



# CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS

*Shaping Our Communities  
Sustaining Canada's Future*

## 2010 Awards for Planning Excellence

### What are the Canadian Institute of Planners Awards for Planning Excellence?

The Canadian Institute of Planners' Awards for Planning Excellence honour our members who are deserving of recognition for their excellence in planning work and their contribution to and effect on the profession.

#### Submission Criteria:

The projects being submitted must have been carried out during the period January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Submissions may come from Fellows, Full Members, provisional members, and may have been accepted by a client or community group and not necessarily been adopted by legislation or other formal mechanisms. CIP encourages submissions from communities of all sizes as well as for projects of all sizes. Your entry may consist of a plan or a policy; a physical design concept; applied research; communication materials; or other, such as photos, video, etc.

#### What you need to submit for consideration:

- One original hard copy of all documents for the complete submission. This copy will be kept at CIP for reference and will be used for presentation at the CIP conference should your submission be chosen for an award.
- Fourteen (14) copies on CD of your complete submission.

#### Each complete submission must include:

- the completed and signed application form
- 2-page brief summary of the submission
- project documentation, which should include or be supported by plans or other illustrative material(s)
- explanation (maximum six pages) demonstrating how the submission meets the criteria for the category entered

**Your submission must be received  
in the CIP office by:**

**Monday March 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. EST**

*Submissions will not be accepted after the deadline. You will not be notified of receipt of your submission, so please use a method of shipping that will allow you to track your parcel.*

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### Evaluation Criteria

- *Innovation & Contribution to the Profession* (introduction of an original concept or refinement of an existing technique or procedure. Importance to the profession, and portability of ideas and ease with which they can be accepted)
- *Methodology* (how the project is conceived and developed to the point of implementation)
- *Clarity of Goals and Objectives* (overall focus and degree of comprehensiveness relative to pertinent subject matter and topics to be addressed)
- *Implementation* (how the project can be implemented and effectiveness of the implementation strategy and/or programming)
- *Overall Presentation* (judged on 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 is understood by the target audience)
- *Public Participation* (consideration will be given to 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 and healthy community relative to environmental, economic, social and cultural attributes over the long term)

### When and where are the awards presented?

Award winners will be recognized for their achievements at the CIP Conference in Montreal, Quebec October 2 to October 5, 2010.

The winning entries will be featured in a presentation and in *Plan Canada*.

### 2010 Awards Categories

- City Planning
- Environmental Planning
- International Development
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Planning for and Development of Aboriginal Communities
- Planning Publications
- Recreation Planning
- Rural/Small Town Planning
- Social Planning
- Transportation & Infrastructure
- Urban Design

## CIP AWARDS CATEGORIES

The categories reflect the experience and interests of many of Canada's planning practitioners and the academic community. These are generic issue or theme-based categories. Submissions are expected to demonstrate characteristics such as innovation, creativity, impact on the profession, integration, feasibility, and contribution to sustainability, quality of life, and health.

### **City Planning**

Cities present significant challenges to Canada's planners. Downtowns in many cities and towns must redefine themselves in response to changes in urban form, retail environment, housing and location of work with consideration to heritage revitalization, re-urbanization and economic development. The Committee seeks examples of innovative and effective initiatives that enhance the social, economic, and environmental well-being of city. In addition, the application should identify the challenges and demonstrate a clear link between the challenges and the solutions.

### **Environmental Planning**

This category focuses on natural systems, interpreted here as the ecosystem. The committee is interested in submissions that demonstrate a clear synergy of land use planning and environmental planning. Examples could include: Plans with a natural systems component environmental, climate change and environmental impact assessments.

### **International Development**

International development refers to the planning, development, and implementation of capacity building initiatives in developing countries. Emphasis is given to the improvement of living conditions, in particular to projects that build local capacity through training of local populations, reinforcement of traditional values, establishment of healthy living conditions, and improvement of essential infrastructure.

### **Neighbourhood Planning**

Many planners believe that neighbourhoods are the foundation of community life. This is the level at which planning processes, policies, and tools are experienced most directly. The Committee is interested in examples of neighbourhood-level land use plans, and specific neighbourhood-based planning processes that address issues of affordable housing, economic development, brown field redevelopment, and heritage planning.

