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WELCOME TO THE 2022 APPI CONFERENCE – MEET AGAIN!



On behalf of APPI Council, I am pleased to welcome you all to the 2022 APPI Conference – our first in-person conference since the pandemic and our third time hosting a virtual conference. Over the course of the conference, both in-person and virtual conference delegates will have the opportunity Meet Again via One Event and Two Experiences.

The Institute is proud to be able to deliver a conference that is accessible to planners across the province, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

The conference committee has designed a program for delegates to reconnect, network and learn what others have been up to over the last couple of years. All delegates will jointly participate in critical sessions including but not limited to the keynote on unconscious bias and tackling diversity and inclusion, with Tina Varughese and a plenary Planning Law session on the **Municipal Government Act**, presented by Brownlee LLP. Over the next three days, together we will embrace the opportunity to offer a mix of session types designed to appeal to a range of learning styles and to broaden the attendees' knowledge base.

On behalf of Council and the entire APPI membership, I would like to thank the Conference Committee for volunteering their time and energy to create a successful 2022 conference. Their contribution to the Institute and the planning profession is greatly appreciated!

I look forward to catching up with many of my planning colleagues at the conference, and to making some new connections and friends. I trust you are too. Thank you for joining us October 23 to 25, 2022, to MEET AGAIN in Canmore.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Chase".

Jeff Chase RPP
President, Alberta Professional Planners Institute

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MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS

Welcome Back to all our delegates in-person and online. We are so excited to connect with each one of you.

APPI is so unique in that we cover all of Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut and we have always struggled with how to connect with our planners far and wide. Enter the pandemic and we've learned that we don't just need to rely on in-person conferences and this year's conference is a testament to that.

We are very excited to learn what our colleagues have been up to over the last couple of years and learn some new tips and tricks to expand our stakeholder relation skills, land use planning skills, and hear from our keynote Tina Varughese about unconscious bias (we've all have some of that!)

We hope during this conference you meet a new colleague and reconnect with some old ones.

Thank for to our amazing conference committee and a big thank you to MaryJane, Vicki, and Michelle; APPI's administration who makes it all happen.

Enjoy the conference, we cannot wait to 'Meet Again'.

Conference Co-Chairs

Erin O'Neill RPP Michelle Ouellette RPP

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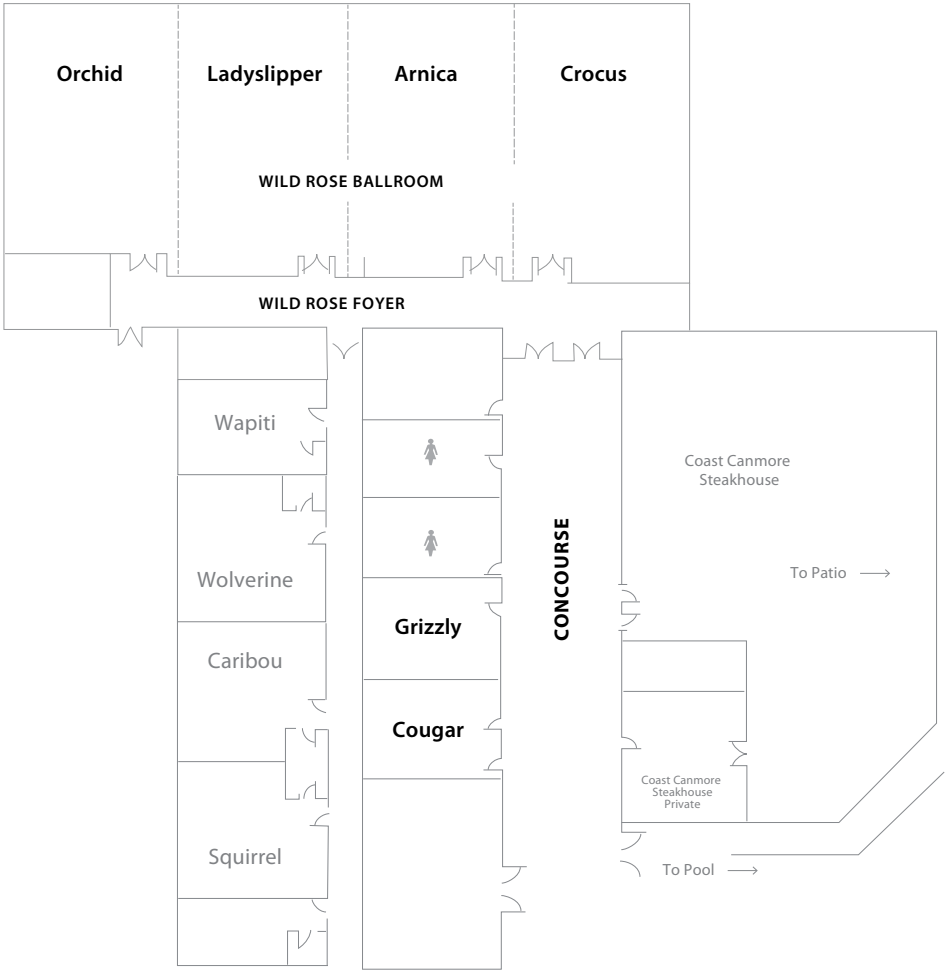
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VENUE MAP



