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Ontario Professional Planners Institute is the Recipient of the Ontario Public Health Association's Community Partner Award

October 6, 2011 – Yesterday, at an awards luncheon, the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) was given the Ontario Public Health Association's 2011 Community Partner Award in recognition of the Institute's Healthy Communities Initiative.

This award is given to a non-profit community organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the health of the people of Ontario. Recipients must meaningfully engage local residents, achieve their goals and objectives in partnership with Public Health, demonstrate an understanding of the social determinants of health and have made a positive contribution towards the promotion of healthy communities.

"We are very pleased to be the recipient of this award. This acknowledges the efforts of our many volunteers and staff who contribute to the Healthy Communities Initiative. This initiative, which clearly links health and community planning, has accomplished much over the past five years but there is still more to be done. As we continue to move forward, we welcome opportunities to work with our public health partners on this key initiative."

OPPI's President, Sue Cumming, MCIP, RPP

Planners recognize how planning impacts quality of life and how these decisions shape communities. The Healthy Communities Initiative takes this knowledge and puts it into action. Further information, including Calls to Action, is available at:

www.ontarioplanners.on.ca/content/Publications/innovativepolicypapers.aspx

The Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) is the recognized voice of the Province's planning profession. The more than 3,500 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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