

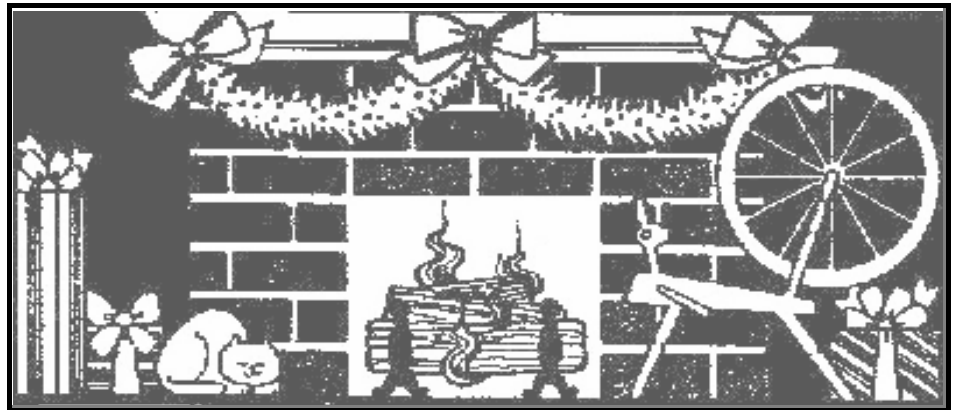
# Planners Pen

## PLANNING DIRECTORS: Where are they?

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complex than it is today. There was a time when our Atlantic municipalities were smaller and more manageable, and in many ways more stable – some might even have been described as *set in their ways*. Looking back now, it seems that those were more simple, down-to-earth times. They were gentler times.

Planning issues were simply stated, expeditiously discussed and swiftly dealt with. NIMBY and BANANA were meaningless acronyms. They hadn't yet been invented to muddy the waters of "commonsense" planning decisions.

One of the principles on which planning was founded was respect -- a profound respect for the environment as we then understood it, for the rights of individuals to enjoy freedom from nuisances created by others and for people's rights to use and develop lands within the constraints of the foregoing. And people lived - mostly - in relative harmony. Villages grew into towns, and towns became the cities of today

Of course those earlier times

weren't altogether golden days. People trained in our profession were in short supply. Atlantic Canada had to import much of its early planning expertise from the old country. Hence the arrival of the "town planner" in our cities and TPIC (Town Planning Institute of Canada) in our country.

Much of the countryside was not incorporated. It was farms and forests. It didn't require the services of a planner. It was populated in ribbons of roadside housing, in fishing coves, in rail station stops and in crossroads clusters - a sort of random land use arrangement that was geared to the times, grew "like Topsy" and presented an endless challenge to the planners who came later.

Changes began to happen in communities and to people who had a natural resistance against change in their blood. Urban growth, a post-war economic surge, industrial centralization, automobile ownership, educational opportunities and the

## EDITORIAL

It isn't that long ago when our profession seemed to be a lot less



springing up of a commuter society all arrived together to push us on relentlessly toward the global age that we inhabit today.

But for communities all over our region the changes that came about were not without intervention. Where there was burgeoning growth there was concern. Small governments and large engaged the services of planners, and where there were larger-scaled planning initiatives, there were always planning “directors.”

What is it that makes a planning director? Have you ever wondered? If you are a director of planning, perhaps you’re wondering still?

According to Webster’s wisdom, to *direct* means to set straight, or alternatively to show or point out the way for; to regulate the activities or the course of; to carry out the organizing, energizing and the supervising of; to request or enjoin with authority . . . but enough said. You get the point. A director, especially a director of planning, is expected to be a near-perfect individual, relentless in the ability to persuade, untiring in the ability to advise and to lead and possessed of a computer-like mind that contains in alphabetical order every principle, theorem and device claimed by the

profession ... and ... (we hasten to add) politically astute as well.

Was there ever such a one?

Further along in this newsletter we will explore a number of posts in our region where planning directors practice their craft. Most are members of our institute, which implies that the elected bodies who employ planning directors take a certain level of comfort in the planning principles that we all tend to embrace.

In this issue of Planners Pen we are again pleased to share information from our colleagues across the considerable expanse of the Atlantic Provinces. We are also given an inside look at the recent workings of CIP, thanks to our representative there. There is before us a recent newsy report on how things are shaping up for our academic leaders at DAL, we have a message from our API president, and we learn something new from each of our provincial branches.

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## THE PREZ SEZ:

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Dear API Members:

At our July Annual General Meeting held in Halifax, it was with great pleasure that I accepted the position of President of the Atlantic Planners Institute. As many of you may be aware, I served a term as President of API back in the early 80s, and being one who supports the concept of recycling, I guess it's ok to be recycling past presidents.

The CIP/API National Conference held in July consumed a huge amount of time on behalf of the coordinating committee and all members who worked on and participated in one of the most successful CIP conferences that have been held in some time. We should all be very proud of the outcome of that conference, and proud of the image we put forward to our colleagues across Canada. The preliminary financial results from that conference, which are subject to audit, are indicating that a substantial profit will be realized. This profit will be divided evenly between

CIP and API.

Since the conference, your API council has only had an opportunity to meet once, which occurred a couple of weeks ago in Halifax, in conjunction with a 'meet and greet' event with the planning students from Dalhousie. During that initial meeting, we discussed a number of initiatives for the council over the coming two-year term. You will be hearing more about these initiatives in the very near future.

As your council, it is our hope to establish two or three major initiatives where API can make a difference in improving or effecting the overall planning environment within Atlantic Canada.

As an example, one of the areas we are going to spend a considerable amount of time on with respect to research and publication, and the taking of positions, has to do with the effect of urban sprawl into our otherwise rural municipalities. Over the next several months, you will see API developing position papers and taking stands with respect to what the ultimate impacts are of continuing this type of development within our Atlantic region, and how we can take steps to curtail it.

As a council, we are looking for topics and ways within which our professional organization can be effective in promoting the overall quality of life for all of our communities through out Atlantic Canada. This is a big task, and we are prepared to take on the responsibility of being a stronger, more pro-active professional organization than we may have been in the past.

I will be placing an article in the Planners Pen next edition on this topic, inviting your feedback, and in particular looking for you to advise your council of opportunities by which we can get our message out.

Personally, I am looking forward to these challenges, and I will be relying upon you, the membership, to be our conduit to the greater community.

Yours truly,

Barry Zwicker, MCIP

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## CIP News and Notes: Alex Forbes

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*So What's Going on at National Council?*

As a relatively new member on National Council, I can report that our National body is very active on a number of fronts. Council in September went through a strategic planning exercise to set a new course of action under our new president Ron Shishido. Although the process (as usual) was grueling, the outcome will hopefully result in more focused services being offered to the members.

My duties on Council will include setting up a Committee to look at marketing and branding the Institute. Mary Bishop and Ron Corbett have agreed to help me launch this new initiative. Another important initiative that is being aggressively pursued is the concept of professional development criteria that each affiliate develops in order to ensure that their members are keeping current with trends in the profession. For example, some of the other affiliates have already adopted criteria for professional development and have made these requirements mandatory in order to keep your membership current. Although, the concept of professional development has not been discussed with members from our affiliate, I expect you will be hearing more from API Council about this important initiative in the near future. Bill Ashton from the University of New Brunswick has agreed to work with me on developing this concept for Atlantic Canada.

One thing that is evident when you go on to National Council is how organized and effective the National Office is because of the availability of professional staff people. I think API needs to seriously consider hiring someone on a part time basis to set up an office here in Atlantic Canada. I think having a limited office presence will ensure that our members can stay in touch

with current issues without having to follow the trail of who is presently on Council and where can they be reached.

