

IN-PERSON CONFERENCE SUMMARY



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2022 OCTOBER
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JOIN US AT COAST CANMORE HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2022

T1 WORKSHOP: ART, CULTURE AND BUILDING COMMUNITY – A HANDS ON WORKSHOP!

Have you ever come across an art installation in an unexpected place that made you take pause and wonder how it came to be? Join this workshop to hear from Nicky Pacas, Arts and Culture Coordinator for the Town of Canmore about project successes and challenges and what the Town does to foster community building through art and culture. Then, local artist Pascale Ouellet will guide participants through an exercise to design and install a semi-permanent piece near the Coast Hotel to represent the conference theme of 'Meet Again'. Come prepared to get your hands dirty and dress for the weather as this workshop will take place outside.

Pascale Ouellet Artist

Nicky Pacas Arts and Culture Coordinator, Town of Canmore

Kelly Learned RPP Principal, FRANK planning collaborative

T2: WALKING TOUR OF SPRING CREEK

Spring Creek, a master-planned community in Canmore, Alberta, was awarded the first ever BUILT GREEN® Community certification for the entire seventy-acre development on International Earth Day, April 22, 2021. Not only are they the first to achieve the certification, BUILT GREEN® Canada has assigned Spring Creek Canmore to the highest level in this new category, Platinum. With over 50 BUILT GREEN® certifications for individual building projects under its belt, Spring Creek Mountain Village is no stranger to the importance of sustainable building practices. This walking tour will provide insight into the technologies and design standards which contribute to gaining this impressive certification.

Frank Kernick

Michelle Ouellette RPP Senior Planner, McElhanney

FIRST TIMERS RECEPTION

Is this your first time to an APPI conference! Welcome! We are so happy that you have chosen to share your wisdom, knowledge, and experiences with your colleagues. Let us introduce you to the APPI Council and let us share our tips and tricks for getting the most out of the conference.

WELCOME RECEPTION

A great time to reconnect, network and learn what others have been up to over the past couple of years. This casual experience will allow you to relax and enjoy everything that Canmore has to offer in a fantastic social environment.

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OPENING REMARKS

K1: KEYNOTE THE HUMAN SIDE OF UNCONSCIOUS BIAS

We all make quick assessments of others without even realizing it. We are not born with bias. Biases are formed by past situations, experiences, background and culture. Unconscious biases typically exist towards gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, age, disability (both physical and mental), and weight. Most of us will say “I see people for who they are” but do we? Recognizing, managing and mitigating unconscious bias promotes diversity and inclusion. Diversity and inclusion drives innovation, increases productivity, and stimulates creativity while promoting a healthy, happy, engaging culture. Diversity is who’s on the team; Inclusion is who gets to play.

Tina Varughese Professional Speaker

1A: Destinations by Design – planning Alberta’s tourism

The need for Alberta to diversify its economy is widely recognized. We’ve all heard promises that tourism is our big opportunity -but also concerns about ‘over-tourism’. How do we grow tourism while balancing economic, environmental, and social issues?

This session will be focusing on the planner’s role in creating tourism destinations, clusters and corridors as well as presenting the concepts of ‘Destination Management’ and the developing field of ‘Destination Development’.

Doug Leighton RPP Principal, EDG (Environmental Design Group) planning + design

Darren Enns RPP Planning Director, Town of Banff

Randall McKay RPP Director Special Projects, Town of Banff

1B: Journey Beyond 100K – An Actionable MDP for Lethbridge

What’s new after two years? Well, we wrote an MDP, so that was fun...

When the City of Lethbridge needed to update its Municipal Development Plan (MDP), Council elected to lead the project. While this showed welcome investment in the project, Council’s limited availability presented challenges. This session details approaches used to manage and deliver a project where project leaders had limited time for involvement and weren’t all agreed on desired outcomes.

The project team will share how they structured the MDP’s policies and its implementation and performance measurement framework to ensure that regular updates on progress are required and that Council can direct changes if the plan’s vision and outcomes aren’t being achieved.

Tyson Boylan RPP Senior Community Planner, City of Lethbridge

Genesis Hevia Orio Community Planner, City of Lethbridge

Ross Kilgour MRTPI Senior Community Planner, City of Lethbridge

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2A: Missing Sidewalks Implementation – A Retrofitting Retrospective

Throughout 2021 and 2022 Al-Terra Engineering Ltd. was contracted to design and assist in construction management of missing pedestrian connections in 21 developed locations throughout the City of Edmonton. This session explores the site selection and priority ranking process, feasibility and site investigation, ultimate designs, and constraints that significantly impacted the ability of the municipality to implement pedestrian network retrofitting – including construction and design costs, budget timing, utility conflicts, design & engineering requirements, and accessibility objectives.

Connor Smith RPP IAP2, Al-Terra Engineering Ltd.

2B: Redesigning Design Guidelines

Design guidelines have become a tool to improve the experiential quality of the built environment and help implement bold place making aspirations. Used by municipalities and firms to address myriad planning challenges where flexibility is privileged over prescription, the diversity of design guidelines means that more planners and communities are involved in their drafting and implementation.

