

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCILLOR**  
**Lilit Houlder, RPP, MCIP**

Nominee's Name

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**Academic and professional background**

*Academic History:*

- Master of Planning, University of Calgary
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Alberta (2013-2018)
- Architectural Technology, NAIT (2010-2012)

*Professional History:*

- Urban Planner, Arcadis, Edmonton, AB (December 2024-current)
- Senior Planner at Invistec Consulting Ltd., Edmonton, AB (2020-2024)
- Planner at CivicWorks Planning + Design Inc, Calgary, AB (May – August 2019)
- Urban Planning Assistant at City of Edmonton, Edmonton, AB (January – August 2016)

**Involvement in professional organizations**

- Vice Chair / Co-Chair, Women in Urbanism Canada (WiUC) – 2022-2024
- Member, Infill Development in Edmonton Association (IDEA) – 2022-present
- Member, APPI Edmonton Events Committee – 2020-2023
- President, School of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Student Association
- Director of Communications, National Planning Student Conference: PLACE 18 - 2018-2019

**Election Platform**

**1. Increase Representation Equity Between Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.**

One of my goals is to ensure that the voices of planners from across Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut are adequately heard and represented. We need to prioritize regional equity in APPI activities, policies, and initiatives, ensuring that the unique challenges of each province and territory are acknowledged and addressed. I will advocate for more inclusive regional engagement and targeted outreach to better understand and respond to the specific needs of planners in the region.

**2. Foster Partnerships and Learning Opportunities Between Planning and Adjacent Industries.**

Planning doesn't happen in a silo – it's an interdisciplinary field. I will work to foster strong relationships between the planning profession and adjacent industries— architecture, engineering, environmental science, real estate, indigenous reconciliation, and other fields. By encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration, we can create more integrated, effective, and sustainable solutions in our profession. I will also support initiatives that facilitate knowledge-sharing and learning across these sectors.

**3. Lead the Planning Profession Through Political and Social Uncertainty.**

Our profession is continuously adapting and responding to political and social shifts. In a time of increasing uncertainty, it's critical that planners lead with a strong vision and foresight. I will work to ensure that APPI remains a strong voice in advocating for the profession and support our professionals in navigating challenges such as changing regulations and social issues, ensuring that our planning practice is responsive, proactive, and forward-thinking.

**4. Support Networking Opportunities Between Professionals, Academia, and Students.**

I intend to continue building up a supportive community for planners at all stages of their careers by promoting initiatives that enhance networking and mentorship opportunities, and collaborative events that connect professionals, students, and members of the academia. This will help elevate the next generation of planners and create a more connected planning community.

**5. Promote and Implement the Goals of the 2025-2029 APPI Strategic Plan.**

The 2025-2029 APPI Strategic Plan outlines a strong vision for the future of the planning profession. I am dedicated to advancing the goals of this plan to promote responsible regulation, enhanced relationships, and proactive risk and opportunity management.