Member, APPI Conference Committee, 2019
Faculty of Environmental Design Representative, Graduate Students' Association, 2013 - 2015
Committee Member, London Cycle Link, 2014
Contributor, makeCalgary: Talk, 2013 - 2015
Vice President Communications, Social Science Students' Council, 2011 - 2012
Internet Commissioner, Social Science Students' Council, 2010 - 2011
Geography Department Representative, Social Science Students' Council, 2009 – 2010

Publications:

The Power of Engagement: Planning During an Annexation, PlanCanada, Fall 2018
Experiential Learning: Lessons from Melbourne and the University of Calgary, PlanCanada, Summer 2015

Election Platform

Stephen's interest in serving on APPI Council comes from his passion in the planning profession, which similarly saw him serve on councils, associations, and boards throughout his education, career, and personal life. If elected to Council, Stephen aims to focus on three key areas: candidate members of the Institute, young professionals and new graduates, and advanced communication of Council.

Candidate for the Candidates – As a Candidate Member of APPI, Stephen is part of the ~25% of the Institute who are non-RPP. He will advocate for more non-RPP Members to be involved in APPI through Council or Committees, and provide their viewpoints and concerns to Council to be heard.

Young Leaders – Many members of APPI are just starting their new graduates or young professionals starting off their career. Having had good mentors in his life, Stephen sees the value of mentoring, connecting, and helping young professionals develop their network with both seasoned and other young professionals.

Let's Talk - Stephen supports building upon the work that Council has done to improve outreach and communication to its members and the public to provide more and better information.