

PLANNING INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PROFESSIONAL GOVERNANCE RESEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

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WHO WE ARE

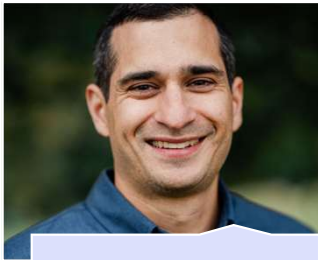
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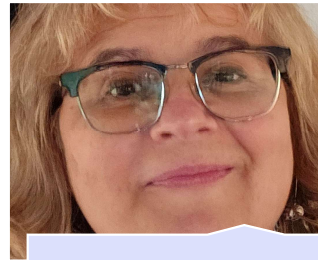
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WHY NOW?

- PIBC is a member-based organization and self-regulator
- PIBC's founding in 1958 (*Societies Act*) was motivated in part on a desire to achieve **reserved practice rights**
- Initial attempt in 1959 to draft legislation to regulate profession
- In 2012, PIBC achieved **protected occupational title** of 'Registered Professional Planner' and RPP designation
- BC *Professional Governance Act* (2018) established new governance framework for self-regulating professions to ensure serving and protecting the **public interest** is the primary goal. **Reserved practice** may be granted.
- PIBC Board identified **member engagement** on this matter as a strategic priority.

"How you let the good in and keep the bad out was, and is, an insoluble problem. Some of us were looking at the possibility of a licensing act to protect us and the public from the unqualified whoever they might be."

– Don South, Founding Member of PIBC (Planning West 2018)

LEVEL SET

- 1) Professional governance is a longstanding topic of discussion at PIBC.
- 2) The Board and Institute has taken no position for or against transitioning to the *Professional Governance Act*.
- 3) There is no pending decision by the Province.
- 4) The Board approved directions to engage the membership.
- 5) The Phase 1 Work Plan is designed to educate and engage members and potential members about the PGA and professional governance considerations, and to undertake relevant research. Phase 1 Work Plan is not designed to drive to any outcome.

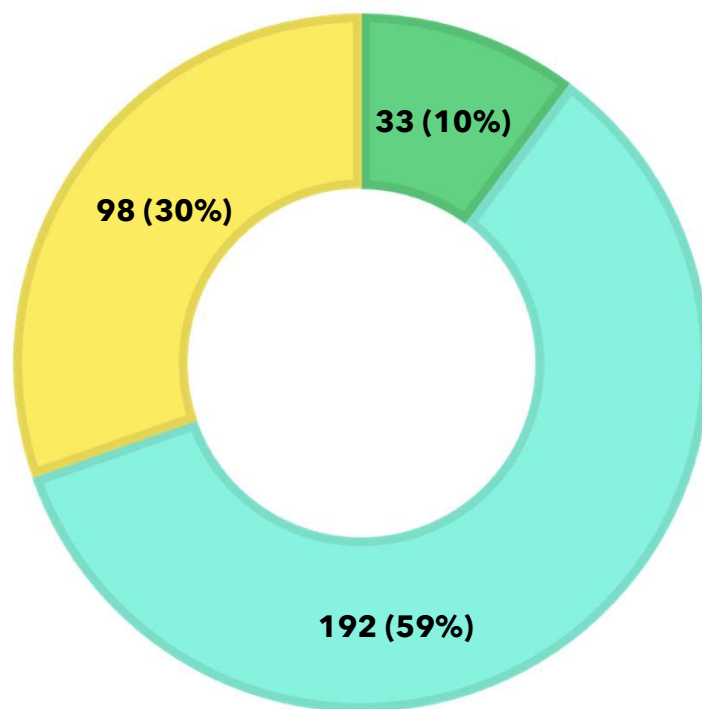
PHASE 1 ACTIVITIES



ENGAGEMENT SURVEY #1

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PGA

How would you describe your knowledge about the Professional Governance Act prior to taking this survey?

