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Honorary Members of the  
Canadian Institute of Planners

2021 Nomination Guidelines

## About CIP Honorary Members

Election as an Honorary Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners is the highest honour the Institute can bestow upon a non-planner.

Created in 2019, this prestigious distinction recognizes individuals working outside of the planning profession who have made a significant contribution to the promotion or enhancement of planning practice, the profession, or both. This honour acknowledges an individual's extraordinary contribution to vitality, resilience, and sustainability in one or more communities across Canada and/or around the world.

To become an Honorary Member, an individual must be nominated by a professional (MCIP™/FCIP) or retired member of CIP in good standing and adhere to the nomination criteria. The nomination is brought before a jury, which makes a recommendation to the CIP Board of Directors. The Board, at its sole discretion, approves the admission of any individual to honorary membership in accordance with CIP's bylaws. Newly elected Honorary Members are inducted at the annual CIP national conference. Honorary members do not hold voting rights in the Institute.

## 2021 Key Dates

Process	Deadline
Nomination dossier received by CIP by email or mail	February 1, 2021 at 11:59 PM EST
Notification sent to nominators and successful nominees	April 2021
Public announcement of 2021 Honorary Members	May 2021
Induction ceremony for 2021 Honorary Members	July 2021 (national conference - Halifax)

## Nomination Criteria

### Who May be Nominated

Honorary membership may be granted to individuals who are not planners but who are actively involved in planning: for example, educators, journalists, civil servants, elected officials, community members, and members of not-for-profits.

Nominees must be Canadian citizens or Canadian permanent residents, residing in Canada at the time of their nomination.

Members of CIP, CIP's College of Fellows, or a Provincial and Territorial Institute and Association (PTIA), or those that are employed in planning but are not members, cannot be nominated.

## Planning Contributions

A nominee's dossier must demonstrate their significant or extraordinary contributions in Canada or abroad that advance CIP's stated values of Professionalism, Quality, Inclusiveness, Openness, Ethics, Transparency, Innovation and Collaboration, such as:

- Facilitating the participation of citizens in planning communities to enhance quality of life;
- Actively participating in a planning process to advance the aspirations of Northern, rural, Indigenous, or urban communities and regions;
- Contributing to the learning and experience of planners in a way that enhances their professional practice.

## Submissions

Each nominee must be championed by a nominator. The nominator is responsible for preparing the submission without the knowledge of the nominee. The confidentiality of the submission from the candidate is mandatory. Failure to meet this requirement may result in a submission being refused. Further, it is strongly recommended that the family of the nominee not be informed of the nomination.

## Who Can Nominate an Honorary Member

Any professional (MCIP™/FCIP) or retired member of CIP in good standing can nominate an Honorary Member.

In an effort to circumvent bias, CIP has enacted strict requirements outlining who is ineligible to nominate an Honorary Member. The following individuals cannot nominate an Honorary Member:

- A member of the CIP Honours Jury; or,
- A member of the CIP Board of Directors.

## Role of the Nominator

The nominator is responsible for the creation of a complete dossier package and its timely submission. The written submission is vitally important as the jury depends on the content of the dossier to make its recommendation, they do not seek other information. Nominators are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the submission requirements and deadlines. They must be familiar with the nominee's work and have an ethical duty to ensure that the dossier is accurate.

## Submission/Dossier Requirements

Each dossier must include:

1. A one-page cover letter which outlines how the nominee's accomplishments/contributions align with the nomination criteria. The letter must include the nominee's full name (including any designations), their email address, a confirmation of the nominee's current residency, as well as their Canadian citizenship/permanent residency status.
2. An up-to-date résumé of the nominee (to be as complete as possible).

3. At least two individual letters of support from professional (MCIP™/FCIP) or retired members of CIP in good standing (see section below). A minimum of one of these letters must be received from a member outside the province or territory of the nominee.
4. A signed statement from the nominator that the nomination process has remained confidential and that to their knowledge the nominee is unaware of being considered for honorary membership.

The dossier, submitted as a single PDF and addressed to Beth McMahon, Chief Executive Officer, must be received by CIP by **February 1, 2021** at 11:59 PM EST by email to [board@cip-icu.ca](mailto:board@cip-icu.ca).

## Letters of Support

The letters of support included in an honorary membership nomination submission are a key aspect of the nomination. Authors of letters of support should be familiar with the nominee's work and/or contributions and must be professional (MCIP™/FCIP) or retired members of CIP in good standing.

Letters of support (maximum two pages each) must include the author's name, email address, signature, and must demonstrate how the candidate meets the nomination criteria. The following information should be included when applicable:

- Any assessments that speak to the significance of contributions/achievements, such as prizes, awards, honours, citations, national or international publication of ideas or findings, and other means by which excellence is recognized.
- Any contribution that was made in one place and adopted elsewhere because it was useful. This could be a policy, an approach to a problem, a design, a service at the national scale, or an academic contribution that goes beyond the ordinary.

## Jury Process

Jury members are appointed by CIP's Board of Directors and have combinations of experience in professional practice or academia.

The tasks of the jury are to:

- review each completed dossier;
- recommend nominees for honorary membership based solely on outstanding contributions to planning; and,
- present recommendations to the Board of Directors of CIP for ratification.

The President of CIP informs new Honorary Members that they have been elected, or the designate(s) for the inductee, in the case of posthumous membership. If an inductee (or designate) cannot attend the conference, an alternative venue for the presentation will be found.

## Questions

Questions related to the Honorary Member selection process may be emailed to Beth McMahon, Chief Executive Officer, at [bcmahon@cip-icu.ca](mailto:bcmahon@cip-icu.ca).