

## **2024 APPI Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Awards**

### **Kalen Anderson RPP**



Kalen Anderson obtained a Master of Urban Planning degree from McGill University in 2006. During Kalen's fifteen years in planning with the City of Edmonton she has volunteered with APPI in many capacities – serving a term on Council in 2009 and 2010, volunteering on the Edmonton Events Committee and Conference Committees, while also mentoring many Candidate members. In 2022, Kalen received the APPI Exceptional Mentor Award.

When you think of urban planning in Edmonton (and beyond), many would cite the significant contributions of Kalen Anderson. She has championed a range of precedent-setting initiatives, from the Infill Roadmap to CityLab to The City Plan. Kalen's most important contribution to Edmonton perhaps, from a planning practice perspective, is the premise that everyone is a city builder – whether a planner, developer, resident, or municipal official. Through her advocacy and leadership, she has invited Edmontonians to get involved in planning for the future of their city, and to be part of the solution.