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

APPI is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award, Claudia Palylyk.

### **Claudia Palylyk, RPP, MCIP**

Claudia has been an APPI member since 2008 and an RPP member since 2011. She is a dedicated champion of the planning profession and the environment. Claudia is always willing to sacrifice her time and share her knowledge and professional experience with her colleagues. She has mentored Candidate members of the Institute and joined the APPI Edmonton Events Committee in 2016.

In October of 2015 the Government of Alberta introduced a new wetland policy. As part of the policy implementation process, Alberta Environment and Parks determined the need for appropriately trained and experienced wetland science practitioners to fulfill a range of roles in the realms of wetland assessment and wetland restoration/construction/reclamation. The Professional 10 Working Group (Pro10) was established, with representation from each of the ten Professional Regulatory Organizations given statutory authority to regulate their respective professions, to identify competencies required to conduct Wetland Assessment, Wetland Impact Assessment and Wetland Design Work.

Claudia agreed to serve as APPI's representative on the wetland practitioner initiative and she has served on the Pro10 working group since late in 2015. She has spent countless hours on this project sharing her expertise, representing APPI and serving the planning profession well.

Claudia's willingness to sacrifice her time, share her knowledge and assume a leadership role within the Institute has been greatly appreciated.

Please join APPI in applauding Claudia Palylyk for her significant and valued contribution to the Institute in 2016 and as the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award.