In closing, if anyone in the membership is looking to serve on a Committee; has an opinion; or would like to help our affiliate in any way, please contact me. The next CIP Council meeting is in February and if anyone has something that they wish me to bring to the attention of National Council, please email me at the address below.

Sincerely, Alex Forbes, Past President API  
CIP Council Representative  
alexforbes@fredericton.ca.

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## Provincial & Territorial Planning Directors: their annual meeting

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*We thank Stan Clinton for the following report and for sharing his insight into the issues being discussed across the regions of Canada, and for his hosting of the Directors' Newfoundland Adventures....*

The Provincial and Territorial Planning Directors meet annually to discuss activities in their respective jurisdictions, exchange views on developing trends, and to compare approaches to common problems. The sessions rotate between Provinces and this year, it was Newfoundland and Labrador's turn to host the event which took place in mid October in St. John's.

Participants were treated to an outstanding welcome at an opening reception co-hosted by Newfoundland Labrador's Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs and the Newfoundland and Labrador Branch of API. This took place at the historic Newman Wine Vaults in downtown St. John's and featured a port tasting led by local oenophile, Tom Beckett.

Working sessions followed where participants exchanged information on events over the last 12 months within their respective jurisdictions, anticipated near future events, and analyzed particular approaches for their successes and



shortcomings. The two topics dealt with in more depth were **“The Call for Legislative Change and Alternative Approaches”** which featured a look at events in British Columbia where there is a growing trend to tackle issues outside of legislation and **“Provincial Land Use Policy”**.

The first session, **“The Call for Legislative Change and Alternative Approaches”** was highlighted by consideration of two matters, **Affordable Housing** and **Provincially Significant Projects**. On the first front, there is pressure to do more regarding affordable housing, particularly low end market priced housing. Government perceives a strong link between the health of the provincial economy and the ability to attract and retain businesses, and the reduced ability of people to afford housing in British Columbia's major urban areas. Also, despite continued increases in a number of units of subsidized housing, supply falls far short of demand. Increasing home ownership will reduce pressure on rental stock and subsidized housing.

Major legislative review is not seen as a preferred approach to dealing with this issue. The Province is developing a *Market Housing Affordability Strategy* with a special focus on identifying means of increasing



the supply of low end market priced housing. Consultations are underway with local government and the development industry to identify creative responses while the province continues to pursue *Smart Development Partnerships* with priority on projects that demonstrate how housing costs can be lowered.

On the second front **Provincially Significant Projects**, there is a general interest in creating a positive business climate plus an interest in promoting specific items such as expanding energy sources, maintaining competitive port facilities, expanding the fish farm and greenhouse industries, and promoting the development of resort communities. However, some quarters view local government jurisdiction in areas such as land use approvals, general regulation and taxation as being a threat to achieving provincial economic objectives.

On the legislative front, "the Economic Development Streamlining Act" would allow Cabinet to, among other things, designate certain projects as "provincially significant" and allow designated Ministers to override local government authority or modify approval processes. However, there is concern that if these powers are used with any frequency, they may impact provincial/local government relations. Consequently, a strategy to minimize legislative overrides is being developed. This would include appropriate checks and balances plus a dispute resolution process which would, hopefully, promote agreement between the province and local government and avoid overrides. In addition, the identification of projects that would most likely result in the use of legislation and the convening of affected parties to, hopefully, work out agreements on issues could avoid the use of legislation.

The second major topic was the discussion of "**Provincial Land Use Policy**" and the differing approaches throughout the country. A review of the status of land use policies in each jurisdiction where they exist took place with a consideration of the means by which governments ensure adherence to these policies. For instance, in Alberta, and in the energy and intensive livestock areas, municipal approvals cannot be inconsistent with a provincial approval, but

where no provincial approvals are involved and in a Province where there is no provincial review of local planning documents, how does one ensure that these and decisions conform to provincial policy? In other words, how does one measure the performance of the municipal land use planning system vis à vis provincial land use policy?

A day long outside excursion highlighted a couple of approaches to tourism on the Avalon Peninsula. The first was a visit to the archaeological dig at the Colony of Avalon in Ferryland. This is the site of Lord Baltimore's early 17<sup>th</sup> century colony and is not only the longest occupied permanent settlement in North America but also has the first known flush toilet in the new world. An inspection of the dig and exhibits was followed by a talk on the East Coast Trail showing how this 220 kilometre long coastal trail features in the tourism and economic development of municipalities and areas through which it runs, and how these municipalities are incorporating or being lobbied to incorporate protection policies in their municipal plans and development regulations. A short hike along the trail through the resettled community of La Manche with dramatic coastal views completed the day's excursion.

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## ST. JOHN'S: Change & Challenge

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Over the past several years the older areas of St. John's have undergone a transformation and rejuvenation. It seems, generally, that the area between Empire Avenue and the Harbour and Waterford Bridge Road to the Outer Battery, has been discovered as a desirable place to reside, gather, and conduct business.

Older housing stock and commercial stock is in great demand; consequently it's a sellers' market with asking prices ranging



between \$150,000 and \$700,000 the new norm. Redundant institutional and government properties which are now surplus to the needs of their respective owners are quickly snapped up and usually developed for high-priced apartment condominiums or rowhousing. At this time the demand shows no sign of abatement.

From the commercial land use perspective, there is a constant demand for Downtown premises to establish offices, restaurants, lounges, or boutique retail stores. What's available for sale is limited and, as with what's for rent, the price is getting steeper, perhaps more than some would be comfortable with. Businesses operating in the Downtown since the Seventies and early Eighties which have been renting rather than owning their premises will no doubt face the prospect of increased rental rates.

From a land use planning perspective, the response of the City of St. John's has been to continue with its almost two decades old Municipal Plan policy of encouraging and facilitating building rehabilitation and

redevelopment in the older areas of the City through measures such as minimal offstreet parking requirements and limited design guidelines. More recently, the City has initiated a "tax-holiday" incentive program for substantial rehabilitation of designated commercial and institutional heritage buildings; this may be applied to heritage buildings of a commercial or an institutional nature which are being converted to residential use.

The City of St. John's had also commissioned a study to examine the boundaries of the St. John's heritage areas; to recommend specific properties that should be designated as heritage buildings; and, to identify and rank significant public views and scenic corridors, and recommend how best to protect them for public enjoyment. The resultant document, the *St. John's Heritage Areas, Heritage Buildings and Public Views* report was submitted to the City on 21 March 2003. It is anticipated that before the end of this calendar year the City will adopt the *St. John's Heritage Areas, Heritage Buildings and Public Views* report and incorporate its principal recommendations into the St. John's Subdivision & Development Regulations and the St. John's Municipal Plan.

For property owners, sellers, and the City it's all been good news. Property investments are increasing in value and paying off and municipal tax revenues from the older areas of the City are steady and increasing. Real estate agents and building trades contractors are equally pleased as there is a heightened demand for their respective services.

The picture may not look so rosy from a social planning perspective, however. Properties which had for years been used as moderately-priced rental properties, generally for people of limited or modest income, are being sold off and/or converted to high-quality, high-priced housing. It is logical to assume that some people have been compelled to move out of the older parts of the City which have traditionally been their home as they search for affordable housing. No new social housing has been constructed in St. John's for some time; we can only speculate how the Provincial Government will respond in the next few years to the challenges faced by this displaced population.