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm | START IN
COUGAR/GRIZZLY

T1 Workshop

Art, Culture and Building Community
– A Hands On Workshop

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm | START IN
COUGAR/GRIZZLY

T2 Walking Tour

Spring Creek Mountain Village

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Registration Desk Open

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm | CANMORE BREWING
First Timers Reception

7:00 pm | CANMORE BREWING
Welcome Reception

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:30 am (TBC) | MEET OUTSIDE MAIN
DOORS AT COAST HOTEL

Morning Trail Run with Alaric

7:30 am - 4:30 pm
Registration Desk Open

7:30 am - 8:30 am | CONOURSE
Breakfast Hot Buffet

8:30 am - 9:00 am | SALON AB
ARNICA/CROCUS

Opening Remarks

9:00 am - 10:00 am | SALON AB
ARNICA/CROCUS

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Tina Varughese, T Works

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LADYSLIPPER
(RECORDED)

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Planning Alberta's Tourism

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2B Redesigning Design
Guidelines workshop

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Banquet

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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DOORS AT COAST HOTEL
Morning Trail Run with Alaric

8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Registration Desk Open

8:00 am - 9:00 am | CONCOURSE
Breakfast Hot Buffet

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Is my work here complete?
Addressing MGA Section 683.1

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Downtown: *Lessons learned from ARP
Implementation Workshop*

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Engagement in Forest Lawn

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P2 Closing Plenary:
Everything Is Connected

Ian O'Donnell, Executive Director
Bow Valley Builders
& Developers Association

SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

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IN COUGAR/GRIZZLY

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1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

T1 Workshop Art, Culture and Building Community – A Hands On Workshop

Meet at **Cougar/Grizzly** for a brief presentation.

Have you ever come across an art installation in an unexpected place that made you take pause and wonder how it came to be? Join this workshop to hear from Nicky Pacas, Arts and Culture Coordinator for the Town of Canmore about project successes and challenges and what the Town does to foster community building through art and culture. Then, local artist Pascale Ouellet will guide participants through an exercise to design and install a semi-permanent piece near the Coast Hotel to represent the conference theme of 'Meet Again'. Come prepared to get your hands dirty and dress for the weather as this workshop will take place outside.

Pascale Ouellet

Artist

Nicky Pacas

Arts and Culture Coordinator, Town of Canmore

Kelly Learned ^{RPP}

Principal, FRANK planning collaborative



3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

T2 Walking Tour of Spring Creek

Meet at **Cougar/Grizzly** for a brief presentation.

Spring Creek, a master-planned community in Canmore, Alberta, was awarded the first ever BUILT GREEN® Community certification for the entire seventy-acre development on International Earth Day, April 22, 2021. Not only are they the first to achieve the certification, BUILT GREEN® Canada has assigned Spring Creek Canmore to the highest level in this new category, Platinum. With over 50 BUILT GREEN® certifications for individual building projects under its belt, Spring Creek Mountain Village is no stranger to the importance of sustainable building practices. This walking tour will provide insight into the technologies and design standards which contribute to gaining this impressive certification.

Frank Kernick ^{P. Eng.}

Owner, Spring Creek Real Estate

Michelle Ouellette ^{RPP}

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CONCOURSE

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Opening Remarks

SALON ARNICA/CROCUS

Greetings from Jeff Chase APPI President, Erin O'Neill Conference Co-Chair. Mayor Sean Krausert Town of Canmore and Elder Johnny Ear with Bears paw First Nation.

9:00 am – 10:00 am

K1 Keynote: The Human Side of Unconscious Bias

SALON ARNICA/CROCUS

We all make quick assessments of others without even realizing it. We are not born with bias. Biases are formed by past situations, experiences, background and culture. Unconscious biases typically exist towards gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, age, disability (both physical and mental), and weight. Most of us will say "I see people for who they are" but do we? Recognizing, managing and mitigating unconscious bias promotes diversity and inclusion. Diversity and inclusion drives innovation, increases productivity, and stimulates creativity while promoting a healthy, happy, engaging culture. Diversity is who's on the team; Inclusion is who gets to play.
LU = 1.0

Tina Varughese

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10:00 am – 10:30 am | **CONCOURSE**
Refreshment Break



Sessions 10:30 am - 11:30 am

1A Destinations by Design – planning Alberta's tourism

SALON LADYSLIPPER, RECORDED

The need for Alberta to diversify its economy is widely recognized. We've all heard promises that tourism is our big opportunity -but also concerns about 'over-tourism'. How do we grow tourism while balancing economic, environmental, and social issues?

This session will be focusing on the planner's role in creating tourism destinations, clusters and corridors as well as presenting the concepts of 'Destination Management' and the developing field of 'Destination Development'. LU = 1.0

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1B Journey Beyond 100K – An Actionable MDP for Lethbridge

SALON ORCHID

What's new after two years? Well, we wrote an MDP, so that was fun...

When the City of Lethbridge needed to update its Municipal Development Plan (MDP), Council elected to lead the project. While this showed welcome investment in the project, Council's

limited availability presented challenges. This session details approaches used to manage and deliver a project where project leaders had limited time for involvement and weren't all agreed on desired outcomes.

