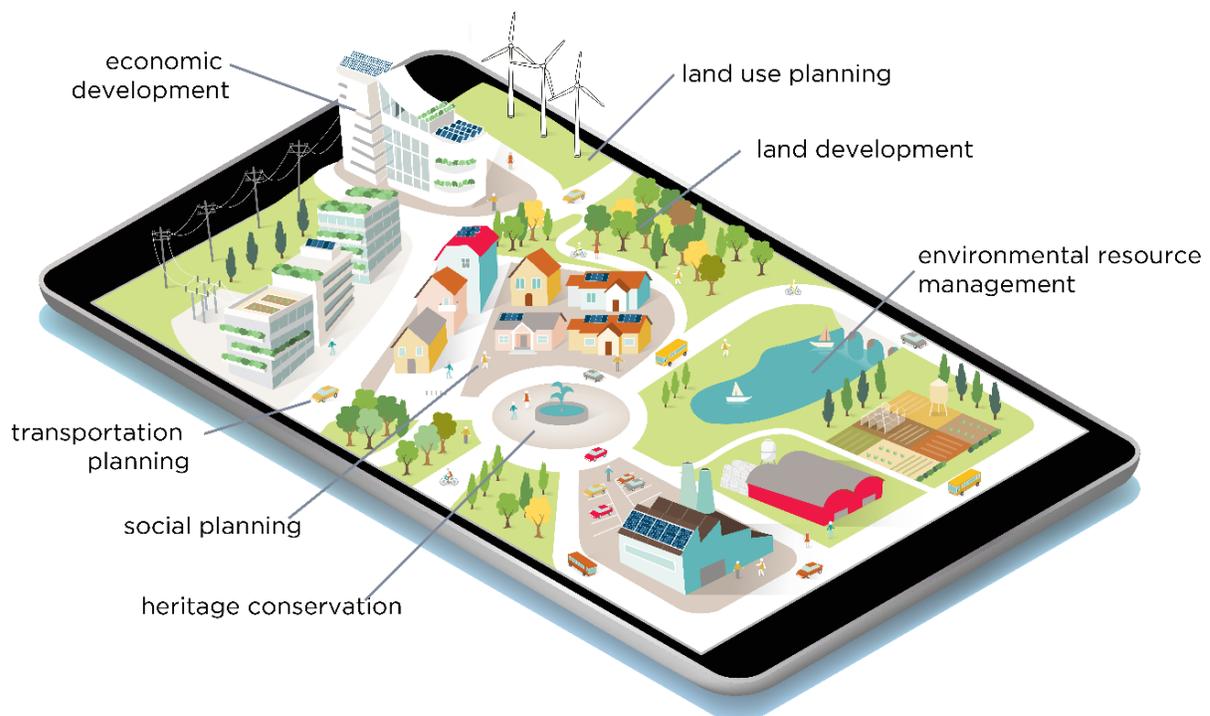


## About the Planning Profession

- There are approximately 8,500 planning professionals in Canada.
- In 2017, *Canadian Business* named Urban Planner in the top 20 of [Canada's Best Jobs 2017](#).
- Planners safeguard the health and well-being of urban and rural communities, by addressing the use of land, resources, facilities, and services with consideration to physical, economic, and social efficiency.
- Planners work in both the public service and the private sector, across fields such as land use planning, environmental resource management, land development, heritage conservation, social planning, Indigenous communities planning, transportation planning, and economic development.



## Certified Professional Planners

- In Canada, [Provincial and Territorial Institutes and Associations \(PTIAs\)](#) regulate the planning profession. PTIAs are responsible for governing the rights and responsibilities of their members and setting and upholding the criteria for professional planners within their jurisdictions.
- PTIAs grant the Registered Professional Planner (RPP) or Licensed Professional Planner (LPP) professional designations and protected titles to their members who have completed the certification process and relevant standards for ethical and professional competency.
- The [Professional Standards Board for the Planning Profession in Canada \(PSB\)](#) administers the processes for the certification of professional planners and the accreditation of planning schools within Canada. In 2017, there were 19 accredited planning schools in Canada.