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## NEWS FROM DAL

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*A couple of months ago, when Dal Planning School's first semester was just getting into the swing of things, Jill Grant sent out the following message:*

*"I have just put together this little newsletter for new students in the School. I thought I would share it with you as well - so you have an idea of what we are up to.*

*Best wishes,*

*Jill Grant, School of Planning ..."*

*Needless to say, we're always pleased to hear about things that are happening at Dal.*

### Dalhousie University September 2003

It's that time of year when we get to welcome new students arriving at Dalhousie, and welcome back returning students. We hope that 2003-04 is a great year for you.

### Bachelor of Community Design is launched

Early in the spring the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission approved the new BCD program to begin this fall. Our first class of 33 students

begins the adventure this month. They come from far and wide: across Canada, and also from the Caribbean and the US. Good luck to all of them!

### Renewed Master of Planning program begins

Following last year's review of the graduate program, a revised masters program begins this year. We welcome 23 students from across the globe. They have a wide range of backgrounds: in the arts, sciences, and the professions. They are bound to make a great addition to the School.

### Last year for NSCAD program

This is the last year that students from the NSCAD environmental planning program will be with us. They will graduate next spring as a fine ending to a program that lasted over 30 years and graduated over 250 students.

### Dalhousie student named to Canadian Institute of Planners Council

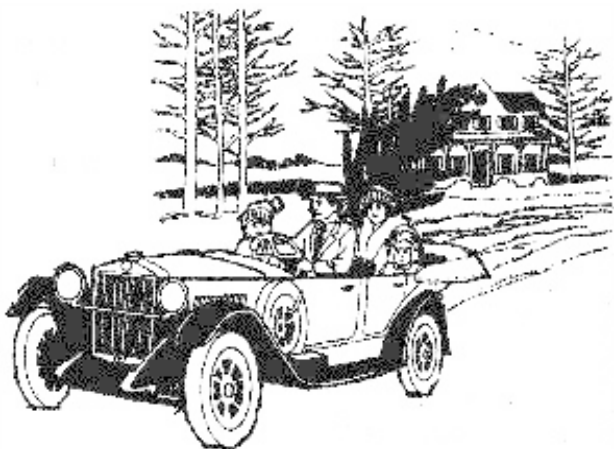
A student from the School, Mark TeKamp, was elected as national student planning representative on CIP council in April. The national student representative speaks for planning students in schools across the country. This makes four years in a row that our students have held this important position. Congratulations!

### Awards for the School

This year our faculty and research units won several prizes and awards. In conjunction with the Joint Community Planning Committee, Frank Palermo and the Cities & Environment Unit were awarded a prestigious EDRA/Places Planning Award for Places by the Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) out of Berkeley, California and the internationally circulated journal Places. This award recognizes the continuing contribution that the Unit has made with the First Nations Community Planning Project underway since 1998.

School director, Jill Grant, won the Canadian Institute of Planners' Award of Excellence for Impact on the Profession, for her research on mixed use (published in the Journal of the American Planning Association).

Frank Palermo was named a Fellow of



the Canadian Institute of Planners in July 2003 in recognition of his contribution to the planning profession in Canada.

#### Gift from Atlantic Planners Institute

The API has pledged to donate \$10,000 to the Faculty's capital campaign over a five year period. This gift exemplifies the profession's continuing commitment to planning education. API has also increased its scholarship fund for planning students, and agreed to help the School develop a mentoring program to link professionals with graduate students. The School has enjoyed an excellent relationship with the regional professional organizations.

Watch for a "meet and greet" event sponsored by API sometime in early fall.

#### Canadian Institute of Planners Conference

Several students and faculty members participated in the CIP conference held in Halifax in July 2003. Congratulations to the students who presented papers: Michael Logan, Kirstin Maxwell, Lindsey Mittelsteadt. Many others volunteered as session assistants or registration helpers. It was a great learning experience for all.

#### New Brunswick sponsors field trip

The Department of Environment and Local Government of New Brunswick and several planning commissions in the Chignecto region are sponsoring the Maritimes field trip for graduate students this fall. From September 1 to 4, 40 students will travel to learn about coastal planning, natural and heritage conservation, and community development in the region. Many thanks to DELG, and the planning departments of Beaubassin, Moncton, and Tantramar for all their help.

In January, the international field trip travels to Barcelona. If you have the resources to participate, this will be a fantastic experience. Contact Susan Guppy for information.

#### Space changes

This fall graduate planning studios will all be located in the same wing of the H building. The new Dean, Grant Wanzel, is working hard to find ways to meet our space needs. Undergraduate classes will mostly take place in HA 18.

The Faculty has adopted a new printing policy this year. We hope this will improve service and reliability- although

the printers are now upstairs in the east studio.

#### Thesis defences

We had lots of successful thesis defences in spring and summer.

Congratulations to all!

NSCAD: Heather Cannon, Chrissy Nickerson, Carla Slaunwhite, Laura Walsh  
MURP: Jason Thistle, Lindsey Mittelsteadt, Heather Ternoway, Jeff Daniels, Mike Logan, Steffen Kaeubler, Dave Stewart, Ravi Singh, Brooke Melles, Sean Carter

#### Faculty research notes

**Jill Grant** continues her research on development trends in residential neighbourhoods. This summer two graduate students worked with her on the gated communities research project. This examines the planning response to gated projects; the inventory has identified over 240 gated enclaves in Canada. (Visit the web site [www.dal.ca/~gated](http://www.dal.ca/~gated)) She also continues to write about the influence of new urbanism on Canadian planning practice. She was heavily involved in organizing the July Canadian Institute of Planner's conference in Halifax: she presented a paper at the conference, in a session with graduate students Kirstin Maxwell and Lindsey Mittelsteadt. With colleagues at University of Toronto and University of Tokyo she edited a book, *Managing Urban Change*, which will appear from Ashgate UK in December.

**Susan Guppy's** interest in food in planning has grown out of her work in urban ecology, as well as her experience in a recent studio project with a rural community divided by the prospect of a new supermarket. She presented a paper on her research at the CIP conference in July. She has also been working with a planning student, Leah Sturgess, on a pilot study of the potential for time planning in a Canadian city. In association with the CIP conference, Susan organized a workshop on rural decline and urban growth for the Association of Canadian University Planning Programs. This generated a lively discussion about the changing dynamics of the country.



**Patricia Manuel** is working with colleagues at Saint Mary's and Dalhousie on a research proposal related to community based watershed planning in Halifax Harbour. Her wetlands research will be published this fall. Patricia presented two papers at the CIP conference: one on the Eastern Chebucto Peninsula community led planning charrette; the other on facilitating the needs of children through community planning and design. Patricia has also been developing the Maritimes field trip program, and a new course in landscape analysis.

**Mike Poulton** has recently returned from sabbatical leave. He has been working on two research projects. His research on public choice, economics, and planning theory has involved examining the education that planners receive, and in particular the typical content of economics as taught in planning programs. He asks whether planners in their everyday activities need much more than 'common sense' economics. His investigation of "smart growth or just higher densities" explores current and emerging patterns of development on the urban periphery. His initial case studies involve Halifax and Cardiff. While the smart growth literature promulgates integrated designs for compact communities with a mix of services and housing types, he notes that it is by no means certain that the industry will deliver.

