



**Atlantic Planners Institute  
Institut des Urbanistes de l'Atlantique**

Newfoundland and Labrador Branch

**----- Jack Allston Memorial Award -----  
for Media Excellence in Planning Issues**

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**We are pleased to announce this new award, to be presented annually to a reporter or news media outlet.**

**Focus of the Award:** Recognition for excellent media coverage of local or provincial planning issues, in print or electronic media (newspapers, radio, television, Internet, or other). This can include land-use planning, rezonings, heritage planning, environmental planning, park planning, public consultation, and other aspects of planning that have a bearing on our communities.

**Planning Issues:** The Atlantic Planners Institute (API) is the professional institute for planners in Atlantic Canada, affiliated with the Canadian Institute of Planners (see [www.atlanticplanners.org](http://www.atlanticplanners.org) and [www.cip-icu.ca](http://www.cip-icu.ca)). Our members work in the private and non-profit sectors and with municipal, provincial, and federal governments.

**Naming of the Award:** The award honours Colonel Jack Allston, FCIP (Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners), who died in 2007, aged 83. A veteran of the Second World War, Jack arrived from England in 1954 and became the first Director of Urban and Rural Planning for the Province. He was the founding President of API in 1968 and served as the President of the Canadian Institute of Planners. Jack was involved with the Signal Hill Tattoo, the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and its Museum, and the Historic Sites Association of NL.

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**Nature of the Award:** The Jack Allston Memorial Award will be an attractive plaque, accompanied by a certificate. Honourable mentions will receive a certificate.

**Nominations:** Nominations are due on *Friday, Oct. 2, 2009*. They may be submitted by news media outlets, professional planners, and members of the general public who have an interest in planning. Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of API NL members. The award will be presented on or near World Town Planning Day, November 8th.

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