The project team will share how they structured the MDP's policies and its implementation and performance measurement framework to ensure that regular updates on progress are required and that Council can direct changes if the plan's vision and outcomes aren't being achieved. LU = 1.0

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**APPI Planning Awards Presentation
Buffet Lunch**

ARNICA/CROCUS



Sessions 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**2A Missing Sidewalks Implementation –
A Retrofitting Retrospective**

SALON LADYSLIPPER, RECORDED

Throughout 2021 and 2022 Al-Terra Engineering Ltd. was contracted to design and assist in construction management of missing pedestrian connections in 21 developed locations throughout the City of Edmonton. This session explores the site selection and priority ranking process, feasibility and site investigation, ultimate

designs, and constraints that significantly impacted the ability of the municipality to implement pedestrian network retrofitting – including construction and design costs, budget timing, utility conflicts, design & engineering requirements, and accessibility objectives. LU = 1.5

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2B Redesigning Design Guidelines

SALON ORCHID

Design guidelines have become a tool to improve the experiential quality of the built environment and help implement bold place making aspirations. Used by municipalities and firms to address myriad planning challenges where flexibility is privileged over prescription, the diversity of design guidelines means that more planners and communities are involved in their drafting and implementation.

In this comprehensive design workshop, we will review recent research on effective design guidelines and review some of the most common trends and mistakes in designing design guidelines, as well as best practices for effective guideline development and implementation. LU = 1.5

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3:00 pm – 3:30 pm | CONCOURSE
Refreshment Break



Sessions 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

3A Planning for Warmth: Social Equity & Winter Design

SALON LADYSLIPPER, RECORDED

This session will explore the need for an Ethics of Care lens to be applied to public space planning, particularly in a winter context. In the spirit of this year's conference theme, "Meet Again, this research explores the spaces that we meet in, and how they are often designed to keep vulnerable and low-income populations out of them. In this spirit of togetherness, planners must consider all users of a space to create truly warm and inclusive public spaces and understand what dignity means in a space. LU = 1.0

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3B Connectivity Risk Assessment Tool: supporting municipalities assess the impacts of a proposed development to ecological connectivity

SALON ORCHID

Connectivity is impacted by human infrastructure and activity. This alters the way animals move around the landscape. Sometimes these impacts stop animals from being able to move to parts of the landscape and accessing needed resources, impacting ecological connectivity.

To support municipalities as they consider the impacts of proposed development on ecological connectivity, a new online interactive tool was developed called "Connectivity Risk Assessment". By highlighting which components of the development would pose the highest risks, it gives municipal planners, development officers,

and/or community members information to be considered in development permit decisions.

LU = 1.0

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3C Think it won't happen to you? Think again! Lessons from the Discipline Committee

SALON ARNICA/CROCUS

This session will provide an overview of the Professional Code of Practice governing regulated planners in the APPI jurisdiction. The code will be the central focus of the course and will be used to generate group discussion about issues confronting planners working in the public service and private industry. This discussion will help planners address a range of questions including:

- Who to go to for advice?
- How does the Code provide a moral/ethical foundation?
- How can APPI help with difficult issues?

LU = 1.0

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6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Gala Reception

CONCOURSE



6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Banquet

SALON ARNICA/ CROCUS



8:00 am – 9:00 am | **CONCOURSE**
Breakfast Buffet

9:00 am - 10:00 am

P1 Planning Law Plenary:
Is my work here complete? Addressing MGA section 683.1 and its implications on development.

SALON ARNICA/CROCUS

Section 683.1 of the MGA requires the development authority to determine if an application is complete before the development authority begins its review of the application on the merits. In this session we will discuss the purpose of section 683.1, the changes it requires to the land use bylaw and development application processes, how to address incomplete applications, and appeals. We will also discuss the notice requirements in the MGA and what constitutes notice in planning and development. **LU = 1.0**

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10:00 am – 10:15 am | **CONCOURSE**
Refreshment Break



Sessions 10:15 am - 11:30 am

4A A Conversation About the Walkability of Indigenous Communities in Canada and Alberta

SALON LADYSLIPPER, RECORDED

Few cultures on the planet have an intrinsic walkability comparable to Indigenous Peoples

in Canada. From way finding place names to infrastructure hidden in plain view, the walkable nature is built into both the region and the indigenous relationship with the land.

Join Dwayne Keir in a conversation on how safe, connected, and walkable transportation infrastructure enables a beautiful, spiritual, and sacred space. **LU = 1.25**

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4B Revitalizing Stony Plain's Historic Downtown: Lessons learned from ARP implementation

SALON ORCHID

In August 2019, the Town of Stony Plain completed their first area redevelopment plan (ARP) to establish a long-term vision for development/redevelopment of the historic downtown and surrounding areas. The Old Town Community Plan (OTCP) identifies a number of short and long-term priorities to reinforce this area as the community's cultural and commercial heart, including a roadmap to achieve the vision and enhance the unified sense of place throughout the town.

They will introduce the delegates to the town of Stony Plain through their presentation and planned group activities. You will hear about the plan development process, how the plan continues to be implemented and how the approach has shifted. **LU = 1.25**

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4C From Virtual to in Person Engagement in Forest Lawn

SALON ARNICA/CROCUS

After attempting to engage with key stakeholders from Forest Lawn through evening virtual sessions we were almost ready to put a pause on our project. Virtual engagement with stakeholders from an area of Calgary with a low-income population and diverse demographics was proving challenging. Stakeholders were burn out, sick of online engagement, under resourced and had nothing left to give. At this pivotal moment for our project, we got lucky as restrictions eased. We re-strategized our approach and went in-person at a time when we were all still trying to figure out what that meant. Our in-person pop-ups, sounding boards, school sessions, and a community Jane's Walk breathed new life into our project and allowed us all to meet each other face to face.

