

What is the Saskatchewan Professional Planners' Institute?

The Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute (SPPI) is the governing body for the planning profession in Saskatchewan. It was established in 1963 by enactment of *The Community Planning Profession Act, 2013*.

The Goals of the Institute are:

- To ensure the proficiency and competence of professional community planners in the practice of professional community planning.
- To promote and improve the proficiency and competence of professional community planners in any matter relating to professional community planning.
- To promote the value of professional community planning to the public.

SPPI assures the public of the knowledge, skills, proficiency and competency of its members in the practice of professional community planning. The Institute offers professional services to its membership, including but not limited to course offerings, conferences and events, advocacy, and publicity. SPPI also works closely with the University of Saskatchewan's Geography and Planning Department to ensure the quality education of its students. These are but a few of the services offered by the Institute and we

How to Contact the Saskatchewan Professional Planners Institute

If you are interested in hiring a planner, becoming a planner, or learning more about the planning profession, please visit us or one of our affiliates at:

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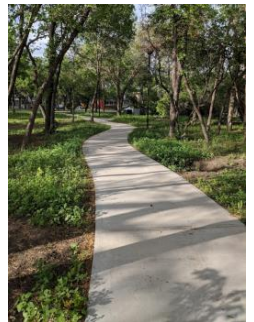
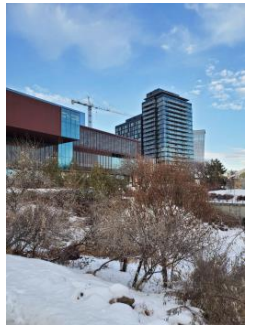
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What is Planning?

The Community Planning Profession Act, 2013 defines community planning as the process of preparing a comprehensive plan of development to establish a scientific, aesthetic and orderly allocation of land, community resources, facilities and services in order to maintain and improve the physical environment, and the economic and social conditions of a municipality or region.

In simple terms, planning intends to establish and implement a development strategy that best represents a community's values and ensures its wellbeing. In Saskatchewan, this is best enforced through the adoption of an Official Community Plan and Zoning bylaw. Through these documents a community may regulate locations and types of development, maintain resources that it considers valuable, protect residents from natural and human-made hazards, and much more.

For a quick overview of the profession, watch our 'What is Planning?' video, available on our home page! www.sppi.ca



Who is a "Planner"?

Professional planners conduct the practice of community planning, as well as other responsibilities relating to the management of land, resources, and facilities. Professional planners are concerned with the public good: health, aesthetics, equity and efficiency, and practice in an ethical and responsible manner.

Saskatchewanian planners are regulated professionals. To use the designations of Registered Professional Planner (RPP), and Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP), individuals must satisfy national competency standards, abide by a professional code of conduct, and participate in continuous professional learning. Most planners have also acquired a post secondary education in planning through one of Canada's many university programs (including the University of Saskatchewan).



Why Hire a Planner?

Professional planners have the expertise and education to work with communities to create places where people want to live, work and play. They are required to be consulted when a community intends to adopt an Official Community Plan (OCP), District Plan, and/or a Regional Plan as defined within *The Planning & Development Act, 2007*. Furthermore, planners have been authorized to approve plans of proposed subdivision pursuant to *The Subdivision Regulations*, and no community may be considered a subdivision approving authority without having retained the services of a Registered Professional Planner.

The following questions may help to gauge the planning needs of your community:

- Do you need a new OCP or District Plan?
- Does your Council or Commission require regular planning advice?
- Do you need a project to begin right away?
- Do you use servicing agreements to address new development costs?

How to Contact a Planner

If you are interested in speaking with a planner to see how they can help you and your community, we encourage you to consult our list of professional planning consultants, which is available on our website: