

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCILLOR**

**Martino Verhaeghe, RPP, MCIP**

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***Academic and professional background***

Bachelor of Science (Geography), University of Lethbridge  
Certificate In Municipal Management and Leadership, University of Alberta

I have over 20 years of experience in the administration of (3) Rural Municipalities, (3) Urban Municipalities and (2) Provincial Governments as a Planning Professional and a Leader of People. I have held roles spanning from a Planning Technician to Chief Administrative Officer, working in a broad number of areas spanning from development site review to policy development to drafting Legislation and Regulations. I am currently the Director of Planning and Economic Development for the Municipal District of Greenview No. 16

***Involvement in professional organizations***

SPPI Council member (Treasurer/At-Large 2007-2010)  
Designate to Mainstreaming Climate change Tools for the Professional Planning Community Project (2010)  
SPPI Disciplinary Committee Member (2011-2014) SPPI Volunteer Recognition Award (2013)  
Committee member of APPI's Alberta Sustainability Planning Initiative (2016-2018)  
Alberta Registered Professional Planner (RPP), and  
Full Member of Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP)

I am an active member whom attends APPI annual conferences and have supported several candidate members through processes of mentorship and logbooks. I am always looking to support new members in our profession and to give back to our professional organizations, which is why I am putting my name forward in 2026.

***Election Platform***

My broad experiences provide me with a well-rounded view towards how policies, politics and location can change how each of us is able to access professional supports and how policies or programs affect us as practitioners. I support continuing to build relationships, based on our shared objectives, with all levels of government and increase recognition, credibility and respect for our profession with those groups. I am a dedicated believer in our profession and what it can achieve and agree to uphold the APPI 2025-2029 Strategic Plan Goals which seek to strengthen member engagement, lead proactively through both risk and opportunity and champion responsible regulation of our profession and our communities.

I would seek to focus on meaningful engagement with all members in all areas – Northern, Urban, and Rural - ensure reasonable access to programs, services, and representation. I believe in high professional standards, ensuring our profession is seen as serving the public interest, and in supporting individual professional growth for planners in their careers at all stages. As APPI looks at effective succession planning in the Administration, having experienced leaders and APPI members on Council will help ensure we are strengthening our organization's resilience, and guiding APPI towards long-term success and stability.

As Leader with a team first mindset, I would be honored to have the opportunity to give my time and dedication towards supporting our profession in a very pivotal period.