In this comprehensive design workshop, we will review recent research on effective design guidelines and review some of the most common trends and mistakes in designing design guidelines, as well as best practices for effective guideline development and implementation.

Neal LaMontagne RPP Faculty Lecturer, University of Alberta School of Urban and Regional Planning

3A: Planning for Warmth: Social Equity & Winter Design

This session will explore the need for an Ethics of Care lens to be applied to public space planning, particularly in a winter context. In the spirit of this year's conference theme, "Meet Again, this research explores the spaces that we meet in, and how they are often designed to keep vulnerable and low-income populations out of them. In this spirit of togetherness, planners must consider all users of a space to create truly warm and inclusive public spaces and understand what dignity means in a space.

Nicole Cronkhite Planning & Research Analyst, Rural Development Network

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3B: Connectivity Risk Assessment Tool: supporting municipalities assess the impacts of a proposed development to ecological connectivity

Connectivity is impacted by human infrastructure and activity. This alters the way animals move around the landscape. Sometimes these impacts stop animals from being able to move to parts of the landscape and accessing needed resources, impacting ecological connectivity.

To support municipalities as they consider the impacts of proposed development on ecological connectivity, a new online interactive tool was developed called "Connectivity Risk Assessment". By highlighting which components of the development would pose the highest risks, it gives municipal planners, development officers, and/or community members information to be considered in development permit decisions.

Tracy Lee Director of Conservation Research, Miistakis Institute

3C: Think it won't happen to you? Think again! Lessons from the Discipline Committee

This session will provide an overview of the Professional Code of Practice governing regulated planners in the APPI jurisdiction. The code will be the central focus of the course and will be used to generate group discussion about issues confronting planners working in the public service and private industry. This discussion will help planners address a range of questions including:

- Who to go to for advice?
- How does the Code provide a moral/ethical foundation?
- How can APPI help with difficult issues?
- For more information on the Professional Code of Practice or to review the code please visit:

Greg Birch RPP Discipline Committee

GALA – RECEPTION AND BANQUET

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P1: PLANNING LAW PLENARY

Is my work here complete? Addressing MGA section 683.1 and its implications on development.

Section 683.1 of the MGA requires the development authority to determine if an application is complete before the development authority begins its review of the application on the merits. In this session we will discuss the purpose of section 683.1, the changes it requires to the land use bylaw and development application processes, how to address incomplete applications, and appeals. We will also discuss the notice requirements in the MGA and what constitutes notice in planning and development.

Brownlee LLP Barristers & Solicitors will be sharing their wisdom and experiences. Come to the session with your questions in hand.

4A: Conversation About the Walkability of Indigenous Communities in Canada and Alberta

Few cultures on the planet have an intrinsic walkability comparable to Indigenous Peoples in Canada. From way finding place names to infrastructure hidden in plain view, the walkable nature is built into both the region and the indigenous relationship with the land.

Join Dwayne Keir in a conversation on how safe, connected, and walkable transportation infrastructure enables a beautiful, spiritual, and sacred space.

Dwayne Keir RPP Masters Degree Candidate, Ryerson University

4B: Revitalizing Stony Plain's Historic Downtown: Lessons learned from ARP implementation

In August 2019, the Town of Stony Plain completed their first area redevelopment plan (ARP) to establish a long-term vision for development/redevelopment of the historic downtown and surrounding areas. The Old Town Community Plan (OTCP) identifies a number of short and long-term priorities to reinforce this area as the community's cultural and commercial heart, including a roadmap to achieve the vision and enhance the unified sense of place throughout the town.

They will introduce the delegates to the town of Stony Plain through their presentation and planned group activities. You will hear about the plan development process, how the plan continues to be implemented and how the approach has shifted.

Dnyanesh Deshpande RPP Principal, Green Space Alliance

Chelsey Rudolph RPP Sustainability Planner, Town of Stony Plain

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4C: From Virtual to in Person Engagement in Forest Lawn

After attempting to engage with key stakeholders from Forest Lawn through evening virtual sessions we were almost ready to put a pause on our project. Virtual engagement with stakeholders from an area of Calgary with a low-income population and diverse demographics was proving challenging. Stakeholders were burn out, sick of online engagement, under resourced and had nothing left to give. At this pivotal moment for our project, we got lucky as restrictions eased. We re-strategized our approach and went in-person at a time when we were all still trying to figure out what that meant. Our in-person pop-ups, sounding boards, school sessions, and a community Jane's Walk breathed new life into our project and allowed us all to meet each other face to face.

This session will follow the same approach as the engagement process did. With a 'virtual' component, then in person table sessions, and getting everyone up out of their seat for a 'Jane's Walk' style conversation.