This session will follow the same approach as the engagement process did. With a 'virtual' component, then in person table sessions, and getting everyone up out of their seat for a 'Jane's Walk' style conversation. LU = 1.25

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Lunch Buffet

12:45 pm – 2:30 pm

T3 Tour Canmore's Transportation Improvement Plan 2020

SALON ARNICA/CROCUS

Canmore Resilience and Reinvention: Within the goals of the Town transportation network improvement plan are to increase mode share of auto oriented to pedestrian and bicycle (alternative) forms from 80%/20% in 2018 to 60%/40% in 2030. To accommodate this, a number of surface improvements have been made to the busiest intersection in Town and are ongoing through other projects across the community. In concert with implementing these surface works, deep utility improvements identified in the Utility Master Plan have been woven in to accommodate infill development. As infill development occurs the underground improvements are designed to accommodate increased water usage, fire flows and sanitary improvements. This session will include a brief presentation and a walking tour of the intersection and nearby infill development which demonstrates the Town of Canmore's response to resilience and reinvention. LU = 1.75

Michelle Ouellette RPP

Division Manager, Planning, McElhanney

Darin Langhorst P.Eng.

Division Manager, Municipal Engineering
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Sessions 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

5A Making Space, so where did all the parking go? & More Form, Less parking: Okotoks' new Land Use Bylaw

SALON LADYSLIPPER, RECORDED

Edmonton made history on June 23, 2020, by becoming the first major Canadian municipality to eliminate parking minimums city-wide, an approach known as Open Option Parking. This approach gives businesses and homeowners the ability to determine how much parking to provide

on their properties, instead of setting arbitrary mandatory parking minimums. This trailblazing approach to eliminate parking minimums has received both provincial (APPI) and national (CIP) planning recognition.

In 2019, the Town of Okotoks began an ambitious task of completely rewriting the Okotoks Land Use Bylaw prior to the completion of the updated MDP being complete and as the entire approach to engagement shifted due to the pandemic. The previous Bylaw was adopted in 1998 when the Town had a population under 10,000 and finite growth boundary. Since that time, the Town has grown to over 30,000 people and a managed growth approach to development. By June 2021, the new LUB was before Town Council for approval.

The panel will share their processes, challenges and key learnings. We can look forward to an open and critical discussion of the two projects.

LU = 1.25

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5B Hello, is it a conversation on Equity & Inclusion you're looking for?

SALON D ORCHID

As we increasingly engage with diverse populations, we need to continually respond to the changing social fabric of our communities. However, this work cannot be done in isolation within planning departments. To work towards having more equitable and inclusive workplaces and communities, a systems approach is required. This approach allows equity and inclusion to be

incorporated through municipal organizational policies, statutory and non-statutory documents, as well as in daily operations.

This session will bring together planners from a range of equity-deserving groups, including those who identify as queer, to explore everything from individual challenges and perceptions to organization changes. This panel will also include members of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Equity and Inclusion Office, who will focus on the work in creating an inclusive and equitable workplace. This session will allow members of the panel to share their own experiences and stories with a focus on queer inclusivity. By listening to the varied perspectives, delegates will gain insight to the challenges planners from equity-deserving groups face today and reflect on their own role in equity and inclusion practices. **LU = 1.25**

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Community Development Planning
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Sessions 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

6A When Ecosystem Protections Fail – A Real-World Test of Policy and Program Efficacy

SALON LADYSLIPPER, RECORDED

This session will outline recent case studies from practice and literature to demonstrate how planning systems can improve by learning from instances when they haven't worked as intended. Several common themes will be drawn, representing key gaps that prevent protection and restoration of ecosystems—especially wetlands. These include a lack of Indigenous consultation, information on ecosystem function, and failure to consider cumulative impacts.

Waverley will identify several common themes, representing key gaps that prevent protection and restoration of ecosystems—especially wetlands. By studying instances where policies and programs haven't succeeded, attendees will gain insight into how planners can help communities lead towards a more sustainable future. **LU = 1.0**

Waverley Birch ^{RPP}

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6B Kickstarting Rural Economic Development in 2022!?

