

## **From the President of CIP, David Palubeski, MCIP**

The foundation for this journal began two years ago with the restructuring of the CIP National Council. Council sought to create a newly invigorated CIP, and to redefine it as an organization that could engage its members in charting the course toward a mature and energized Institute. We brought to CIP's management table representatives from the College of CIP Fellows, our most esteemed members, and from the Association of Canadian University Planning Programs, ACUPP, every student's first view of the road toward professionalism in planning. The contributions of David Witty, President of the College of Fellows and David Brown, President of ACUPP, to the national agenda of CIP have been instrumental in aiding Council to implement its vision for the Institute.

An important part of that vision was Council's commitment to develop and publish, in partnership with ACUPP, an annual journal on Canadian planning theory and practice. This project would provide an opportunity to report carefully researched and refereed articles focusing upon contemporary (and future) Canadian planning issues. The goals of CIP for the journal (in association of CIP's non-profit foundation established to financially support Canadian planning practice and research, under the guidance of Institute Fellow, Gary Davidson) are to stimulate critical thinking and debate, to provide grist for conference and media discussion and to lay the foundation for national policy development.

I'm pleased to present the first edition of the *CJUR/CIP* joint publication *Canadian Planning and Policy: Perspectives on a Canadian Urban Strategy*.

On behalf of CIP I would like to express our Institute's appreciation to *CJUR* for their partnership in this enterprise, and to David Brown for his pioneering efforts in making this journal happen, and to extend special congratulations to the editor, Ian Skelton and to our contributing editors for creating this first issue. Thank you all!

To the readers and CIP membership I invite you to enjoy this journal! Please give us your comments at [www.cip-icu.ca](http://www.cip-icu.ca). If you like what you read here, join me in looking forward to next year's edition. In the meantime, consider taking a subscription to *Canadian Journal of Urban Research* and receive another two issues a year of stimulating research articles and book reviews.

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