**Frank Palermo** continues with his award-winning work on the First Nations Community Planning project. He is on sabbatical leave for 2003-04. The Cities and Environment Unit will release its First Nations Community Planning Workbook in September. Over the summer the Cities unit had five regular staff and four summer students engaged in project work. Frank is currently involved in discussions with

Indian Affairs in Ottawa about how First Nations community planning may be done elsewhere in Canada. This summer Frank gave a speech to the Building Owners and Managers Association meeting on changing demographics. He has also been consulted on the region's capital district urban design strategy. This fall he anticipates submitting a proposal for work on an infrastructure capacity project in India.

**John Zuck** made two trips to Trinidad this summer through his participation in the Secondary Education Modernization Project to train teachers in design education. For two weeks at a time he worked with local teachers to give them the tools they need to teach others problem-based design learning methods. John has also worked with Ekistics and LanDesign Engineering on some recent consulting projects for Halifax Regional Municipality. He contributed to the Bayne Street land use study to identify redevelopment options for a site in the north end of the peninsula. He also worked on the Barrington Street study which looked at built heritage conservation as a tool for downtown revitalization. With Patricia Manuel, he presented a paper at the CIP conference in July.

**Dorothy Leslie**, our tireless and faithful school administrator, had a summer full of family milestones. Her daughter, Heather, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation in the Netherlands. Her son, Kirk, got married in August. Unfortunately, Dorothy lost her mother earlier this summer.

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## MUNICIPAL PROJECTS

### Environmental Innovation

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*Partners for Climate Protection is still in full swing, and at last count there were well over 100 municipalities from across Canada on the partnership list. This climate protection initiative begins to address serious global problems, and its efforts are well worth repeating ....*

#### Funds Available For Environmentally Innovative Municipal Projects

\$250 million is available to help

Canadian municipalities, and their public and private sector partners, with innovative municipal projects to improve environmental performance or reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, the Town of Gander, the Town of Rothesay, and many other Atlantic Canadian municipalities have accessed the Green Municipal Funds to date. making significant investments in new technology or practices, the Green Municipal Enabling Fund (GMEF) can help assess the technical, environmental, and economic viability of municipal projects. Up to \$100,000, or 50% of eligible costs, is available for cost-shared feasibility studies to improve air, water or soil quality, protect the climate, or promote renewable resources.

Green Municipal Investment Fund (GMIF) helps subsidize the capital costs of innovative municipal projects. Through this fund, municipalities can access loans at interest rates up to 1.5% below the Bank of Canada bond rate, while their public and private sector partners may qualify for loans at attractive rates. The fund also provides loan guarantees and grants for pilot projects.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) administers the Green Municipal Funds on behalf of the Government of Canada. FCM also helps municipalities reduce greenhouse gas emissions through the Partners for Climate Protection Program (PCP).

Currently, over 100 Canadian municipalities have joined the PCP network and are actively working to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. These municipalities have learned that by improving their energy efficiency or taking a variety of other measures they can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and operating expenses as well.

When they join PCP, municipalities must make an effort to reduce their municipal emissions to 20% below 1990 levels and community-wide emissions to 10% below 1990 levels, both within 10 years of joining the program. Also, PCP encourages each municipality to follow a 5-milestone process that includes:

- an inventory of existing GHG



- emissions as a baseline
- a forecast of energy use and emissions for 10 or 20 years in the future
- a reduction target
- a local action plan for reduction
- implementation

PCP offers workshops, emission inventory software, toolkits, sharing of information, experiences, and best practices, and up-to-date information on government programs. further information on either the Green Municipal Funds or the Partners for Climate Protection Program, contact the Regional Program Facilitator in Atlantic Canada, Dale Robertson, P.Eng., of Enerscan Consultants Ltd., at 902 445 4433

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## Urban Design: CITY PROGRAM

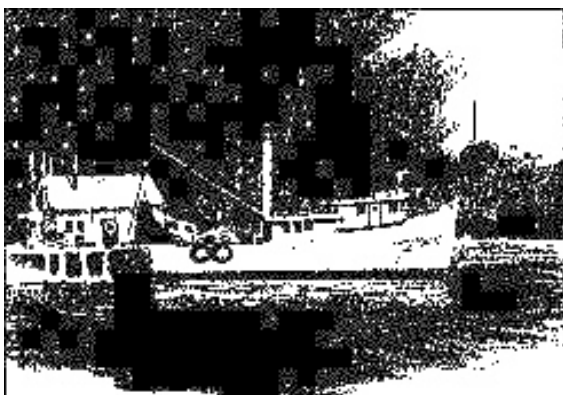
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*Here are the Urban Design messages of several weeks ago:*

Greetings from the City Program at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver,

The City Program at Simon Fraser University's Urban Design Certificate Program application deadline has now been extended until September 15, 2003. Should you know anyone that is interested in such a program, which is designed for the mid-career professional, kindly forward this email on to them.

The Urban Design Program is a non-credit,



<http://www.sfu.ca/city/UD%20application%20form.pdf>

\*Simon Fraser University's City Program: <http://www.sfu.ca/city>  
\*Course flyer for Calgary, October 22-23 (Theory and Practice):

<http://www.sfu.ca/city/UD-flyer-THEORY-CALGARY.pdf>

\*Course flyer for Calgary, October 24-25 (Economic Fundamentals):

<http://www.sfu.ca/city/UD-Econ-flyer-CALGARY.pdf>

*appropriate website source.*

*In our first random selection, we pay a visit to . . . . .*

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part-time program designed for professionals involved in the design and management of the urban environment, including planners, architects, landscape architects, real estate development professionals, engineers, preservationists, local government administrators, elected officials, non-governmental organization staff, community organizers and citizens.

Courses are primarily offered in Vancouver; however, through a partnership with the City of Calgary, the City Program will be bringing two urban design courses, modified for the Calgary context, to Calgary in October 2003.

Most of participants travel from throughout BC and Alberta to partake in the program, and over 50% come from outside the greater Vancouver area.

Details on the urban design program (including Calgary courses) and other City Program course offerings can be found through the links at the bottom of this email. Urban design course work is comprised of 6 two-day courses and 2 three-day courses.

Thank you very much,  
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\*Urban Design Program application form:

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**CENTRAL THEME**

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**PLANNING DIRECTORS: WHO THEY ARE AND WHERE THEY ARE**

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*Obviously the space within this newsletter is not up to an exhaustive description of all planning units throughout Atlantic Canada, or a detailed bio of the people who direct and make such operations work. But to pique your interest and arouse your curiosity about our colleagues who direct planning operations across our far-flung region, and about what their departments are doing, we have randomly selected and highlighted a few for your reading enlightenment. We have varied descriptions of the functions of the agencies and their objectives.*

*As we began to run out of space, we randomly selected and listed a number of other API-based planning directors from the CIP membership repository, as posted on the web. This listing contains only such information as appears in the CIP membership directory, although we are confident that much more information can be had from the websites of the organizations that these people serve.*

*We have relied mainly on website information in this exercise, including the sites of our own API and CIP organizations, and should any errors be evident to you, the readers of this issue, you are invited to send corrections to the editor at the e-mail address on the back page. Corrections will be relayed to the*

The Mission Statement of the Planning and Development Department is "Working Towards Liveable Communities".

Community Planning

Within the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, Community Planning has been accomplished through the management of land development to preserve and enhance the quality of life within a community. The management of land development involves consideration of infrastructure requirements (sewer, roads), land use patterns and a community's perception of how they want their community to grow. Provincial Legislation, the Municipal Government Act, enables Council to do this through the adoption of a Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law (commonly referred to as a Zoning). Presently the Municipality has six Planning Strategies and Land Use By-law's for six different communities. Each Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law is a reflection of how each of the communities wants growth to occur within their respective areas.

