



## Planning and Development

World Town Planning Day – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Mayor Copeland,

World Town Planning Day (WTPD) focuses on the progress of community planning, highlights the valuable contributions that sound planning has made to the quality of the human environment, and provides recognition of the ideals of community planning among the profession and the general public worldwide. This event is currently celebrated in some manner in about 30 countries on four continents. This year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of first celebration of World Town Planning Day in 1949.

The Canadian Institute of Planners has existed since 1919 and has a national membership of more than 7,000, with Affiliate associations representing planners in each of Canada's provinces and territories. Working with its Affiliates, CIP sets national standards for training, certification, best practices, accredits and recognizes university planning degree programs, and provides a range of other membership benefits and services. In addition to being the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Town Planning Day, 2019 also marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CIP.

The Alberta Professional Planners Institute, an affiliate of the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP), endorses World Town Planning Day as an opportunity to highlight the contribution that sound planning makes to the quality of our settlements and environment. Canada's growth and urbanization presents continuing challenges for our urban, regional and rural planners as we do our part to keep our communities prosperous, healthy and viable. The recognition of World Town Planning Day is one way to emphasize the importance of community planning to the quality of life of Canadians.

It would be most appreciated if you would be able to recognize November 8<sup>th</sup> this year as World Town Planning Day.

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