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MPPI COMMITTEE REPORT
2006/2007



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by:
GERRY COUTURE, FCIP

Let me begin by offering some thanks. Firstly to Donovan Toews, MCIP who, after providing exemplary leadership as your Institute's President, moved comfortably into the position of Past President following last year's AGM, only to find himself having to relinquish the position a short time later for personal reasons. Thank you Donovan for all you've done on behalf of MPPI over the years.

Fortunately, Linda McFadyen, MCIP agreed to return to the Executive in the role of Past President and did so in spite of a very demanding work schedule. Thank you Linda for going above and beyond the call of duty once again.

Let me provide special thanks as well to departing members of the Executive: to Jeff Palmer, MCIP for his unflagging commitment to the provision of frequent and informative events and to the provision of indispensable good humour along the way; to Stephanie Long for her dedication in bringing you the MPPI Bulletin on a timely basis and for agreeing to continue this responsibility to the end of her term in spite of relocating to the west coast; to Derek Eno, MCIP for taking on the somewhat thankless and tedious job of Secretary and for keeping the rest of the Executive on track; and to Veronica Hicks, MCIP for keeping the Institute on a firm financial footing in her capacity as Treasurer and for keeping the Executive focused through the dispensation of sage advice.

Also, I'd like to thank both Kristy LeBaron, MCIP and Dwayne Rawniak, MCIP, both of whom officially stepped off the Executive last year but continued to provide leadership support for Continuous Professional Development (CPL) and Membership, respectively, in order to ensure continuity in these two very important portfolios.

Finally, I must recognize the support and hard work granted to the Institute by the ongoing members of the Executive: to Valdene Buckley, MCIP for taking on not one but two very challenging responsibilities, that is, for Chairing the CPL Committee and for Chairing the Program Review Committee (more on that later); to Misty Sklar helping out wherever needed but in particular for taking on a research project related to the feasibility of MPPI taking on part-time staff support (more on that later as well); and to Dr. Ian Wight, MCIP for his more than significant contribution as University Liaison. Thanks to his ongoing commitment, the relationship between planning practice and academia is as strong here as anywhere in the country.

A number of other individuals contributed on committees or agreed to take on ad hoc responsibilities. To these folks, I offer thanks on behalf of the membership. As a small affiliate

with fewer than 100 full members, all of this represents a high level of member engagement and an enormous collective effort. I know I speak for all members when I offer my sincere gratitude.

Now on with the report. This has been another good year for MPPI. Your volunteer Executive effectively delivered the services and programs the membership has come to expect – communications, membership, events, CPL, university liaison, and CIP representation. More detail on these is provided by the various members of the Executive in the reports that follow. Suffice it to say that we maintained our high standard of member services and programs while remaining fiscally prudent, ending the year with a significant surplus. This brings our cumulative surplus to over \$14,000.

Over and above the delivery of these programs and services, MPPI has devoted much time and energy over the past year to three new and significant challenges:

- planning for the comprehensive review of the Master of City Planning program as required for CIP accreditation;
- supporting CIP's Membership Continuous Improvement Project (MCIP); and
- planning for the 2008 CIP conference to be held in Winnipeg.

The accreditation initiative is under way at this very moment under the capable leadership of Valdene Buckley, MCIP. A Site Visitation Committee has been struck with Mark Seasons, MCIP and Andrea Gabor, FCIP rounding out the committee. The review is expected to be completed in the next month or so.

The MCIP project is an enormous undertaking by CIP aimed at strengthening CIP's membership standards and procedures. At present, three Task Forces have been struck with more to come. MPPI is represented on the Certification Standards Task Force by Dwayne Rewniak, MCIP. Dwayne also coordinated a response to the draft MCIP report in February. Dr. Ian Wight, MCIP is the MPPI representative on the Competency Standards Task Force. I represent the affiliate on the Ethical Standards Task Force.

The CIP conference will be held in Winnipeg in July 2008. The Conference Committee is chaired by Chris Leach, MCIP and Dr. Ian Wight, MCIP is the program chair. Many other members sit on various committees. This initiative will require the full support of the membership. I urge all of you to get involved.