### **Planning for and Development of Aboriginal Communities**

This category acknowledges the increasing attention that the planning and development of Aboriginal communities are receiving. Particular attention is given to the comprehensiveness of the planning processes – the degree of responsibility that Aboriginal people are taking in the development, implementation and monitoring of plans for their communities, the effectiveness of the processes in respecting and incorporating cultures, histories and traditions, developing capacity within the communities and the preparation of land use plans that realize environmental, economic and social sustainability.

### **Planning Publications**

This category has been developed to recognize the contribution to the planning profession by research and policy publications. We invite submissions of articles, reports or books that educate or implement innovative planning policies or practice.

### **Recreation Planning**

This category includes municipal recreation planning, such as urban parks planning, recreation systems planning, and planning for open space and natural features. The Committee also seeks examples of regional-scale park and conservation area planning.

### **Rural / Small Town Planning**

CIP has created this category in an effort to bring planning efforts that occur in small urban and rural settings to the forefront. This category is based more on geography than on specific planning themes, thus encouraging professionals working in rural and small urban areas with a population of less than 50,000 to submit projects from a wide range of topic areas. Examples of topic areas include: planning agricultural and natural settings, urban-rural interface, housing, heritage issues, social consequences of economic change within rural and small urban areas, and maintaining community identity in times of rapid change and scarce resources.

### **Social Planning**

Planners work to improve quality of life and opportunity for a community's residents. Demography, arts and culture, multiculturalism, gender, and income issues, among many other factors, have a direct and significant impact on a community's and its residents' quality of life, health, and sustainability. Provision of safe places, a plan for crime prevention, and housing should be considered. Planning interventions could include examples of relevant, applied research, strategies or policies prepared by planners.

### **Transportation and Infrastructure**

These topics are relevant in policy-making at all levels of government in Canada. Examples of infrastructure could include "hard" services such as waste management, water and waste water management systems, utility planning, and communications network planning. Transportation includes ground, air and/or water-borne transportation systems. Of interest would be submissions that address fiscal challenges in the implementation of transportation and infrastructure; and plans or strategies that demonstrate the integration of land use and transportation planning, and/or land use and infrastructure planning.

### **Urban Design**

Planning and design that addresses public outdoor spaces, and the interface between public and private spaces and structures. This includes major urban public spaces, ceremonial spaces, plazas, urban waterfront developments, streetscapes, campuses and other major groupings of buildings with associated planned public outdoor spaces. Submissions should demonstrate how urban design principles and land use policy have been applied to improving the quality of the life in the urban environment, considering: physical character, readability, physical and social integration with the existing urban fabric, adaptability of spaces, pedestrianism and alternative transportation modes, sustainability, and healthy living.



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Application Form

**Title of entry:**

**Category:**

**Entry prepared by  
or under the direction of:**

**Company, organization or  
community group submitting:**

**Address:**

**Telephone:**

**Alternate telephone:**

**Fax:**

**E-mail:**

I certify that the entry was prepared by me, or alternatively, was prepared under my direction; and, during the period of January 1st, 2008 and December 31st, 2009 the entry was: (please choose one of the following)

- adopted by by-law or resolution or by other formal mechanism; or
- built or implemented; or
- published by a recognized publisher or planning agency; or
- accepted by a client or community group.

I acknowledge that the submitted materials shall become the property of the Canadian Institute of Planners, and that the submission or summaries of the submission may be made available by CIP to members or other interested parties.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be a Fellow, Full or Provisional Member in good standing of the Institute)

**Additional Information:**

If selected as a finalist you will be required to submit additional material and/or information as follows:

- 200 word summary of the project for the CIP website and awards brochure
- Electronic high resolution (300 dpi) versions of logos from all organizations involved in the project
- Video, PowerPoint or Flash Presentation on CD AND/OR
- Photos depicting the project in various stages

Please supply the name(s) and contact information for these materials.

<b>Materials</b>	<b>Contact Name</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>E-mail Address</b>
Photos of the project			
Video, PowerPoint or Flash Presentations			
Summary text for the brochure, etc.			
Electronic versions of all logos from the project (300 dpi)			

**Certificates**

Winners receive an award and unframed certificate with the name of the organization that submitted the project. Should there be additional organizations or individuals that should be acknowledged on the award and certificate, please list them below.

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