SALON ARNICA/CROCUS

In this workshop learn about the most current and emerging Economic Development actions for Rural Alberta, experience effective engagement methods and understand what Rural Alberta's challenges and opportunities are, and how you can benefit. We will review the challenges and opportunities for Economic Development in Rural Alberta. Learn what we heard from our province wide "Listening Tour" with local municipal government officials and administration, Industry stakeholders, indigenous business leaders, economic development organizations, and community members. **LU = 1.0**

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**6C Fireside Chat with
Harry Harker** RPP, FCIP

SALON ORCHID

Fifty years of professional planning practice has been known to leave its “mark” or two on person. Over the course of Harry’s career each “mark” comes with a story and frequently a interesting, non-traditional perspective on policy planning, land use regulations or public engagement. Grab your beverage of choice, after all it is 5 o’clock somewhere, and bring your provocative questions to see if you can “pin the planner” before he retires. LU = 1.0

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2:45 pm – 3:00 pm | **CONCOURSE**
Refreshment Break



3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**P2 Closing Plenary:
Everything is Connected**

SALON ARNICA/CROCUS

Housing, land use, labour, economic development and policy are all interconnected while each is unique in their own deliverables. Join Ian O’Donnell Executive Director of the Bow Valley Builders and Development Association as he discusses how all these components work together to build the communities that we live and play in. LU = 1.5

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 23

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

T1 Workshop Art, Culture and Building Community – A Hands On Workshop

Pascale Ouellet, Artist

Pascale moved to Canmore 20 years ago and has been involved in the artistic community ever since. From being a Gallery Director for the local Artist's Guild, to being a past-president of Mountain Arts Foundation and a member of many juries, she has a deep knowledge of what Canmore's arts community looks like and how it has changed over the years. Pascale work is represented in galleries located in Victoria, Canmore, Fernie, Regina and Montreal. Working with clients like The Banff Centre, the Town of Canmore, Notre-Dame Des Monts School, Elevation Gallery or arts Place has allowed her to create one-of-a-kind experiences for clients with very diverse life experiences.

Kelly Learned RPP

Principal, FRANK planning collaborative

Kelly is an award-winning registered professional planner. With over fifteen years of experience in the planning profession, she has been fortunate to work as a parks planner/inspector; long-range planner; regional growth management lead, and project manager for an environmental research institute. For over ten years Kelly has been the principal of FRANK planning collaborative, a planning consultancy providing support to clients on research, engagement, policy development, and implementation tools for sustainability, renewable energy, green infrastructure, and community planning.

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

T2 Walking Tour of Spring Creek Mountain Village

Frank Kernick P.Eng.

Owner, Spring Creek Real Estate

Frank is the owner and developer of Spring Creek Mountain Village in Canmore, AB. Owned by his family since 1926 and originally run as the Canmore Dairy Farm, the 70-acre parcel in downtown Canmore is now a vibrant community and includes The Malcolm Hotel, Origin at Spring Creek, Spring Creek Vacations, and multiple residential and vacation-zoned buildings.

Michelle Ouellette RPP

Division Manager, Planning, McElhanney

Michelle has 20 years of experience in planning, facilitation, and project management in municipal and regional planning, brownfield site development, master planning, and feasibility studies for both private and public sectors. Michelle leads with a collaborative and inclusive style and has a unique skillset combining her BSc in Environmental Studies, and MBA along with her career in land use planning and implementation. This provides a holistic perspective of project feasibility and successful implementation.

T3 Canmore's Transportation Improvement Plan 2020

Darin Langhorst P.Eng.

Division Manager, Municipal Engineering
McElhanney

Darin has been practicing civil engineering in Canmore since 2004. His diverse background includes urban retrofits, complete streets, trail and pathway systems, stormwater management, water and sanitary sewer, and all things municipal. He has been the project manager and lead civil engineer on many projects in the Canmore area, including work for the municipality and numerous land developers large and small.

MONDAY OCTOBER 24

9:00 am – 10:00 am

K1 Keynote:
The Human Side of Unconscious Bias

Tina Varughese

Professional Speaker, T Works

Named one of Canada's Top 10 Notable Speakers by Ignite Magazine, Tina cleverly tackles hot button topics, like diversity and inclusion, in today's complex climate. Tina's work has been featured in the Toronto Star, TSN, CBC Eye opener, Adrenaline Magazine, and Alberta Venture. Clients include Pfizer Canada, Kraft-Heinz, Hockey Canada, Hyundai Canada, Canadian College of Health Leaders and Canada Life. She is the President of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers (Calgary). She was recently appointed to McMaster University's Future of Canada Project Council. She has a strong professional background in immigration where she spearheaded international recruitment missions. As well, she ran her own successful relocation and settlement firm prior to speaking professionally. Tina has been the face of diversity, literally, when she was chosen to be in Dove's Campaign for Real Beauty representing beauty in diversity. With two kids, five fish and one husband, she resides in Calgary where she recently took hip hop classes but has opted to buy an oversized hoodie instead.

Sessions 10:30 am – 11:30 am

1A Destinations by Design
– planning Alberta's tourism

Doug Leighton RPP

Principal, EDG (Environmental Design Group)
planning + design

Doug is an experienced planner and urban designer with over 35 years of international experience in destination and sustainable development. Canadian projects include Whistler Village North and Banff Downtown Enhancement. New Zealand projects include Auckland's Wynyard Quarter, Hobsonville, and South Island destination plans. He has taught at several universities and served as UCalgary Planner in Residence for 2019, 2020 and 2021. His leadership experience includes roles as corporate VP, consultancy Principal (New Zealand), and Senior Planner/ Planning Director (Whistler and Banff). He has served as a Director of the Alberta, New Zealand, and BC Planning Institutes.

Darren Enns RPP

Planning Director, Town of Banff

Darren Enns is the Director of Planning and Defender of the Faith for the Town of Banff. Darren's career has been spent working in tourism based communities in Canada, the Caribbean, and beyond. He longs for the day when visitors can enjoy the town of Banff and The national park without a car.

