

MEDIA RELEASE

Canadian Institute of Planners and Ontario Professional Planners Institute Conference - BUILDING A BETTER WORLD Niagara Falls, Ontario – Sheraton on the Falls Hotel September 30th to October 3rd 2009

October 2, 2009 – At a planning conference with well over 1,000 attendees, this year's Canadian Institute of Planners' Awards for Planning Excellence and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute's Excellence in Planning Award winners were announced today. The awards recognize: excellence in all aspects of the profession; a strong awareness of the planning profession among related professions, all levels of government, potential private and public sector clients, and the general public; and professional planners providing excellence to the community.

Canadian Institute of Planners' Awards for Planning Excellence Winners:

- "Vancouver EcoDensity Initiative": City of Vancouver
- "Bird-Friendly Development Guidelines and Rating System": City of Toronto
- "District Strategic Development Planning in occupied Palestinian territory": EcoPlan International, Inc.
- "City of Kamloops North Shore Neighbourhood Plan": City of Kamloops
- "North Central Community Legacy Study": Office of Urbanism / City of Regina
- "Shaping the Toronto Region": The Neptis Foundation
- "The Town of Ladysmith Sustainable Community Visioning Project": HB Lanarc / The Town of Ladysmith
- "City of Mississauga - Older Adult Plan": Monteith Brown Planning Consultants / City of Mississauga
- "The Big Move": Metrolinx
- "Cornell University Comprehensive Campus Master Plan, Ithaca, New York": Urban Strategies Inc., Polshek Partnership Architects, LLP, Stantec Consulting, and New England Engineering

Ontario Professional Planners Institute's Excellence in Planning Award Winners:

- "Our Future Mississauga Community Engagement": City of Mississauga and Office for Urbanism
- City of Vaughan/Urban Strategies Inc.: "Vaughan Tomorrow – a Vision for Transformation"
- Region of Peel/Town of Caledon: "Peel-Caledon Significant Woodlands and Significant Wildlife Habitat Study"
- Master Plan for Downtown Brantford - "Towards a Stronger Future": City of Brantford/Urban Strategies Inc./IBI Group
- "Ottawa Escarpment Area District Plan": City of Ottawa/Urban Strategies Inc./Delcan

The "Ottawa Escarpment Area District Plan" has also been awarded the Healthy Communities Award which is given jointly by OPPI and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario. This award was created to recognize submissions that exemplify the principles of sustainability and demonstrate excellence in creating and fostering healthy communities.

In addition, CIP will also be giving out its Vision in Planning Award to recognize community plan that has achieved or exceeded its intended expectations and represents a significant contribution to Canadian planning heritage. This year's winner is the Niagara Region Foodland Conservation Strategy – A Regional Policy Plan and Strategy for Development and Conservation.

CIP will also be giving out the President's Award. CIP gives this award to recognize a Canadian individual or organization whose contribution to planning warrants acknowledgment on a national level. The recipient is chosen by the current President of the Institute, with endorsement from CIP Council. This year's award winner is lawyer, community activist, and politician Michael Harcourt.

Detailed conference information is posted at: www.niagarafalls2009.ca

The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) is the national voice of Canada's planning profession. Since 1919, CIP has been dedicated to the advancement of responsible planning throughout Canada. In its capacity as the national professional institute and certification body for the planning profession, CIP addresses the issues of professional standards and public policy, both domestically and globally, related to planning and planning related issues. More information is available at www.cip-icu.ca.

The Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) is the recognized voice of the Province's planning profession. Its more than 3,000 members work in government, private practice, universities, and non-profit agencies in the fields of urban and rural development, urban design, environmental planning, transportation, health and social services, heritage conservation, housing, and economic development. For further information, go to: www.ontarioplanners.on.ca

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