A Planning Strategy & Land Use By-law – What Do they Do?

A Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law manage land uses to minimize land use conflicts and ensure that what development does occur in a community, does so in a manner that best fits into the community. To ensure that these documents reflect a community's perception of how growth is to occur, these documents are developed at the community level. Planning staff work with community representatives whom are appointed to an Area Advisory Committee Each Area Advisory Committee advises the Planning Advisory Committee and Council on planning related matters affecting their respective communities, including the adoption and maintenance of a Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law for their community. A Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law are most commonly referred to as zoning.

This is because the Land Use By-law creates zones, in which land use activities are managed. Each zone has a list of permitted land use activities. These land use activities may be restricted by Zone Requirements, be subject to a Development Agreement, or be prohibited within that particular zone.

Brant Wishart, MCIP  
Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations.

At Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, service is our business. We're committed to making government services more accessible and more convenient for you and we're continuously looking for ways to serve you better. The department also maintains the legislative framework in which municipalities operate and provides advice, assistance and program support to municipalities.

The Municipal Services Division of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations maintains the legislative framework in which municipalities operate and is the window into Nova Scotia's 55 municipalities and 22 villages. The Division provides advice, assistance and program support to municipalities. Areas in which Municipal Services works with municipalities include:

- financial management and administration
- legislation, governing structures;
- land use planning and environmental concerns;
- infrastructure and engineering programs; and
- special matters of provincial-municipal concern.

Our web site pages provide much in the way of information that is of interest to municipal employees, elected officials, residents, students and others who seek a greater understanding of municipal government.

Provincial Interest Statements - outlines the Province's interest in land and water resources, the development of communities, and providing guidance on land use issues that cross municipal boundaries.

Urban Development in Rural Areas (UDIRA) - This presentation for the Web outlines the results of a study aimed at locating areas of recent, concentrated,

un-serviced development in Nova Scotia. The information used to narrow down areas for a closer look was the Canada Census dwelling counts for 1991 and 1996.

The Municipal Services Division which formerly contained three sections has been compressed into two. The Planning and Advisory Services section, which focuses on advice and assistance to municipalities on governance, finance and community planning, is headed by Brant Wishart.

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Registry and Information Management Services Division:  
Nancy Vanstone, the Registry 2000 project sponsor, is the Division's Executive Director. The Division is comprised of four operating sections and two special projects:

- Property Registration (Registries of Deeds, Land Information Centres, Personal Property)
- Business & Consumer Registration (Licensing & Processing, Vital Statistics, Business Registry)
- Geographic Information Services (Geographic policy, Geomatics Centre, GeoNOVA)
- Information Management

(management of corporate database & business applications)  
Registry and Information Management Services will be taking a leadership role in the application of electronic technology to support programs both within Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations as well as for government as a whole. The Registry 2000 Project is a key part of this initiative to provide streamlined effective service.

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J. Lynn Davis, MCIP  
Director of Planning, Windsor West Hants Joint Planning Advisory Committee  
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Lynn Davis, Director of Planning, is responsible for the overall operation of the Department, as well as providing professional planning advice to Council, Planning Advisory Committee and staff. She advises Council on the preparation and review of all planning documents for the Municipality and the Town, as well as any applications for municipal planning strategy or land use by-law amendments and development agreements.

Jane Sodero MCIP is a planner responsible for assisting with the plan reviews for both the Town of Windsor and the Municipality of West Hants. She will be completing a number of background documents, distributing and compiling a survey as well as working with the Planning Advisory Committees in the plan review process.

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Provincial Planning Branch  
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The Division provides an integrated delivery of various Acts and regulations pertinent to land use planning for sustainable provincial growth as well as building and development control standards and central delivery of programs in the areas of fire prevention.

#### PEI's Provincial Planning Branch

Receiving its mandate from the Province's Planning Act, the Branch serves as the designated policy centre within Government for land use and development on Prince Edward Island.

The Branch assists public and private individuals and organizations, both within and outside of government, in the effort to achieve sustainable development in the Province. General responsibilities include the preparation of management plans for Special Planning Areas; and the approval of subdivisions containing more than five lots. Relevant legislation includes the Planning Act and the Lands Protection Act.

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/law/statutes/pdf/p-08.pdf>

<http://www.irac.pe.ca/Land/LandMain.asp>

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Armand Robichaud, MICU

Directeur Commission d'aménagement  
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La Commission d'aménagement Beaubassin est l'organisme régional créé par le gouvernement provincial, les municipalités de Cap-Pelé, Shediac et de Memramcook, et par la communauté rurale de Beaubassin-Est pour fournir les services d'aménagement à notre district. Nous devons être garant, d'un processus qui donne une direction au développement, qui assure une participation des résidents dans la prise de décision envers l'aménagement les affectant et qui tente de s'assurer que les actions qui vont améliorer la qualité de vie des résidents du district, qui peuvent être prises, sont prises. Nous devons donc penser, gérer et agir de façon intègre et selon les principes et les valeurs morales que nous soutenons. Toutes les civilisations, à un certain stade de leur développement, se sont rendues compte qu'il fallait planifier leur développement et permettre à la population d'intervenir pour façonner leurs communautés. Certains problèmes nous



ont fait réaliser ce besoin chez-nous. Le développement de notre territoire était originalement basé sur l'agriculture comme moyen de subsistance avec des appuis occasionnels de la pêche et de la forêt. Le peuplement s'est donc étendu partout où l'agriculture avait du potentiel. Aujourd'hui, la poursuite d'un étalement du peuplement à la grandeur du territoire compromet nos ressources de base (terres agricoles, forêts, agrégats) et est une menace à certains milieux naturels fragiles. Notre épanouissement dépend de ces ressources naturelles et de la qualité de l'environnement, notamment pour le développement touristique et résidentiel. Les restructurations récentes du gouvernement et la globalisation de l'économie font en sorte que les communautés doivent se prendre en main pour assurer leur vitalité sociale et économique.

La Commission d'aménagement Beaubassin assiste les municipalités et les communautés rurales à anticiper ces besoins et ces problèmes, en préparant des plans municipaux et ruraux, en conseillant les municipalités et les communautés rurales sur les arrêtés et règlements qu'ils se proposent d'adopter et en réalisant les études et analyses qui permettent d'envisager des solutions aux problèmes qui sont identifiés.

La Commission d'aménagement répond à ses partenaires par le biais des membres qui les représentent sur la Commission, par le biais de comités conjoints de plans municipaux ou ruraux, par les rapports que soumet le personnel aux réunions mensuelles des conseils ou des comités des communautés rurales et par le biais d'une réunion et d'un rapport

annuel. La Commission d'aménagement Beaubassin se distingue des autres organismes régionaux par son exclusivité en matière d'urbanisme et d'aménagement. La CAB est le seul organisme au niveau du district qui a le mandat de planifier pour tous les aspects du développement de la communauté. Elle est le seul organisme qui a un mandat de s'occuper du zonage, du lotissement, des permis de construction et de l'information publique sur les terres. Selon le rapport de la CUTER et par son ambition, elle est appelée à étendre le type de services qu'elle offre. Elle veut se distinguer des autres commissions d'aménagement du Nouveau-Brunswick par sa vitalité, son attitude pro-active et son innovation.

*For the benefit of any of our readers whose bilingual skills are less than fully developed, we have loosely translated, M. Robichaud's description of his employing agency as follows .....*

Commission d'aménagement Beaubassin is a regional organization formed by the provincial government, the municipalities of Cape-Pelé, Shediac and Memramcook, and the rural community of Beaubassin. Its purpose is to provide development services to the district. It must work to guarantee a process which provides direction to development, ensures appropriate participation of the residents in decision-making about the development affecting them and makes sure that the actions taken will improve the quality of life of the residents of the district.

