

Councillor Nominee Platform 2026

NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCILLOR

Hilary Janzen

Nominee's Name

Academic and professional background

I hold a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Queen's University and have over 20 years of experience in municipal planning and economic development. Currently, I serve as Director of Planning, Development and Economic Development for the Town of Taber, where I lead strategic initiatives that foster sustainable growth, community engagement, and economic resilience. Previously, I have also had the pleasure of working for Lethbridge County and the City of Edmonton. My work includes collaboration between municipalities, industry stakeholders, and the public to create vibrant, inclusive communities.

Involvement in professional organizations

I am an active member of APPI and have contributed to advancing planning practices by supporting new and fellow planners, volunteering, and attending APPI events and conferences. I am also an active member of the Community Planning Association of Alberta and I was previously on the Board of Directors for the Community Planning Association of Alberta (2018 to 2023), which promotes community planning in Alberta.

Election Platform

As Councillor, my priorities will be:

1. Strengthening Member Engagement - Enhance opportunities for networking, mentorship, and knowledge-sharing across Alberta, particularly for members in smaller urban or rural communities.
2. Championing Professional Development - Advocate for accessible continuing education opportunities so that planners in all geographic areas of the province have the opportunity to continuously learn and grow in a way that positively impacts their respective communities.
3. Promoting Diversity and Inclusion - Ensure APPI continues to foster an inclusive profession that reflects the diverse communities we serve.
4. Advancing Strategic Partnerships - Build stronger connections between APPI, various levels of government, development industry, and other agencies/stakeholders to elevate the role of planning in shaping Alberta's future.

Commitment

I am committed to upholding APPI's values of integrity, accountability, and excellence. My goal is to represent members' interests effectively and contribute to a Council that is forward-thinking and responsive to the evolving needs of our profession.