Over the year, MPPI was asked to provide representation on a number of fronts. Here are a few of them:

- The Capital Region Mayors and Reeves Committee asked for MPPI support on a project they've taken on to establish a common language for planning across the region. Derek Eno, MCIP has agreed to represent MPPI.
- A focus group on Climate Change will be held in Ottawa on November 17-18. Molly Johnson is representing MPPI at this forum. This is a CIP initiative funded by Natural Resources Canada.
- Dave Palubeskie, FCIP has agreed to represent MPPI on CIP's national Communications Committee.
- The City of Winnipeg requested an MPPI appointee to sit on their Urban Design Advisory Committee. Derek Eno, MCIP has agreed to take on that responsibility.

We continue to seek out mutually beneficial relationships with other organizations as a way of maximizing our resources. The University of Manitoba's Department of City Planning is a strong

partner with projects including the Case-in-Point and Mentorship. We also share the responsibility of subsidizing student projects whenever possible. MPPI also partnered with the Institute of Urban Studies in May on an evening presentation by Brian Lorch from Lakehead College on the reconfiguration of regional shopping centres. As well, our partnership with the Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects provides a very successful, and financially lucrative, golf tournament every spring.

Over the year, as President of MPPI, I was asked to provide greetings to the Manitoba Association of Architects and the Professional Interior Design Institute of Manitoba at their Annual General Meetings. I also represented the Institute at the Canadian Association of Planning Students annual conference held in this year in Winnipeg and very capably chaired by Justin Lee.

As a 'heads-up' to the membership, one emerging priority the Executive plans to address over the coming year is the need for part-time staff support. The demand on volunteer time and energy is considerable and, at times, borders on being unfair. It is one thing to ask volunteers to help further the agenda of the Institute. It is another matter to ask them to undertake a number of mundane administrative tasks. In the short term the addition of administrative help may require the use of a small portion of our surplus. Over the longer term, a modest increase in fees may be required. The 2007-08 year will be a pilot year. We anticipate bringing forward a proposal at next year's AGM.

Lastly, I would like to express my appreciation at having the opportunity to once again serve MPPI as President – it is both challenging and rewarding. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry Couture, FCIP
President



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CIP COUNCIL REPORT

Submitted by:
Linda McFadyen, MCIP

Over the past year, CIP Council has made significant progress on a number of important initiatives:

OUQ AFFILIATE AGREEMENT

- CIP recently signed its 2008-2010 Affiliate Agreement with the Quebec Planning Institute (OUQ). OUQ first entered the CIP family in 2003, under a unique arrangement that recognized a desire to exchange services to strengthen the association and to promote greater interaction between memberships. The new agreement recognizes that while many OUQ members are unilingual Francophone and CIP is not a fully bilingual organization, the two can provide valuable services to each other. Accordingly, OUQ has reached a financial arrangement with CIP that will see it pay an annual sum to CIP, which will escalate by 2% annually for the 3 years term of the agreement. At the same time, a joint affiliate Agreement Implementation Working Group will be tasked with assessing the relevance and value of CIP membership to OUQ members and the value of full OUQ membership to CIP.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- Council recently adopted a revised 2010 Strategic Plan. Under its previous plan, activities were organized under the areas of Member Services, Policy and Communications and Outreach (International and National Affairs). Over the last several years, outreach activities increased dramatically, both internationally and nationally, making the structure unwieldy and confusing.
- The new Plan sees a shift in the CIP governance structure through a new Program Framework with three main areas: Membership, National Affairs and International Affairs. I urge all of you, if you have not done so, to review the new Strategic Plan, which is posted on the CIP Website at www.cip-icu.ca.
- At its October 2007 meeting, Council reviewed and approved terms of reference for Council liaisons and interim committee chairs. At the same time, Council approved changes to the annual budget to facilitate stronger participation by members across all affiliates. Over the next few months, there will be an open call for committee members. I encourage you to get involved in areas that interest you. This is the way to ensure CIP is a relevant and continually evolving organization.