Randall McKay RPP

Director Special Projects, Town of Banff

Randall McKay is the Manager of Strategic Initiatives + Special Projects for the Town of Banff and was Director of Planning + Development from 1997-2019. He has worked in the public and private sector as an urban designer, city planner and policy analyst and is also a visual artist with an interest in cultivated wilderness, symbolic landscapes and the poetics of commonplace objects and spaces that shape daily experience.

1B Journey Beyond 100K – An Actionable MDP for Lethbridge

Tyson Boylan RPP, MCIP

Senior Community Planner, City of Lethbridge

Tyson has over 15 years of experience in both public and private sectors and is a Senior Community Planner for the City of Lethbridge. Tyson has been involved in drafting a number of community plans and has also completed work in subdivision, zoning and transportation projects.

Genesis Hevia Orio

Community Planner, City of Lethbridge

Genesis is a University of Saskatchewan Graduate and works as a Community Planner with the City of Lethbridge. In her role, she works on all levels of long-range planning projects from guiding parcel-specific redevelopment proposals to developing neighbourhood and city-wide planning policy documents.

Ross Kilgour MRTPI

Senior Community Planner, City of Lethbridge

Ross studied planning in Edinburgh and worked in London, England, first as a planner for the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, then in the private sector with Firstplan Ltd. Ross is a Senior Community Planner with the City of Lethbridge, focusing on the redevelopment of older neighbourhoods and heritage.

Sessions 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

2A Missing Sidewalks Implementation – A Retrofitting Retrospective

Connor Smith RPP, IAP2

Development Planner, AI-Terra Engineering Ltd.

Connor is a consulting land development planner with specialization in ASPs, Land Use Bylaw development, subdivision design and transportation planning & design. Connor works in various municipalities supporting public and private clients in a range of land uses and scales from high-level planning policy development to site investigation and detailed design.

2B Redesigning Design Guidelines

Neal LaMontagne RPP

Faculty Lecturer, University of Alberta School of Urban and Regional Planning

Neal LaMontagne is a planner and academic focused on policy planning, regulation and urban design. He is a full time lecturer at the University of Alberta SURP since 2020. Before returning home to Alberta, Neal worked as a senior-level planner and taught planning and design in San Diego, San Francisco and Vancouver. He is currently an appointed member of the Edmonton Design Committee, and former member of the City of Vancouver Planning Commission and Urban Design Panel.

Sessions 3:30 pm– 4:30 pm

3A Planning for Warmth: Social Equity & Winter Design

Nicole Cronkhite

Planning & Research Analyst
Rural Development Network

Nicole is a recent MSc. Urban and Regional Planning graduate and is currently a Planning & Research Analyst with the Rural Development Network with the Sustainable Housing Initiative. Nicole has a background in design and project management and holds an Interior Design Technology diploma as well as a Bachelor of Technology specializing in Project Management and Sustainability. Nicole is passionate about how the built environment affects social equity, and how policy shapes the experiences of marginalized people and equity-seeking groups.

3B Connectivity Risk Assessment Tool: supporting municipalities assess the impacts of a proposed development to ecological connectivity

Tracy Lee

Director of Conservation Research
Miistakis Institute

Tracy has been the Director of Conservation Research at the Miistakis Institute for over 20 years. Miistakis is a not-for profit, charitable research

institute affiliated with Mount Royal University, which brings people and ideas together to promote healthy communities and landscapes. Tracy acquired her M.Sc. from the University of Calgary, Resources and the Environment Program. Tracy has developed a background in the fields of citizen science, transportation ecology and human and wildlife co-existence.

Diana Horvath

Senior Planner, Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC)

For over 20 years, Diane has worked as a planner at the Oldman River Regional Services Commission which provides planning services to both rural and urban municipalities. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree with majors in both economics and geography from the University of Lethbridge.

3C Think it won't happen to you? Think again! Lessons from the Discipline Committee

Greg Birch RPP

Discipline Committee

Greg Birch has over thirty years of rich and diverse experience in municipal planning and management. He has worked for rural and urban governments, for regional planning organizations, and in the private sector. His practice has included oil and gas projects and market studies, municipal annexations, a host of municipal planning documents and bylaws, wildlife corridor establishment policy, multi-jurisdiction recreational trail development, transfer of development credit regulations, potable water system construction, solid waste collection systems, and municipal management. Greg currently volunteers as the Chair of APPI's Discipline Committee and is CIP's appointee to the Professional Standards Board.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 25

P1 Planning Law Plenary: Is my work here complete? Addressing MGA section 683.1 and its implications on development.

Alifeyah Gulamhusein

Partner, Brownlee LLP

Alifeyah joined Brownlee LLP in 2010 as an Articling Student (Student-at-Law), was called to the bar in 2011 and joined the firm as an Associate in the Municipal Law Department. Alifeyah chose law because she enjoys a challenge and enjoys helping clients resolve problems. Alifeyah also enjoys the oral advocacy and any opportunity to provide educational training. Alifeyah moved to Edmonton in elementary school and has lived here all her life since. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alberta and went on to obtain a Bachelor of Education in English. Alifeyah was a high school teacher for 6 years in Edmonton before she decided to pursue a career in law. In 2007, Alifeyah started law school at the University of Calgary and obtained her J.D. in 2010. Alifeyah summered and articulated at Brownlee LLP and joined the firm's Municipal Law Department in 2011. In 2013, Alifeyah took a position as in-house legal counsel for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. There she began as an associate and in 2014 she became the Manager of Legal Services. Alifeyah helped the Regional Municipality through the devastating fires of May 2016 and in May of 2017 she rejoined Brownlee LLP's Municipal Law Department.