Julie Brache RPP Project Planner, City of Calgary

Chris Andrew RPP Associate Planner, B&A Planning Group

Tamille Beynon Senior Engagement Specialist, B&A Planning Group

Adis Samardzic Engage Planner, City of Calgary

5A: Making Space, so where did all the parking go? & More Form, Less parking: Okotoks' new Land Use Bylaw

Edmonton made history on June 23, 2020, by becoming the first major Canadian municipality to eliminate parking minimums city-wide, an approach known as Open Option Parking. This approach gives businesses and homeowners the ability to determine how much parking to provide on their properties, instead of setting arbitrary mandatory parking minimums. This trailblazing approach to eliminate parking minimums has received both provincial (APPI) and national (CIP) planning recognition.

In 2019, the Town of Okotoks began an ambitious task of completely rewriting the Okotoks Land Use Bylaw prior to the completion of the updated MDP being complete and as the entire approach to engagement shifted due to the pandemic. The previous Bylaw was adopted in 1998 when the Town had a population under 10,000 and finite growth boundary. Since that time, the Town has grown to over 30,000 people and a managed growth approach to development. By June 2021, the new LUB was before Town Council for approval.

The panel will include Kim Petrin, Lyla Peter and Colin Gainer. They will share their processes, challenges and key learnings. We can look forward to an open and critical discussion of the two projects.

Colin Gainer RPP Senior Planner, Community Growth & Investment, Town of Okotoks

Lyla Peter RPP Director Development Approvals & Inspections, City of Edmonton

Kim Petrin Branch Manager, Development Services, City of Edmonton

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5B: We're Here, We're Queer, We're Planners & Creating Space for Everyone

At the APPI Evolution conference in 2021, Ask Me About My Pronouns: An Introduction to LGBTQ2S+ Inclusive Planning, shared tips and tricks on how planners could begin to take steps towards fostering LGBTQ2S+ inclusivity. Now that we can Meet Again, We're Here, We're Queer, We're Planners, will expand on the conversation by bringing together queer identified planners for a facilitated panel discussion on queer inclusivity in Planning.

To become a more equitable and inclusive organization and community, the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo established the Equity and Inclusion Taskforce. Learn how the Equity and Inclusion Taskforce worked to establish the Equity and Inclusion Office, which was a priority championed by the municipality's CAO.

This session will include allow members of the panel to share their own experiences and stories and to highlight the role of the Equity and Inclusion Office, its mandate, achievements, and future goals.

Lyndsay Francis RPP Planner, City of St. Albert

Nabil Malik RPP Planner, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

Isela Contreras-Dogbe RPP Supervisor, Community Services,
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

Krystell O'Hara Manager, Equity and Inclusion Office,
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

T3 Tour: Canmore's Transportation Improvement Plan 2020

Canmore Resilience and Reinvention: Within the goals of the Town transportation network improvement plan are to increase mode share of auto oriented to pedestrian and bicycle (alternative) forms from 80%/20% in 2018 to 60%/40% in 2030. To accommodate this, a number of surface improvements have been made to the busiest intersection in Town and are ongoing through other projects across the community. In concert with implementing these surface works, deep utility improvements identified in the Utility Master Plan have been woven in to accommodate infill development. As infill development occurs the underground improvements are designed to accommodate increased water usage, fire flows and sanitary improvements. This session will include a brief presentation and a walking tour of the intersection and nearby infill development which demonstrates the Town of Canmore's response to resilience and reinvention.

Michelle Ouellette rpp Senior Planner, McElhanney

Darin Langhorst P.Eng., Division Manager, Municipal Engineering, McElhanney

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6A: When Ecosystem Protections Fail – A Real-World Test of Policy and Program Efficacy

This session will outline recent case studies from practice and literature to demonstrate how planning systems can improve by learning from instances when they haven't worked as intended. Several common themes will be drawn, representing key gaps that prevent protection and restoration of ecosystems—especially wetlands. These include a lack of Indigenous consultation, information on ecosystem function, and failure to consider cumulative impacts.

Waverley Birch ^{MES RPP MCIP}, will identify several common themes, representing key gaps that prevent protection and restoration of ecosystems—especially wetlands. By studying instances where policies and programs haven't succeeded, attendees will gain insight into how planners can help communities lead towards a more sustainable future.

Waverley Birch ^{RPP} Planning Ecologist, IBA Braiding Ltd

6B: Kickstarting Rural Economic Development in 2022?!?

In this workshop learn about the most current and emerging Economic Development actions for Rural Alberta, experience effective engagement methods and understand what Rural Alberta's challenges and opportunities are, and how you can benefit. We will review the challenges and opportunities for Economic Development in Rural Alberta. Learn what we heard from our province wide "Listening Tour" with local municipal government officials and administration, Industry stakeholders, indigenous business leaders, economic development organizations, and community members.

Shawn Bravender ^{RPP} Certified Public Participation Professional, WSP

Sarah Asselstine ^{M.A.} Senior Engagement Specialist, WSP

6C: Fireside Chat with Harry Harker ^{RPP, FCIP}

P2 CLOSING PLENARY: EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED

Housing, land use, labour, economic development and policy are all interconnected while each is unique in their own deliverables. Join Ian O'Donnell Executive Director of the Bow Valley Builders and Development Association as he discusses how all of these components work together to build the communities that we live and play in.

Ian O'Donnell Executive Director, Bow Valley Builders and Development Association