The Commission must thus think, manage and act justly and according to the principles and values which it supports. All successful civilizations, at a certain stage of development, came to realize that it was necessary to plan for development and to make it possible the public to be involved in community improvement. Certain Beaubassin problems made it clear that the need for public participation should be addressed.

The development of the region was based originally on subsistence agriculture with some activity in fishing and forestry. The settlement thus extended to all lands with agricultural potential. Today, continuing settlement sprawl in the region is compromising its basic resources

(arable lands, forests, aggregates) and threatens certain fragile natural environments. The region's economic wellbeing depends on its natural resources and its environmental quality, in particular for tourism and residential development. The recent reorganization of government and globalization of the economy make it necessary for the communities to work toward ensuring their social and economic vitality.

Commission d'aménagement Beaubassin assists municipalities and the rural communities to anticipate their needs and to deal with their problems, by preparing municipal and rural plans, by advising the rural municipalities and communities on the policies and budgets which they propose to adopt and by carrying out studies and analyses which make it possible to create solutions for the problems that are identified.

Commission d'aménagement Beaubassin reports to its partners through the members who represent them on the Commission, through joint committees on municipal or rural planning, through the reports which staff submits to monthly meetings of the councils or the committees of the rural communities and by means of annual meetings and reports.

Commission d'aménagement Beaubassin differs from the other regional organizations in its exclusive town planning role. It is the only district level organization with the mandate to plan for all the aspects of development in the community. It is the only district organization able to deal with zoning, subdivision, construction permits and public information on land. According to the report of the CUTER and by its ambition, it has to extend the type of services which it offers. It hopes to distinguish itself among the other development commissions of New Brunswick by its vitality, its pro-active attitude and its innovation.

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Incorporated in 1973, Conception Bay South consists of nine communities

(Topsail, Chamberlains, Manuels, Long Pond, Foxtrap, Kelligrews, Upper Gullies, Lawrence Pond and Seal Cove) all of which follow the coastline of Conception Bay. Planning and Enforcement Planning and Enforcement is responsible for all residential and business development applications. The department's mandate also includes enforcing municipal regulations, and conducting building inspections to ensure that residences and buildings are built according to a variety of building and health and safety codes.

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 Stanley N. Clinton, MCIP  
 Director, Urban & Rural Planning  
 Dept. of Municipal & Provincial Affairs  
 Newfoundland & Labrador

Departmental Vision/Mission

Our Departmental Vision is that the people of Newfoundland and Labrador enjoy healthy, safe and sustainable communities supported by strong local governments.

Our Departmental Mission is to be progressive, adaptable and professional in working with the people of our province to develop strong, self-reliant local governments capable of leadership and serving the best interests of their communities.

In order to respond to the challenges facing municipal government, it is the strategy of the department:

- to promote financial stability and viability in municipalities.
- to assist municipalities with meeting infrastructure needs.
- to provide the financial and administrative tools for sound municipal government.
- to facilitate municipal structures that are efficient and effective in serving community needs.



Urban & Rural Planning Division

The Division is responsible for administering the provisions of the Urban and Rural Planning Act. It is charged with assisting and advising departments of government and any public authority in planning for the orderly and economic development of land; collecting information, undertaking research, and publishing and distributing related material; assisting local authorities; and encouraging planning and efficient development within the province.

Programs & Services:

Specifically, the Division is responsible for:

- administering provisions of the Urban and Rural Planning Act,
- assisting and advising departments of government and any public authority in planning for the orderly and economic development of land,
- collecting information, undertaking research and publishing and distributing related material,
- assisting local authorities,
- encouraging planning and efficient development within the province.
- preparing regional, protected area, protected road zoning and local area plans and advising municipalities in the preparation of municipal plans and development schemes,
- working directly with municipal councils and their staff providing technical and administrative advice, planning support and interpretation and training services to assist municipalities to rationally administer change and their future development,

- land acquisition through the expropriation provisions of the Urban and Rural Planning Act,
- providing support to and administration of the Regional Appeal Boards,
- operating the feasibility process under the Municipalities Act for the

Permits and Inspections  
 Directing the Action - Goals and Objectives Open Houses  
 HRM's Regional Planning Committee is hosting a series of open houses in early December to launch the goals and objectives for the Regional Plan.

The goals and objectives are concrete, measurable statements about planning for our future. They are based on extensive research and your responses to the Directing the Action workbooks and Fall focus groups.

The open houses give HRM residents a chance to review and comment on the goals and objectives before they're presented to Regional Council.

Come out and give us your thoughts. They will help direct our future!

Details will also be available on HRM's successful Bus Rapid Transit proposal, which recently received funding to provide express transit buses from Cole Harbour, Sackville and Burnside to downtown.

Join us at the one nearest you!



establishment of municipalities and their amalgamation or amendment of their jurisdictions,

- building regulation provision and approval, and
- provision of a number of province-wide regulations related to development.

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 Paul Dunphy, Director  
 Planning and Development Services  
 Halifax Regional Municipality

As a result of a recent corporate restructuring initiative, Alignment 2000, Planning Services and Development Services Departments were brought together under the Department of Planning and Development Services. Development approval functions related to infrastructure, which currently reside in Public Works and Transportation Services, will also be incorporated into the Department by the beginning of the 2000/01 fiscal year. This merger brings together all aspects of municipal land use planning, implementation and enforcement.

The primary functional areas of the consolidated department are:  
 Regional and Community Planning  
 Planning Applications  
 Subdivisions and Development Approvals

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 Director of Planning  
 Cape Breton Regional Municipality  
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A new land use planning document for the CBRM:

A 1st draft of its Municipal Planning Strategy intended to be in effect throughout the CBRM has been prepared for public scrutiny. This one document is intended to replace 15 Municipal Planning Strategies presently in effect in the CBRM. Each has its own area of jurisdiction (e.g. Sydney Mines, Sydney, Glace Bay etc.) and each has its own implementing Land Use (i.e. zoning) By-law. All were adopted by the eight municipalities that existed in Cape Breton County prior to the 1995 amalgamation.

The Planning Department is divided into two branches.

The Planning Services Branch maintains and operates a GIS to provide

and analyze spatial data to support long range policy initiatives of the CBRM. To date the Planning Services Branch has been instrumental in providing technical and analytical support for projects as varied as:

- development of the Regional Municipality's tax structure correlating the tax rate to the level of service provided;
- establishing council district boundaries;
- establishing and maintaining an address system for use in implementing the 911 response system;
- establishing fire service boundaries
- a demographic report for the Regional Municipality;
- a draft report intended to guide the future development of the region focusing on economic development, the environment, transportation and infrastructure;
- a draft Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law (ongoing) intended to be in effect throughout the Regional Municipality.

The Development Service Branch is responsible the CBRM's administrative service obligations pursuant to Parts 8 and 9 of the Municipal Government Act. More specifically this includes the following.

- Administering the various land use by-laws in effect throughout the Regional Municipality.
- Administering the Subdivision By-law in effect throughout the Regional Municipality.
- Processing applications to amend any land use by-law, the Subdivision By-law, or any Municipal Planning Strategy.

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New St. John's Municipal Plan and Zoning Map

The St. John's Municipal Plan, 2003, and the St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 304, 2003, adopted by the St. John's Municipal Council on the 9th day of June, 2003, and approved by Council as amended, on the

6th day of October, 2003, have been registered by the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs. They come into legal effect on Friday, December 5, 2003.