Sessions 10:15 am – 11:30 am

4A A Conversation About the Walkability of Indigenous Communities in Canada and Alberta

Dwayne Keir RPP
Self Employed

Currently, a father raising two children and supporting family needs in Calgary, AB. Raised in Northeast Saskatchewan. Graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 2003 with a Degree in Physical Geography and Toronto Metropolitan University in 2021 with a Masters Degree in Environmental Science and Applied Management. Professional work includes water science research in Northern Canada, community planning, and transportation network management with the Rural Municipality of Corman Park in Saskatoon.

4B Revitalizing Stony Plain's Historic Downtown: Lessons learned from ARP implementation

Dnyanesh Deshpande RPP
Principal, Green Space Alliance

Dnyanesh Deshpande, GSA's founding principal, has extensive public and private sector experience in Canadian and international projects involving urban design, policy planning and multi-stakeholder consultation. His diverse experience in planning affords him a unique understanding of all aspects of urban development, from architecture to urban design to policy planning.

Chelsey Rudolph RPP
Sustainability Planner, Town of Stony Plain

Chelsey is responsible for managing the Town's environmental portfolio, which includes sustainability initiatives and community events, and has extensive experience completing current and long-range projects with a focus on subdivision and planning policy.

4C From Virtual to in Person Engagement in Forest Lawn

Julie Brache RPP
Project Planner, City of Calgary

Julie Brache is a Project Planner with the City of Calgary's Building Infrastructure Division, leading new civic facilities and heritage rehabilitation projects through feasibility, planning and pre-design stages. She has a Master of Architecture from the University of Calgary, is a Registered Professional Planner with APPI and an Intern Architect with the AAA. Prior to the City, Julie gained experience as a private sector consultant for 6+ years working on projects in Alberta and BC, specializing in urban design and visualization, master planning and municipal policy plans.

Chris Andrew RPP
Associate Planner, B&A

Chris Andrew is an Associate Planner at B&A, leading a variety of public and private planning projects in Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario. Chris has a Master of Planning degree from Ryerson University in Toronto and is a Registered Professional Planner with APPI. Chris specializes in the areas of growth management, employment land planning, outline/neighbourhood plan development, public land leasing and financial analysis.

Adis Samardzic
Engage Planner, City of Calgary

Adis Samardzic is an Engage Planner at the City of Calgary with over 20 years of public service experience focusing on community development and strategic stakeholder engagement. He has a Master of Arts in International and Cultural Communication and a Bachelor of Social Work.

Tamille Beynon
Senior Engagement Specialist, B&A

Tamille Beynon is a Senior Communications and Engagement Specialist at B&A, who is passionate about building and delivering communications and engagement strategies that seek to understand and acknowledge stakeholder perspectives and meet client objectives. She has worked on more than 20 diverse,

multi-phased projects has coordinated over 30 public engagement events including stakeholder meetings, public open houses, information sessions, workshops and pop-up community events.

Sessions 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

5A Making Space, so where did all the parking go? & More Form, Less parking: Okotoks' new Land Use Bylaw

Colin Gainer RPP

Senior Planner, Community Growth & Investment, Town of Okotoks

Colin is a Senior Planner with the Town of Okotoks, where he has lead a number of major planning projects, including the comprehensive land use bylaw rewrite, the local transit implementation study, and the Downtown Okotoks Urban Design Master Plan. He began this career through the Alberta Municipal Internship program in 2008 and became a Registered Professional Planner and Member of the Canadian Institute of Planning in 2015.

Lyla Peter RPP

Director Development Approvals & Inspections, City of Edmonton

Lyla Peter's fascination with community and exploring what makes them function and thrive, has led to her living and working in three countries (Canada, United States, UK). In her role at the City of Edmonton, Lyla collaborates with industry, residents, and community organizations, to support (re)development, inspections, and business operations in Edmonton. She loves working towards building a more equitable and responsive community and learning from diverse perspectives. She has a passion for music, reading and travel.

Kim Petrin

Branch Manager, Development Services, City of Edmonton

Kim Petrin is the Branch Manager for Development Services at the City of Edmonton, which stewards strategic growth and private sector investment through zoning, subdivision, servicing agreements, permitting, licencing, inspections and compliance. She is an energetic, empowering and creative professional with a passion for city building. With 20 years in the public/private sector, Kim has led an impressive body of transformative planning initiatives and practices, and is known for her ability to work collaboratively to establish new/innovative solutions.

5B Hello, is it a conversation on Equity & Inclusion you're looking for?

Nabil Malik RPP

Planner, Planning and Development, RMWB

Nabil is a planner with the RMWB and has extensive experience working towards making organizations more equitable and inclusive. Nabil was the Co-lead for Policy Development for the CIP Social Equity Committee, which developed the framework for CIP's Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Roadmap, supported the work of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute's Taskforce for Anti-Black Racism in Planning as the sole non-OPPI member, and has supported the work for several other organizations to become more equitable and inclusive including the RMWB.

