

Continuous Professional Learning Newsletter



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CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING (CPL) UPDATE

AACIP Council has initiated the vote to amend the bylaws to incorporate the implementation of mandatory Continuous Professional Learning.

WHY A FORMALLY REGULATED CPL PROGRAM? - This is a positive step towards strengthening professional planners' credibility amongst other professional organizations and with the public. The national organization CIP, requires it as part of its Code of Practice and a number of CIP affiliates have already approved mandatory CPL (see p.3 for details). Your support will confirm that our professional organization is ready to look outward to the future of planners and planning.

Alberta architects and engineers have implemented similar programs. CPL is also a necessary stepping stone to enhance recognition of planners and planning in the future, beyond simply "right to name" legislation. Council asks its members to look outward, beyond personal schedules and support CPL as other CIP affiliates have done.

IS THIS ONEROUS ON ME AS A PLANNER? - Council believes through its own experience and of other reporting members, that it is not an onerous task or financial burden to fulfill the 18 LU within the required time periods. Full and Provisional members will find that they are already attending many professional learning opportunities through their employer or self-directed initiatives. Please review the program guide to discover that eligible learning experiences can encompass a wide variety of topics and in many methods of learning.

WHAT ABOUT A TRANSITION PERIOD? - This is a members program and must respond to members needs. Therefore, there will be a one or two year transition period for members to get used to recording their learning units. AACIP and CIP is also in the process of enhancing our ability to link up members with learning service-providers and address the needs of members in more remote locations.

DOWNLOAD the revised proposed CPL Program Guide at <http://www.aacip.com/public/about.html> at end of page. Please take the time to become familiar with the program guide.

VISIT THE CPL BOOTH at the AACIP 2006 Conference at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. The booth will have a power point presentation, copies of the CPL Program Guide and committee members to engage in discussion. AND you may drop off your sealed CPL ballot (keep it sealed in the white return envelop to ensure eligibility of voting status).

BALLOTING INSTRUCTIONS - As an eligible member, you will be mailed ballots to incorporate mandatory CPL as part of AACIP General Bylaws starting the week of October 10th, 2006. Please complete the ballot and mail it back in the envelope provided. Or, you may deposit the ballot at the AACIP conference. Council has decided that a 75% support rate is needed to amend the bylaw on this initiative. **Council's goal is to see a 100% turnout.**

REPORT ON THE VOLUNTARY CPL PROGRAM - As of September 2006, there are **36** members voluntarily using the reporting form and **11** have met their CPL target of 18 units. If you have not tried the form available from CIP National Office, please follow the link below to download the document: www.cip-icu.ca/members/scriptcontent/index.cfm You will need your CIP (national) username and password to login. If you do not have these, request them from CIP: general@cip-icu.ca

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CPL FALL 2006 ROUND TABLE PRESENTATIONS

A series of presentations and round table discussions are being held in various regions of the province. You are invited to attend one of these, and present your comments and questions to the CPL Committee members.

The following are "brown bag" lunch (with coffee provided) round table meetings:

Please RSVP by: Tuesday, October 10 for St. Albert or Strathcona County sessions and by Friday, October 13 for Edmonton session to: Graham Beck, ACP, MCIP, Planning & Policy Services, City of Edmonton (780) 496-4291 or e-mail: graham.beck@edmonton.ca

CPL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION SCHEDULE OPEN TO ALL PLANNERS

