

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The Institute's Awards & Recognition Committee is responsible for overseeing and administering PIBC's various awards and recognition programs, including the Awards for Excellence in Planning and Awards for Individual Achievement. The Committee also oversees the Institute's Honourary and Life Member recognition activities and assists with the Institute's Student Fellowship Award program.

Each year the Committee issues calls for submissions or nominations for a number of award types and categories. The Committee then reviews and evaluates all the submissions received, acting as the jury for the awards program, to collectively determine the winners. In the case of Honourary and Life Member recipients, they are ultimately determined by unanimous approval of the Board, on recommendation from the Committee.

The Committee continues to iterate on the awards process and program based on the objectives of the Institute's Strategic Plan and feedback from the membership at large. Based on feedback, member input, and experience from each annual awards process, the Committee reviews and considers potential revisions to the awards categories, submission requirements, selection criteria, and approaches to recognition.

2023 WINNERS OF THE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING:

Awards For Enduring Planning Performance

- Gold: Canada Lands Company, City of Chilliwack, MVH Urban Planning & Design, and Ankenman Associates Architects Inc. – Garrison Crossing
- Silver: City of Richmond – Richmond City Centre Area Plan

Excellence in Planning Practice (Cities & Urban Areas):

- Gold Winner: City of New Westminster and BC Poverty Reduction Coalition – Community Action Network – Transforming Planning Practice Through an Innovative Partnership to Engage People with Lived and Living Experience
- Silver Winner: EcoPlan and City of Vancouver – Sea2City Design Challenge

Excellence in Planning Practice (Small Town & Rural Areas):

- Gold Winner: MVH Urban Planning & Design, City of Grand Forks, Bluerock Planning, Selkirk Planning & Design, Rynic, Amy Clarke Consulting, and LARCH Landscape Architecture – Grand Forks OCP Update + Implementation Projects: The Three in One Plan
- Silver Winner: O2 Planning & Design and City of Mission – Mission Waterfront Revitalization Master Plan
- Honourable Mention: Tsawwassen First Nation – Connecting to Our Roots Through c̓əlisəlam
- Honourable Mention: Village of Masset and Urban Systems – Main Street Vision & Action Plan



CELEBRATING 2023 PIBC AWARD WINNERS

Excellence in Policy Planning (Cities & Urban Areas):

- Gold Winner: City of Nanaimo and LANARC – City Plan – Nanaimo ReImagined
- Silver Winner: City of Burnaby – HOME: Burnaby’s Housing + Homelessness Strategy

Excellence in Policy Planning (Small Town & Rural Areas):

- Gold Winner: Resort Municipality of Whistler – Whistler Accessibility Action Plan
- Silver Winner: City of Salmon Arm and Urban Systems – Connect Salmon Arm: City of Salmon Arm’s Active Transportation Network Plan

Research & New Directions

- Gold Winner: TransLink and Urban Systems – Rapid Implementation Design Guide for Bikeways in Metro Vancouver
- Silver Winner: Cowichan Valley Regional District and Kerr Wood Leidal – Cowichan Lake – Forecasting Future Regulatory Boundaries in Light of Climate Change
- Honourable Mention: Resilience Planning Ltd. and Aboriginal Housing Management Association – Data Collection Framework and Recommendations for a BC Strategy for Indigenous Peoples Experiencing Homelessness

2023 Annual Student Fellowship Award Winners

- Author: Madelaine Parent – University of British Columbia, School of Community and Regional Planning Tenant Protections in Redevelopment
- Author: Mikhaila Carr – University of Northern British Columbia, School of Planning & Sustainability Parks, Accessible Spaces and Storytelling
- Author: Courtenay Miller – Vancouver Island University, Master of Community Planning Longstanding Sustainability: Addressing the Downfalls of Green Infrastructure Planning
- Author: Nathan Zemp – Simon Fraser University, School of Resource & Environmental Management Quantifying the Effect of Single-Family Zoning on Housing Prices in Metro Vancouver, BC

CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS:

Congratulations to all the 2023 award winners and to everyone who participated in the 2023 awards and recognition programs. Special thanks are extended to all the volunteer members of the Awards & Recognition Committee for their time and contributions to the Committee and their significant efforts and thoughtful deliberations in reviewing and evaluating the many different award submissions and nominations. We wish to particularly acknowledge the members who stepped back from the Committee in 2023, as well as the new volunteers who have joined the Committee for the 2023 awards program. Thank you all.



DELEGATES AT THE 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE