

Indigenous Community Planning Committee

Terms of Reference

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1. AUTHORITY

The Indigenous Community Planning Committee is an ad hoc committee of the Canadian Institute of Planners. As such, it is mandated by and accountable to the CIP Board of Directors.

Please refer to the CIP Committee Manual for detailed information on policies and procedures.

2. MANDATE

The Indigenous Community Planning Committee (ICPC) mandate is to support the practice of community and regional planning through solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, and our shared aspirations in areas such as strong governance, land stewardship, economic prosperity, self-reliance, social justice, health and well-being, and sustainable infrastructure. To this end, the committee will actively:

- Mobilize the knowledge, experience and skills of its membership;
- Increase the profile and understanding of how CIP's mandate, programs, and committees serve its membership, Indigenous peoples, and the public interest;
- Recognize and include planners who are working with Indigenous Peoples or within communities;
- Respect and learn from Indigenous planning knowledge, values, systems, and protocols;
- Support the decolonization of planning and systems impacting and influencing Indigenous communities;
- Address issues of importance to the planning profession and/or the public interest as they pertain to Indigenous Peoples;
- Increase the standards and competencies of Indigenous planning practice;
- Develop strategic partnerships between CIP and Indigenous governments or agencies, and support organizations to promote the aspirations of Indigenous Peoples and planning practice;
- Monitor, assess, and support federal and international goals and programs that impact Indigenous communities, including the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the New Urban Agenda;
- Review the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action](#) and identify where CIP can support the reconciliation objectives;
- Identify and develop planning projects, educational initiatives, outreach programs, forums, workshops, and tools to support Indigenous planning practice;
- Advise Board of potential opportunities for CIP representatives to engage in relevant roundtables or committees of other organizations;

- Identify and support opportunities to enhance the activities planned for CIP's centenary (2019), in collaboration with the Centenary Committee;
- Identify and support opportunities to profile, respect, and include Indigenous peoples in CIP activities;
- Build and lead in an information and knowledge sharing network for planners; and

Identify and secure funding opportunities that support Indigenous planning education, projects, and practice.

3. APPOINTMENT

Members of the committee will be appointed in accordance with the CIP committee policies, as approved by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Institute's bylaws.

4. COMPOSITION

The Chair of the committee shall be appointed by the CIP Board.

A CIP Board of Directors liaison shall be appointed to the committee as a non-voting member.

If required and approved, a CIP staff member will be appointed in an ex-officio (non-voting) capacity.

A representative from the Fellows, the academic community, and a student, will be sought where possible.

Committees will strive to include members of diverse backgrounds and actively seek applicants from under-represented groups.

Membership shall consist of eight to ten members in good standing, who represent a cross section of the profession and membership, and two to four non-members. Membership composition will strive to represent Canada's geography and diversity, while prioritizing the selection of individuals who self-identify as Aboriginal (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis).

The Chair will have relevant federal level experience, including in-depth understanding of national Indigenous issues, structures, and systems, as well as experience in applied Indigenous community planning.

5. TERMS

Unless otherwise stated, the term of office for all committee members shall be two years, which may be renewed for a further two years, contingent upon satisfactory completion of a first term.

6. ACTIVITIES AND WORK PLAN

Reflective of the committee mandate letter, the committee will develop and carry out an annual work plan and budget, subject to its approval by the CIP Board of Directors. Work of the committee may only commence upon approval of the Board. Generally, work plans and budgets will be developed in September-November, for the following year.

The Board may from time to time assign the committee with additional, specific undertakings.

7. MEETINGS

The committee shall meet at least four times a year. A meeting can mean an email where specific decisions are agreed upon, teleconference, or in-person (where budgets allow). Additional meetings will be scheduled as required.

Each meeting shall have an agenda, prepared by the Chair or their designate, distributed five days in advance of the meeting.

Each meeting will include a review and declaration of any real or perceived conflicts of interest.

Annually, the committee will review its mandate and terms of reference.

A record of actions and decisions will be recorded by a committee designate. This will be maintained in the committee SharePoint folder.

8. SUBCOMMITTEES

The Chair may appoint subcommittees when necessary for the committee to effectively conduct its business. If external members of the subcommittee are required, the recruitment and selection process will be in accordance with the CIP committee policies.

9. GUESTS, ADVISORS, AND OBSERVERS

Committees may invite guests, advisors, and observers to their committees, who participate at the discretion of the committee.

10. QUORUM

A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the committee.

11. VOTING

Each voting committee member shall have one vote at all committee meetings, and all questions shall be decided by a simple majority of votes cast.

12. LEVEL OF COMMITMENT

Generally, each committee member will be required to:

- Prepare for and attend meetings
- Report to the Chair
- Follow-up on assigned items within deadlines
- Where appropriate and desirable, lead a subsidiary working group or subcommittee
- Use the CIP intranet (SharePoint) to collaborate on committee related initiatives
- Participate in training for use of technology when applicable (web conferencing, SharePoint etc.)

Committees will be required to develop their own agenda and document action items.

The minimum level of effort/expectation is an average of eight to twelve hours per month. Requirements for the Chair of the committee may be greater.

13. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES

The budget and staffing requirements of the committee will be developed by the Chair of the committee, in consultation with CIP staff, and subject to approval by the Board.

14. REPORTING

The committee will regularly provide reports to the Board of Directors, including details of their meetings and work plan progress, including their activities, issues, action items, knowledge and information transfer deliverables, and accomplishments. At minimum, committees will provide quarterly status reports, as well as the annual report summary, to the Executive Director to include in the Board meeting package. These documents will be kept in the committee SharePoint folder.

Recommendations for significant changes in direction or policy will require Board approval for implementation.

15. COMMITTEE RESOURCES

Board Liaison	Elizabeth Nicoll, Director	elizabeth_nicoll@outlook.com
Staff Liaison	Anissia Nasr, Manager, Partnerships and Outreach	anasr@cip-icu.ca

SharePoint

The SharePoint site can be accessed through the CIP membership portal using your CIP login credentials. Each committee has a personalized site. Committee members are responsible for updating and maintaining the site.

Clarity Conferencing

Each committee will have their own tele-conference dial-in codes. Committee members are responsible for scheduling/initiating meetings, circulating meeting material and taking notes (posted on the SharePoint page).

Dial-in: 1.866.613.5223

Conference Access Code: 6802852

Policies

CIP Governance Policy and Procedure Manual

- CIP Code of Ethics
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- CIP Committee Manual and Procedures
- CIP External Representative Policy

Templates

- Project Charter
- Work Plan (WBS)
- Committee Reports to the Board
- Agendas
- Meeting Notes