In general terms, the St. John's Municipal Plan, 2003, introduces a new Municipal Plan comprised of text and maps, for the City of St. John's. This replaces the St. John's Municipal Plan, 1993, as amended.

In general terms, the St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 304, 2003, introduces a new Zoning Plan for the City of St. John's, replacing the previous Zoning Plan.

The St. John's Municipal Plan, 2003 and the St. John's Development Regulations Amendment Number 304, 2003, come into effect on the day this notice is published in the Newfoundland Gazette, December 5, 2003. Anyone who wishes to inspect these documents may do so at the City's Department of Engineering and Planning, 3rd floor, St. John's City Hall, during regular hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

**Planning**

The operation of the Planning & Development Division is the responsibility of the Manager of Planning & Development. The Planning & Development Division develops long range and short range plans for the City; administers the St. John's Municipal Plan and the St. John's Development Regulations; provides professional land use planning advice and technical support to Council, its Committees, City staff, and the general public.

The activities of the Planning & Development Division include the

following:

- ! prepare and process amendments to the St. John's Municipal Plan and the St. John's Development Regulations;
- ! prepare Plans and Development Schemes for particular areas of the city;
- ! prepare reports and attend meetings of the Development and Planning Committees;
- ! prepare reports and provide support to the City's Environmental Advisory and Heritage Advisory Committees;
- ! update Municipal Plan Map and Zoning maps;
- ! process Development Applications and prepare Development Agreements;
- ! issue Municipal Compliance Letters;
- ! prepare reports for the St. John's Local Board of Appeal and represent the City at appeal hearings; and,
- ! meet with prospective developers and provide information to them as part of the Development Team;
- ! provide advice to the public and organize public meetings

friendly attitude and a vibrant arts and culture sector.

We are strategically located with respect to global air routes that led to our origin as an aircraft base during World War II. Today, Goose Bay Airport is on the official NASA list of alternate Shuttle landing sites due to the quality of its infrastructure and prevailing weather conditions. Canadian Forces Base 5 Wing Goose Bay is a well established location for Low Level Flight Training by a number of Air Forces for the same reasons.

Access to North American markets has been greatly via the Trans Labrador Highway. This all season road connects us to Central North America. We are 1304 kilometers by air and 1838 kilometers by road northeast of Montreal.

Happy Valley-Goose Bay is a regional service centre for the communities of coastal Labrador and a variety of industrial activities throughout the region. It is a strategic location for mining exploration and development in central and eastern Labrador, including the giant Voisey's Bay development and the Lower Churchill Hydro projects.

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 Dennis R. Peck, Executive Director,  
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 Happy Valley - Goose Bay NL A0P 1E0  
 Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay

**Introduction**

Welcome to the Big Land, a vast, friendly place with tremendous promise and opportunity. Trophy- sized fish, giant caribou herds, world-class wilderness country, vast hydro, mineral and timber resources are all standard fare here. These and other assets provide the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay with a very attractive combination of opportunities for business growth and a quality of lifestyle opportunities unmatched anywhere.

We are a "Can Do" community of nearly 9,000 people, where new business opportunities are never far away. Our entrepreneurs are taking on new challenges and partnering opportunities every day. Our people have a diverse mix of Aboriginal, European and other origins; collectively they have built a community with a positive, business

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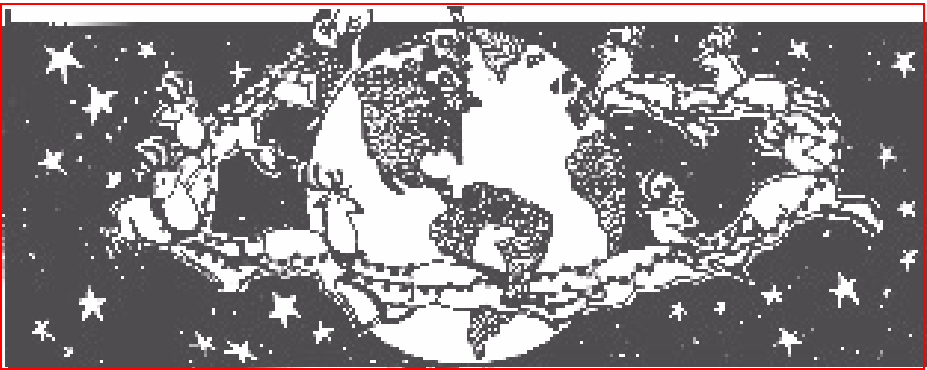
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## NOVA SCOTIA

## NSAPP NOTES

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by Donna Davis

API held a Meet & Greet with Dalhousie planning students on November 14, 2003. API executive, Dal planning faculty, API members and approximately 30 students gathered at the Birmingham Bar & Grill to share refreshments and talk about planning. It was great to see so many students in attendance. According to Jill Grant, the graduate program has a total of 46 students this year and the new undergraduate program is boasting an attendance of 36 students.

NSAPP is pleased to announce the appointment of Barry Zwicker as president of API. Barry is a partner in the consulting firm, Terrain Group, located in Bedford, N.S. Barry brings a wealth of planning experience to the position as well as experience serving our professional organization. He has been a member of CIP since April 1979 and is a Past President of both API and CIP. Congratulations and welcome aboard Barry. The executive of NSAPP looks forward to working with you to further the goals of the Institute.

While the bills are still being tallied, preliminary results indicate the 2003 CIP Conference held in Halifax was a financial success. Over 500 delegates attended the three day event in July of this year. Initial figures suggest a profit in the vicinity of \$20,000 will be forthcoming to API for its participation in hosting the event. The success of the conference can be attributed to the efforts of many volunteers who helped in its organization as well as during the event. The Conference Planning Committee in

particular deserves a lot of praise and thanks for their hard work in bringing the successful event to fruition.

NSAPP is looking for volunteers to join the Executive. The Executive would like to undertake a number of new activities for the membership, however, our limited size at present makes this a challenge. If anyone is interested in getting involved with NSAPP and making a contribution to our professional organization, please contact me by email at [davidd@halifax.ca](mailto:davidd@halifax.ca).

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Donna Davis

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## NEW BRUNSWICK

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*CONGRATULATIONS ARE DUE*  
*Wilson Bell contacted us on behalf of the New Brunswick Branch to offer sincere congratulations to Frank Flanagan on being named a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners this past summer. Wilson also reminded us that Frank is the only Fellow in the New Brunswick Planners Association.*

*Here, dating from his award announcement, are a few lines of tribute to Frank:*

### Frank Flanagan, FCIP

For the past 30 years, Frank Flanagan has shaped the urban and rural landscape of his home province of New Brunswick.

A civil engineer, a planner, a consultant, and now Director of Development Services for the City of Fredericton, Frank has devoted his professional career to making New Brunswick's communities better places to live.

Frank earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at the University of New Brunswick in 1970 and completed a Master of City Planning at the University of Manitoba in 1972.

Frank worked in the private sector as a consultant in New Brunswick from 1972 to 2001, helping dozens of communities, large and small, plan for their future.

Few people understand New Brunswick, and its communities and environment better than Frank. In the early

1990s, then Premier Frank McKenna wanted a comprehensive review of the New Brunswick's rural planning system and asked Frank to serve as the Executive Director of the Commission on Land Use and the Rural Environment. The resulting comprehensive policy document has formed the basis of ongoing development of provincial land use policies aimed at addressing the identified problems.