LOCATION AND HOST	DATE	CONTACT TEL.	CPL REP.
St. Albert - City of St. Albert Planning & Engineering Boardroom 2 nd Floor, St. Albert Place	Thurs., October 12 noon-1pm	Jim Killoh (780) 459-1637	Graham Beck/Victoria Brown
Sherwood Park - Strathcona County offices; Room L3 (Basement)2001 Sherwood Drive	Mon., October 16 noon-1pm	Peter Vana (780) 464-8127	Graham Beck/Victoria Brown
Red Deer Red Deer County offices	Thurs. October 19 4:45pm	Harry Harker (403) 350-2157	Harry Harker
Grande Prairie – City of Grande Prairie, City Hall	Thurs. October 19 noon-1pm conf. call	Joe Johnson (780) 538-0419	Frank Liszczak
Lloydminster – City of Lloydminster, City Hall, Planning Office Board Room	Thurs., October 19 1pm – 2pm	Greg Hofmann (780) 460-0895	Greg Hofmann
Canmore – Town Hall	Thurs. October 19 10:30am – 11:30am	Frank Liszczak (403) 609-3797	Frank Liszczak
Edmonton – City of Edmonton planning offices Room 601, Allstream Tower, 10250 – 101 Street	Thurs., October 19 noon-1pm	Graham Beck (780) 496-4291	Graham Beck/Victoria Brown
Edmonton Alberta Municipal Affairs, Commerce Place, 14 th Flr 10155 – 105 Street, Rm 14A	Fri., October 20 noon – 1 pm	Victoria Brown (780) 422-8342	Victoria Brown
Calgary City of Calgary, Municipal Building, Civic Cafeteria Boardroom, Main Flr, 800 Macleod Trail SE	Mon., October 23 Noon-1pm	Glen Radway Reply to Glen.radway@calgary.ca	Glen Radway (403) 268- 5928
MD Rocky View Municipal Council chambers 911 - 32 Avenue NE	Thurs., October 26 noon-1pm	Glen Radway Reply to Glen.radway@calgary.ca	Glen Radway
Fort McMurray – Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo 3 rd Floor, Jubilee Centre	Tues., November 7 12:30 – 1:30pm	Martin Frigo (780) 799-8657	Martin Frigo
Nunavut /NWT	TBA	TBA	TBA

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CPL NEWS FROM CIP NATIONAL

AACIP's Proposed Mandatory Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) Program – CPL is a formally-regulated national CIP initiative, as well as an affiliate one, which is unanimously endorsed by AACIP Council and is a positive and necessary step in the evolution of our profession. To date, three other affiliates have endorsed the mandatory program: PIBC - BC, APCPS -Sask., and MPPI-Man.

API is expected to conduct a successful vote on mandatory CPL this fall since provincial “right to name” legislation in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will require a formally regulated CPL program to be in place.

This is an excerpt from the CIP Volume 3 Membership Manual: The CIP Code of Ethics states:

The Planner's Responsibility to the Profession and Other Members

3.0 -The vitality and credibility of the planning profession and of the Institute are reflective of the quality of the membership. To further the profession, members will be expected to attain and maintain a high standard of professional competence and conduct, which extends to their relationship with other members. Accordingly, CIP members shall:

3.1 take all reasonable steps to maintain their professional competence throughout their working lives and shall comply with CIP's continuing professional learning requirements as amended from time to time;

3.2 encourage healthy and constructive criticism about theory and practice of planning among colleagues and share the results of experience and research that contribute to the evolving body of planning knowledge;

3.3 maintain an appropriate awareness of contemporary planning philosophy, theory, and practice by seeking and receiving professional education throughout a planning career;

3.4 contribute to the professional education, mentoring, and development of planning students, Members, and other colleagues;

Highlights from the National CPL Committee Report Implementing the Vision

“The world doesn't stand still and neither should CIP. Professions everywhere are moving in that direction. Formally regulated CPL across the Country is a matter of time. The CIP Code of Practice requires it. The CPL committee is committed to improving CPL program implementation and assisting members to identify learning opportunities as follows;”

Helping members find the right learning opportunities – “While the onus is on members to find and complete their learning units, CIP and its affiliates wish to truly help members be better planners and better professionals. With that in mind, CIP will work with service providers, members, Affiliate Councils and academic institutions to create an interactive, web-based central clearinghouse to identify existing and potential learning offerings – courses, literature, web learning, conferences, speakers, etc. It is an idea that requires members to share their knowledge of available and upcoming courses, potential service providers and new ideas in learning delivery. While the focus is on planning, professional learning has many faces. This is a long term exercise and the preliminary product will improve as we gain experience with the initiative.”

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