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## **APPI Volunteer of the Year Award**

The Volunteer of the Year Award is awarded to a member who has made a significant contribution to the Institute or the profession in 2017. The recipient is to have made an outstanding contribution to the Institute serving on an APPI Committee or initiative or representing APPI on a specific project or initiative at the national level.

This year's recipients of the Volunteer of the Year Award is Connor Smith.

Connor Smith has been an APPI Candidate member since 2012. As a Candidate member who does not have an accredited degree, the route towards certified RPP membership is significantly longer and more challenging, but Connor has been working towards his certification requirements which he plans to complete in 2018.

In 2017 Connor volunteered to serve as the Co-Chair of the 2018 APPI Conference. In that capacity, Connor has demonstrated leadership skills and the willingness to contribute to the good of the Institute and profession. For the past few years, Connor has also served as an active member of the APPI Edmonton Events Committee, coordinating local planning events in the Edmonton region. Connor has also volunteered for the national Institute, serving on the Canadian Institute of Planners' Climate Change Committee, focusing on building planners' knowledge of climate change. Connor has been a dedicated contributor to the Institutes and a champion of the profession and the environment. He is always willing to sacrifice his time and is a pleasure to work with.

Please join APPI in applauding Connor Smith for his significant and valued contribution to the Institute in 2017, and as the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award.