



Vision in Planning Award

About the CIP Vision in Planning Award

The CIP Visionary in Planning Award recognizes and highlights successful plans of a historical nature that have been thoroughly implemented and have demonstrably improved the quality of life for a Canadian community.

In many instances, Community Plans have resulted in the kinds of dynamic change, growth and direction that benefit our Canadian communities and the livelihood of the people who live in them. Community Plans have served to improve the social, economic and social wellbeing of the community. The historical plans provide insight into the direction of the community, where it's been and where it's going. The vision behind such plans reflects the foresight and leadership required to truly understand the context of community planning and development. The Canadian Institute of Planners appreciates that these historic plans deserve their own specific recognition, given their significant contribution to the community and to the economic and social fabric of Canada.

The CIP Vision in Planning Award is an honorary award, not a competition. The Provincial and Territorial Institute and Association (PTIA) hosting the CIP Annual Conference is responsible for submitting recommendations with sufficient documentation and evidence. This award recognizes long-term effectiveness in planning within the community or region hosting the current year's CIP Annual Conference. Aligning the award with the conference ensures a visible presence for CIP in the community to which it is being presented each year.

Award Objectives

- Recognize community plans of a historical nature that have achieved or exceeded their intended expectations in concept, design, implementation and community impacts.
- Promote public and professional recognition and awareness of community plans that have significantly contributed to communities.
- Draw local and national media attention to significant planning projects that CIP recognizes as important plans that have affected our communities.

Eligibility Criteria

- The historic land use plan must meet the following objectives / criteria (which are also used as judging criteria for the CIP Excellence in Planning Awards).
 - *Innovation and Contribution to the Profession:* The introduction of an original concept or refinement of an existing technique or procedure; the importance of the project's concepts to the profession; and the portability of ideas and ease with which they can be accepted.
 - *Methodology:* How the project was conceived and developed to the point of implementation.
 - *Clarity of Goals and Objectives:* The overall focus and degree of comprehensiveness relative to subject matter.

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- *Implementation*: How the project can be implemented and the effectiveness of the implementation strategy and/or programming.
- *Overall Presentation*: The organization and clarity of the text and graphics as well as completeness of research and recommendations. Consideration will be given to the ease with which the contents and style would be understood by the target audience.
- *Public Engagement*: The rationale and effectiveness of specific techniques used to share information between the proponent and the public at various points in the development of a project.
- *Sustainability*: How the project contributes to the quality of life of residents in relation to the environmental, economic, social and cultural attributes of the plan, as well as its capacity to support good governance over the long-term.
- Historic plans should have been adopted and initiated at least 15 years previously.
- Evidence must be presented of the plan's positive impact community is required.
- The plan should be located within or should have significantly impacted the community hosting the CIP Annual Conference.

Nomination Process

1. The PTIA hosting the CIP National Conference will recommend an award recipient with a nomination package that includes:
 - Explanation of the achievements of the historic landmark plan and how the project meets the criteria
 - Biographical records of the individuals associated with the plan (pictures and maps if possible)
 - Documentation of the plan's historical significance
 - Detailed contact information for the award recipients
 - List of local media who would be interested in receiving news of this award
2. The PTIA may wish to notify the nominee that they are being considered for this award in order to obtain the necessary nomination information. (The nominee should be advised that this process is confidential until CIP notifies them of the award and official announcement dates).
3. CIP will review the PTIA's submission, and submit it to the CIP Board of Directors for ratification.
4. The CIP Board of Directors reviews the nomination package and ratifies the award winner. Please note that the CIP Board reserves the right to exercise its judgment in applying the award criteria and its decision will not be subject to any appeal.

Award Presentation

This award is presented during the annual conference's proceedings. CIP does not cover the costs associated with winners accepting the award. Winners do not receive free registration for the conference, however they are permitted entrance to the award ceremony at no cost (for one award recipient).