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### PIBC Announces Winners of 2024 Awards for Excellence in Planning

**May 9, 2024 (Nanaimo, BC)** – The Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) is excited to announce the winners of this year's Awards for Excellence in Planning.

The Institute annually recognizes the professional work and individual accomplishments of members across British Columbia and Yukon through its awards and recognition program. The **Awards for Excellence in Planning** honour the best in professional planning work undertaken by members.

The 2024 PIBC Award winners were announced and recognized on May 8, 2024, after PIBC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre in Nanaimo, BC, ahead of the 2024 BC Land Summit. To learn more about this unique interdisciplinary conference, visit [www.bclandsummit.com](http://www.bclandsummit.com).

"The annual PIBC Awards process is an important opportunity to recognize outstanding professional achievements of planners and their teams throughout BC and Yukon. Winners have distinguished themselves with planning work that is exceptional, timely, innovative and meaningful to the communities we serve," said Lisa Colby RPP, MCIP, Chair of PIBC's Awards & Recognition Committee. "We congratulate the winners and thank all participants in the awards competition for taking the time to share their inspirational work."

**It is with great pleasure that PIBC announced the following 2024 Award winners:**

#### **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN POLICY PLANNING – SMALL TOWN & RURAL AREAS**

**Gold:** City of Pitt Meadows, Upland Agricultural Consulting and Urban Food Strategies - *Grown in Pitt Meadows: Our Agricultural Viability Strategy*

**Silver:** Town of Ladysmith, Ahne Studios, Sustainability Solutions Group and WATT Consulting Group - *Ladysmith Unparalleled*

**Honourable Mention:** Barefoot Planning + Design and Uchucklesaht Tribe Government - *Uchucklesaht Tribe Government Active & Alternative Transportation Plan*

#### **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN POLICY PLANNING – CITY & URBAN AREAS**

**Gold:** Resilience Planning and YWCA Vancouver - *Municipal Equity Kickstart Guide*

**Silver:** City of Richmond - *Richmond Circular City Strategy*

#### **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING PRACTICE – SMALL TOWN & RURAL AREAS**

**Gold:** City of Rossland, CitySpaces Consulting Ltd and Lower Columbia Affordable Housing Society - *Rossland Yards - Net Zero Ready, Mixed-use Affordable Workforce Housing and City Hall*

**Silver:** Xwí7ski (representing Squamish Nation Elders), Squamish Nation and Beringia Community Planning - *Chet wa í7sun "We Pull Together:" Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Elder's Program Plan*

#### **AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING PRACTICE – CITY & URBAN AREAS**

**Gold:** Plassurban Consulting Inc., Province of British Columbia - Ministry of Housing and BC Housing - *Home suite Home: Guidelines on How to Add and Manage a Secondary Suite or Accessory Dwelling Unit in British Columbia*

**Silver:** University of Victoria - *University of Victoria - Student Housing and Dining Project*

## AWARDS FOR RESEARCH & NEW DIRECTIONS IN PLANNING

**Gold:** City of Vancouver - *Building the Case for Removing Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements*

**Silver:** City of Kelowna, CitySpaces Consulting Ltd and rennie group - *City of Kelowna Housing Needs Assessment 2021-2031*

\*Please note. There were no awards presented for the Enduring Performance and Individual Achievement award categories.

**Congratulations to this year's PIBC award winners! For more information, please visit:**  
<http://www.pibc.bc.ca/pibc-awards>

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### **About the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC): “Forward Thinking, Shaping Communities”**

The Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) is the professional association of planners in British Columbia and Yukon and is affiliated with the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) – the national association.

A non-profit professional organization incorporated in 1958 under the *Societies Act*, the Institute's current membership includes over 1,500 professional planners that work in both the public and private sectors in many different fields of planning including land-use and development, municipal and regional planning, policy and law, heritage conservation, transportation, environmental sustainability, social planning, First Nations community planning, and more.

Our forward-thinking mission is to advance, promote, and support the planning profession with professional certification, services, events, and activities that help professional planners shape resilient, connected, inclusive and vibrant communities. **Our Certified Members have the exclusive right and privilege to utilize the professional title 'Registered Professional Planner' and the designation 'RPP' in British Columbia & Yukon.** They also may use the designation 'MCIP' to indicate their professional status nationally with the Canadian Institute of Planners.

**For more information about PIBC, visit [www.pibc.bc.ca](http://www.pibc.bc.ca) or follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [X/Twitter](#).**

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