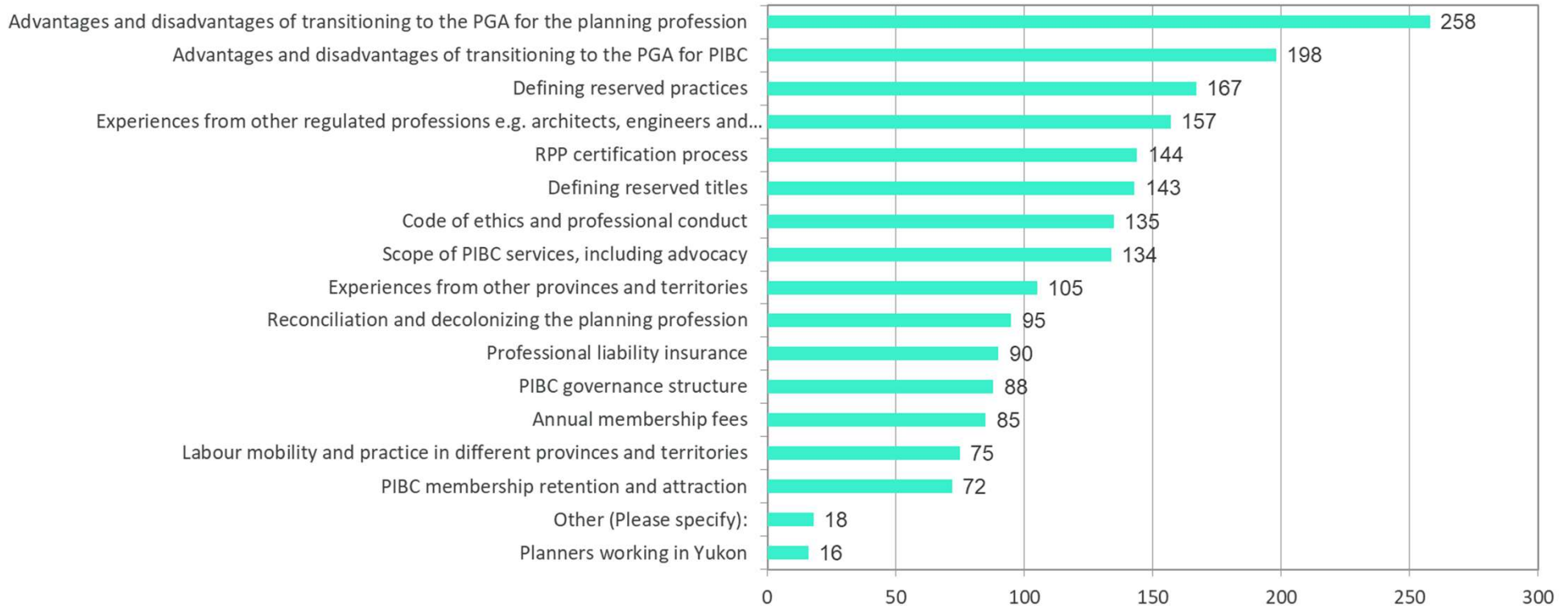


- I have good prior knowledge about the PGA
- I have some prior knowledge about the PGA
- This is my first time learning about the PGA

ENGAGEMENT SURVEY #1

TOPICS OF INTEREST

What aspects of professional governance and the Professional Governance Act as they pertain to PIBC and the planning profession would you like to learn about and/or engage regarding?

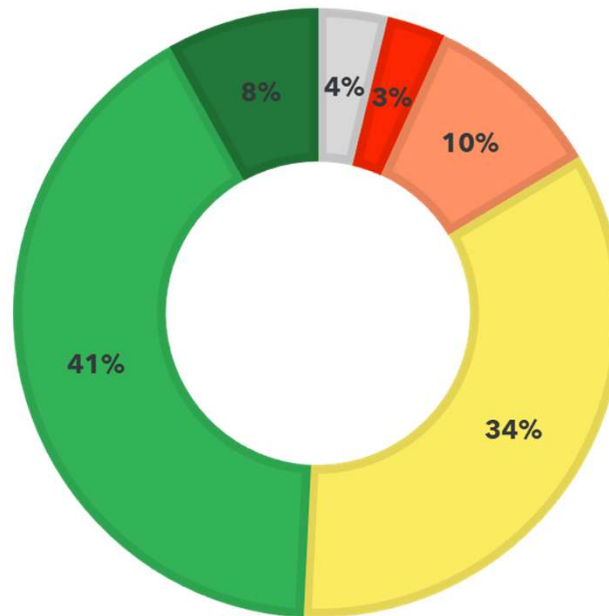


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DEGREE OF SATISFACTION

How satisfied are you with how the planning profession is regulated today in British Columbia?

■ Unsure ■ Very dissatisfied ■ Dissatisfied ■ Neutral ■ Satisfied ■ Very satisfied



SOME EMERGING STRATEGIC QUESTIONS

- **Public Interest:** Is there a real risk – and what level is this risk – to the public interest from the practice of planning that only a regulator with statutory authority under the *Professional Governance Act* can address?
- **Reserved Practice:** What does a definition of reserved practice look like given the diverse areas of practice of planners and potential intersections with other regulated professions?
- **Pros and Cons:** Do the benefits of obtaining reserved practice outweigh the changes to the role and responsibilities of PIBC?
- **Registrants and Employers:** What are the impacts to registrants and employers should registrant fees have to increase to cover higher expenditures of PIBC as the regulator?
- **Government Oversight:** Could the provincial government, under the PGA, exercise undue influence on the planning profession and regulator?

WAYS TO STAY ENGAGED

- **Please join us at the PIBC Annual Conference to continue the dialogue!**
 - June 13 at 11AM (CS-38)
 - Panel: Forest Professionals BC, BC Institute of Agrologists, and BC Society of Landscape Architects
 - <https://www.pibc.bc.ca/annual-conference>
- *Planning West* article in Spring Issue
- Q2 2025 Quarterly Chair Update
- Resources: www.pibc.bc.ca/professionalgovernance

Thank you!

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