## About the Canadian Institute of Planners

- The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) works on behalf of over 6,900 planning professionals nationally, and has served as the voice of Canada's planning community since 1919.
- CIP's mission is to advance and raise the profile of Canadian professional planning, for our members in Canada and abroad, through leadership, advocacy, expertise, and education.
- CIP's full members, who are certified by their PTIAs, may use the title MCIP, denoting Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.
- CIP's full members, who reside outside of Canada, may use the title MCIP-International.
- The College of Fellows is a special status developed by CIP and is the highest award the Institute can give to a planner. Only those who have been elected into the College may use the FCIP title, denoting Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners.
- CIP provides a number of services to our members, including:
  - Access to newsletters, publications, online journals, and other resources;
  - A subscription to *Plan Canada*, our quarterly magazine;
  - Professional liability insurance and other optional insurance programs;
  - Awards programs, including the Awards for Planning Excellence;
  - Continuous Professional Learning programs;
  - Discounted registration fees for the annual national conference and World Town Planning Day online conference;
  - Access to Canada-wide job postings;
  - Opportunities to volunteer, network, and participate in program initiatives;
  - Representation of the profession's interests to the federal government and key stakeholders; and
  - Support to students, including a range of scholarships.

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## *National and International Initiatives*

Through the work of our dedicated volunteers, CIP's committees are involved in various partnership and advocacy activities, as well as issues-based projects, focussing on such themes as climate change, healthy communities, and Indigenous community planning.

CIP is a member of the Canadian Council on the Social Determinants of Health, the Global Planners Network, and the Commonwealth Association of Planners. CIP regularly participates in UN Habitat events and at the Caribbean Urban Forum conference. CIP celebrates World Town Planning Day (WTPD) on November 8 by organizing the WTPD online conference and promoting national and international events and activities.

As well, CIP representatives serve on the following bodies:

- Planning Alliance Forum (PAF)
- Professional Standards Committee for the Planning Profession in Canada (PSC)
- Professional Standards Board for the Planning Profession in Canada (PSB)

## *Plan Canada*

CIP publishes *Plan Canada*, the premier planning magazine in Canada, quarterly. It features informative and beautifully presented articles on innovative projects and best practices in Canadian planning, as well as original research by practitioners and academics. Each edition explores one theme in the planning world, such as planning for Indigenous communities, planning and human rights, and digital cities.

To subscribe to *Plan Canada* visit [www.cip-icu.ca/Resources/Plan-Canada](http://www.cip-icu.ca/Resources/Plan-Canada).



## *National Conference*

Every year CIP hosts a conference to bring together planners from across the country and from all areas of practice to address key issues and topics that impact the profession. CIP partners with the local PTIA to ensure the conference showcases the best the region has to offer.

### Upcoming Conferences



**2018:** *SOUL* – Winnipeg, Manitoba – CIP and the Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI)

**2019:** *CIP Centenary Celebration* – Ottawa, Ontario – CIP

## *Great Places in Canada*

The Canadian Institute of Planners recognizes the contributions of planners by celebrating their lasting impressions on Canadian communities through the Great Places in Canada contest.

This national contest invites the public to nominate and vote for a great street, public space, or neighborhood.



## *College of Fellows*

The College of Fellows is a special status developed by the Canadian Institute of Planners that recognizes excellence, identifies prominent role models, promotes advances in planning practice, and draws leaders to the forefront of planning in Canada. Election as a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners is the highest award the Institute can give to a planner. It is given only to those members who exhibit the highest professional attainment and exhibit a wide breadth of experience. Such professional attainment and experience must be significant within a Canadian or international planning context.

## *CIP/ICU Planning Student Trust Fund*

The CIP/ICU Planning Student Trust Fund (PSTF) is a registered charitable organization of CIP. Since 1989, the PSTF has been dedicated to the advancement of community planning in Canada by providing scholarships to students studying at an accredited university planning program.

The PSTF currently supports students with five different scholarships, awarding over \$22,000 annually. A new bursary, The Ted Fobert and Robert Tennant Planning Merit, will be launched in 2019.



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