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### PIBC Announces Winners of 2019 Awards for Excellence in Planning and Individual Achievement

**May 9, 2019 (Vancouver, BC)** – The Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) is excited to announce the winners of its annual *Awards for Excellence in Planning* and *Awards for Individual Achievement*.

The 2019 winners were formally presented following the PIBC 2019 Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 8th, at the Westin Bayshore hotel, Vancouver.

The Institute annually recognizes the professional work and individual accomplishments of members across British Columbia and the Yukon through this awards and recognition program. The **Awards for Excellence in Planning** honour the best in professional planning work undertaken by members in five categories. The **Awards for Individual Achievement** recognize the efforts and impact of individual members' work and personal commitment to planning in their community in several different categories.

**It was with great pleasure that PIBC announced the following 2019 winners:**

#### 1) Excellence in Planning Practice - City & Urban Areas

- **GOLD WINNER** - D'Ambrosio Architecture + Urbanism and TownSquare Planning Inc. for *Nigel Valley Neighbourhood Plan*
- **SILVER WINNER** - City of Vancouver - *VIVA Vancouver Bike Rack Design Contest*

#### 2) Excellence in Planning Practice - Small Town & Rural Areas

- **GOLD WINNER** - District of Houston and Urban Systems Ltd. for *District of Houston Downtown Beautification Plan*

#### 3) Excellence in Policy Planning - City & Urban Areas

- **GOLD WINNER** - City of Kelowna and Urban Matters for *Equity and Inclusion in Housing Needs Assessments*
- **SILVER WINNER** - District of Saanich and Urban Systems Ltd. for *Moving Saanich Forward - Saanich's Active Transportation Plan*
- **SILVER WINNER** - City of Vancouver, Mott MacDonald, DIALOG and Urban Systems Ltd. for *Arbutus Greenway Design Vision and Implementation Strategy*

#### 4) Excellence in Policy Planning - Small Town & Rural Areas

- **GOLD WINNER** - Municipality of North Cowichan and Barefoot Planning for *Bell McKinnon Local Area Plan*
- **SILVER WINNER** - District of Squamish for *Squamish 2040 Official Community Plan*

#### 5) Research & New Directions

- **GOLD WINNER** - EcoPlan International, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, Connect Landscape Architecture and the City of Vancouver for *Coastal Adaptation Plan - Fraser River Foreshore*
- **SILVER WINNER** - Ryan Hennessey, RPP, Senior Energy Planner, Energy Branch, Yukon Government for *Integrated Asset Management and GHG Emissions Reduction Plan*

#### **Individual Achievement – Distinguished Professional Contribution**

- Robert Smailes MCIP, RPP

## **Individual Achievement – Leadership in Advocacy & Innovation**

– Christopher Osborne, MCIP, RPP

For more information about the PIBC Awards, please visit <http://www.pibc.bc.ca/content/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 the 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 nearly 1,600 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 more livable, sustainable 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. They also may use the designation ‘*MCIP*’ to indicate their professional status nationally with the Canadian Institute of Planners.

**For more information about PIBC, please visit [www.pibc.bc.ca](http://www.pibc.bc.ca) or follow us on Twitter [@PIBC](https://twitter.com/PIBC).**

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