Lyndsay Francis RPP

Senior Planner, City of Fort Saskatchewan

Lyndsay is a queer millennial planner who uses she/they pronouns. Originally from Halifax, Lyndsay moved to Edmonton over 7 years ago and has worked in both the private and public sectors. By day Lyndsay works in communities creating and implementing planning policies and by night building social community through events, fundraisers, and drag performances. Merging their lived experience as a queer person and professional experience as a planner, Lyndsay incorporates an inclusive lens into their work.

Isela Contreras-Dogbe RPP

Supervisor, Community Services, RMWB

Isela is a planner with the RMWB and has worked internally, first with the Interdepartmental Committee on Inclusion, Diversity, and Equality and now with the E&I office. The work in these two projects is to create awareness and modify systems to create a welcoming environment for all. This journey is the responsibility of all of us and as leaders in planning we should open the process and change them at their core.

Krystell O'Hara

Manager, Equity and Inclusion Office, RMWB

Krystell is the Equity and Inclusion Program Manager for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and is the acting Chair for the Equity and Inclusion Committee for the Arctic Winter Games. She holds a cum laude degree in International Relations and Political Science, studies in Management Systems and is a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant. Prior to her current role, Krystell was the Coalitions Creating Equity Coordinator for the Wood Buffalo region, a province-wide initiative that brings together regional community networks, organizations, and individuals across Alberta to collaboratively address issues of discrimination and inequity.

Erin Sparks RPP

Senior Transit Planner, BC Transit

Erin is a senior transit planner with BC Transit. They lead the operational and strategic planning for transit systems in the North and South Okanagan and East Kootenays, working in communities as large as Kamloops and as small as Cache Creek. In addition to their planning work, Erin is a member of BC Transit's EDI Forum, which supports the organization's equity, diversity and inclusion work by providing guidance from representatives from equity-deserving groups.

Monique Yu RPP

Transportation Planner, BA Consulting Group

Monique is a Toronto based queer planner who uses they/she pronouns. They currently work as a transportation planner at a private consulting firm and have previous experience working in the public sector. During their time at the City of Edmonton, they worked on inclusivity and placemaking initiatives.

Sessions 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

6A When Ecosystem Protections Fail – A Real-World Test of Policy and Program Efficacy

Waverley Birch RPP

Planning Ecologist, Three Fires Group

Waverley is an RPP and ecologist with a background focused on ecology and policy, including published research on wetland loss and connectivity. She is currently privileged to assist Indigenous leadership navigate the ecosystem impacts of projects within their territories. She appreciates the opportunity to share this experience with the APPI.

6B: Kickstarting Rural Economic Development in 2022!?

Shawn Bravender RPP

Certified Public Participation Professional, WSP

Shawn is an accredited Certified Public Participation Professional (CP3) and leads the WSP ENGAGE Team across Western Canada. With over 19 years of experience, Shawn has led the design and implementation of multi-disciplinary projects including municipal and regional planning, transportation, parks and recreation, and community building. His well-rounded approach and ability combines planning, communications, and engineering with community engagement that instills confidence, builds trust and results in successful projects.

Sarah Asselstine, M.A.

Senior Engagement Specialist, WSP

Sarah is a Senior Engagement Specialist with 15 years of experience working in community and stakeholder engagement. She leads strategic planning exercises, develops and executes creative and targeted engagement strategies, and resolves communications issues and crisis. Sarah has facilitated consultation programs in complex regulatory and stakeholder environments and is recognized for her ability to employ solutions that ensure projects can be completed on time and on budget. Sarah holds a Master's Degree in Sustainable Community Development.

6C Fireside Chat with Harry Harker RPP, FCIP

Harry Harker RPP, FCIP

1st Principles Planning

Harry is presently in his 50th year of professional planning practice. His career has included 25 years of private practice, 5 years of practice with not-for-profits and 20 years of employment with local and regional governments in the US Mid-West, Yukon Territory, British Columbia and Alberta. All these years in the planning profession has left Harry some interesting perspectives on topics like: land use regulations, community design, public engagement and planning education. While he is still passionate about the creation of the best possible communities, his love for basketball and baseball/softball can easily get him talking about basketball shooting mechanics or the GOATS he has been privileged to see on court or the diamond.

Harry is one of the inaugural members of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP-1979), a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP-1982) and in 2014 he received the honour of being elected to the CIP College of Fellows. His educational credentials include a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Engineering, a Master's Degree in Environmental Health Engineering, post-graduate studies in Regional Planning, as well as an Urban Design certificate from the City Program at SFU.

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

P2 Closing Plenary: Everything is Connected

Ian O'Donnell

Executive Director, Bow Valley Builders and Development Association

As someone passionate about community building, fostering partnerships and exploring creative solutions to difficult challenges, Ian is someone who genuinely cares about people, places and the experience of an area and its residents. Over the last decade and a half, he has focused career and volunteerism on uplifting urban places. Whether serving as Vice President of our community league for nearly ten years, sitting on civic boards to advocate for more resources and a stronger commitment to the area or finding new ways to create awareness for our member businesses, Ian is committed to positive change. Community is at the heart of what he does and how he approaches work and life. A successful partnership requires dedication, communication and an openness to listen to those who work, live, shop and govern an area.

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