After spending 30 years in the private sector, Frank has moved into the public sector to serve his hometown of Fredericton as Director of Development Services. Frank's experience is being put to good use leading Fredericton through a robust growth period and emerging status as one of Canada's "Smart Cities."

An ardent supporter of the New Brunswick branch of the Atlantic Planners Institute, Frank has served on its council and a number of committees through the years. Frank has also helped to attract many young people into the profession by teaching planning courses at the University of New Brunswick since 1973.

Frank has been the most influential planner in New Brunswick in a generation. His technical skill as a planner combined with his ability to work with people, make planning relevant to the average citizen. His unequalled work ethic and wicked sense of humour set the standard by which New Brunswick planners are measured.

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## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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PEI Planners met for dinner and informal discussions about various local planning issues in early December. The Branch Executive serving for the coming year will be:

President & API Rep.	John Dalton
Secretary-Treasurer	Don Poole
Membership Rep.	Dennis Friesen

Branch members noted that municipal planning activities are going well in the province, but that provincial planning is in some disarray since no efforts seem to have been made by government to fill critical vacancies there. No explanations for this blatant problem seem to be forthcoming.

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## NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR BRANCH REPORT

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The Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) Branch tackled an agenda full of events and activities this fall.

A key event was the 2003 Workshop held on Friday 21 November. With over 30 participants, the workshop revisited the new Urban and Rural Planning Act which came into effect on 1 January 2001. The Act, the enactment of implementing ministerial regulations and recent court decisions all have had implications for the practice of planning in Newfoundland and Labrador. The workshop was an excellent opportunity for planning practitioners, Councillors and municipal administrators to discuss specific aspect of the legislation and to share experience.

Members of the NL Branch including Stan Clinton, Kim Blanchard, Arvo McMillan, Colleen Humphries, Ken O'Brien and Elaine Mitchell delivered presentations at the workshop. The event was facilitated by Stephen Jewczyk. The organizing committee consisted of Stephen Jewczyk, Elaine Mitchell and Ed Versteeg.

In conjunction with the 2003 workshop, the Branch held its AGM and elected a new executive as follows:

President	Stephen Jewczyk
Secretary	Paul Boundridge
Treasurer	Alton Glenn
API Councillor	Elaine Mitchell

The NL Branch also prepared a response to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Discussion Paper on Climate Change. The Branch response, prepared by Kathleen Parewick, Karen Roberts and Arvo McMillan, calls for the implementation of provincial land use policies as a method of reducing emissions by promoting compact and energy efficient development patterns and as an adaptive strategy by directing development away from areas vulnerable to the affects of climate change. The province has yet to release its Climate Change Action Plan.

The NL Branch continues to hold its

luncheon speaker series. Ken O'Brien, our hardworking Plate convener, has arranged three events since August including: a walking tour of the ecclesiastical district of St. John's; a lunch with Jack Layton, leader of the Federal NDP and Jack Harris, leader of the NL NDP on the vision for an federal urban strategy; and, most recently, "Planning for Better Quality of Life: The Strategic Social Plan".

World Town Planning Day was celebrated with proclamations declared by the Cities of St. John's and Mount Pearl and the Towns of Paradise and Conception Bay South. The Branch also distributed a press release to the major media outlets in the St. John's area. Alton Glenn took on the task of organizing our World Town Planning Day initiatives.

The Branch also undertook a full agenda of social activities including the first annual hike and picnic. A small gang of intrepid hikers tackled a 11 km trek from Cape Spear on a beautiful, hot September Sunday. In conjunction with the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, the Branch co-sponsored the opening reception of the provincial planning directors meeting. Held in the Newman Wine Vaults, those in attendance participated in a port tasting lead by a local oenophile, Tom Beckett.

The annual Christmas Party, hosted in style by Stephen Jewczyk and his lovely wife Charlotte, is to be held on Saturday 29 November.

On a planning front, the St. John's Municipal Plan and new zoning maps were

approved by Council and registered by the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs. The new Plan incorporates the recently approved comprehensive development scheme for the Southwest Development Area. Originally farm land, the Southwest Development Area has recently been serviced with a trunk water and sewage and will accommodate urban expansion. Set aside for commercial and residential development, St. John's has introduced a new use zone for the area which can permit a mix of housing (single, semi-detached and row housing) without the need for rezoning.

As a follow-on to the City's Downtown Strategy for Economic Development and Heritage Preservation, St. John's hired the PHB Group of St. John's to study the City's heritage areas, designated heritage buildings and protection of public views. The resulting report will soon be considered by Council. It is a timely initiative as it has been roughly 25 years since the heritage area was created.

St. John's is co-operating with the Quidi Vidi Village Foundation, the Capital Coast Development Alliance (which is the regional economic development board for the Avalon Peninsula) and other parties to produce the Quidi Vidi Development Plan. This examines tourism opportunities and improvements for the residents of Quidi Vidi Village, our "outport in the city". This Development Plan was recently approved in principle by Council and the City will be cooperating with other agencies to implement the identified projects.

Land development is proceeding at a brisk pace in the St. John's Urban Region. Mount Pearl reports a record year for development approvals. The Town of Paradise has recently processed two amendments to its Municipal Plan and Regulations to accommodate two adjacent residential subdivisions with a total of 290 new serviced lots.

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Elaine Mitchell, MCIP

## PLANNER'S PLATE

### *The whole story:*

API's Newfoundland and Labrador Branch has a lunch speaker series called

the Planner's Plate. In 2003, the NL Branch held seven (7) Plates. The topics and speakers were:

The Tidy Towns Program: Planning for Beauty, with speakers Mary Bishop, MCIP, and Corrie Davis, MCIP.



Climate Change: What Municipalities Can Do with Dale Robertson of Partners for Climate Change, a program of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Stanley Pickett and the Central Area: The Work of St. John First Planner in the 1950s with Professor Jo Shawyer of Memorial University of Newfoundland Geography Department.

Architecture and History: Canada Historic Places Initiative with Johanne Fortier of Parks Canada. This was set up as a Planner's Plate and a lunchtime session for delegates to the national conference of the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada (SSAC).

Crosses and Mortar: A Walk Through the St. John Ecclesiastical Precinct, led by Professor Shane O'Dea of the Newfoundland Historic Trust

Canada Cities: Tackling Urban Issues with Jack Layton, leader of the federal New Democratic Party, and Jack Harris, leader of the provincial New Democrats. This was organized in haste during the provincial election campaign when we found out that Jack Layton would be in town.

Planning for Better Quality of Life: The Strategic Social Plan with Gillian Janes, a regional planner with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador Strategic Social Plan.

Planner's Plates are held in restaurants or at City Halls. The top cost was \$15 for API members (\$20 for non-members). The intent is for the Plates to be self-financing. We present our speakers with a small gift.

The Plates provide professional development, and a chance for members to socialize, and a way for the Branch to promote itself to other professions and the public. We get a good mix of API members and others. Attendance ranged from 10 to 39 people in 2003; the joint Plate with the SSAC conference had 90

attendees.

The Plates are co-ordinated by Ken O'Brien, with help from Dave Squires and Corrie Davis. It's a worthwhile effort.

-- Ken O'Brien, MCIP

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## MEMBERSHIP

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The API Membership Committee, under John Bain's leadership, is pleased to report the admission of the following new members since the previous issue of Planners Pen:

**Provisional Membership**

Ms. Tara Graham

Ms. Jennifer Griffiths

**Full Membership**

Ryan Windle

Shayne Vipond

Sylvain Losier

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