MEMBER CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- The project is moving forward through the establishment of several Task Forces, the first three of which have been assembled (with Affiliate representation), focusing on Competency, Ethics, and Certification. The Competency Task held its first meeting on August 13, 2007. The other two task Forces are preparing to meet later this year. Updates on the MCIP Project and Task Force activities will be shared with members as they become available.
- Updates on the project are being posted to the Members Only page of the CIP website as they become available. To read more about the MCIP project, please log in to the Members Only area of the website and click the "*Membership Continuous Improvement Project*" button.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING (CPL)

- Council recently reviewed the CPL Committee's plan for the development of a web-based learning portal for CIP and its affiliates. *The Learning Network (TLN)* will allow members, no matter where they live or what their circumstances, access to a whole universe of learning opportunities in one place. In Phase 1, the website will be a cooperative venture among affiliates, CIP and service providers. In subsequent Phases, it will be expanded to become more interactive with members and eventually it will offer direct delivery of on-line learning.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- Chris Leach has taken on the leadership of this committee. Current major focus areas include First Nations Planning and the NRCan Climate Change Project.
- CIP is working with the Climate Change Adaptation Branch of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). The project has 5 core components: a National Policy Forum, which is scheduled for November 16-18 in Ottawa; CPL opportunities; Research Fellowships and Studio Awards; Community Capacity for Adaptation, through which teams of CIP planners will assist two Nunavut communities to develop community adaptation plans; and, a CIP Symposium in Iqaluit, scheduled for July 20 to 23, 2008. More information is available on CIP's website.

INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

- Ron Shisido continues to coordinate these activities on Council's behalf. The China partnership continues to be stalled, due to lack of consistent response from the Chinese Ministry of Land and Resources. Unless resources are forthcoming from our Chinese partner, it may be necessary to conclude the collaboration.
- The Committee has a number of ongoing and developing projects in the Caribbean. Interested members can consult the website or contact CIP National Office for more information.

QUEBEC CITY CONFERENCE

- Another successful annual conference was held this June in Quebec City. Over 780 participants, including 40 from outside Canada, attended 50 sessions with 200 speakers.



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TREASURER REPORT

Submitted by:
Veronica Hicks, MCIP

Treasurer's Report 2006 Financial Year

The 2006-year ended with a surplus of \$3767.17.

Total revenues exceeded expectations, due to several events including the MPPI/MALA 'Making the Links' Golf Tournament, and two speaker events (Bruce Duggan and David Johnston). Funds raised at the golf tournament were shared with MALA, and MPPI's portion provided a student award for 'Best MDP' (presented to James Platt).

Total expenses also exceeded projections due to the golf tournament and the David Johnston event, however the expenses were offset by the revenues generated.

In 2007, a surplus is expected, providing opportunities for additional professional development activities, student awards, and member services. A contribution toward the 2008 CIP Planning Conference will also be a major component of the upcoming budget year.

Veronica Hicks, MCIP
MPPI Treasurer



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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by:
Dwayne Rewniak, MCIP

Committee Members: Dwayne Rewniak, MCIP, Diana Emerson, MCIP and Dave Jopling, MCIP

The Membership Committee is responsible for reviewing all membership applications, including verifying application information submitted by candidates, reviewing log books and portfolios, and administering written examinations and oral interviews for candidates for full membership.

In considering applications for membership, the Committee follows the requirements set forth in the Canadian Institute of Planners' (CIP) membership guidelines contained in *Schedule "A" of CIP By-law No. 1* and the *CIP Membership Manual*. In addition, the Committee responds to membership inquiries from members and prospective members and participates in an annual review of CIP membership guidelines and procedures with the national membership committee and membership committee representatives from all provincial affiliates.

Membership Continuous Improvement Project (MCIP) Update

The Membership Continuous Improvement Project continues to move forward. The Competency Standards Task Force, the first task group of the MCIP, met in Winnipeg on August 13, 2007. The task force is involved in developing Competency Standards for the profession and is comprised of representatives from all Affiliates and the Affiliate/National Membership Committee. Other upcoming project activities will have the Ethical Standards Task Force meeting this fall and the Certification Standards Task Force in February 2008. For more detailed information on the MCIP, please visit the CIP members' only site at www.cip-icu.ca/members.

2008 CIP Membership Fee Increase

CIP Council has approved a membership fee increase effective January 1, 2008. Council reached this decision after discussion and analysis of the Institute's future plans and projected financial needs. New revenue from the fee increase will be applied to better targeting services and increasing their relevance and value to members. CIP's current

fees are \$142.06 per full member. Effective January 1, 2008, the full member fee will increase to \$169.90. For more information on the 2008 CIP membership fee increase, please visit the CIP website at www.cip-icu.ca.

In 2006-07, the Membership Committee processed a total of 14 student applications, including 9 new members and 5 returning members – almost all from the University of Manitoba’s Master of City Planning Program. There were 12 new provisional members, up three from the previous year. There was only 1 new full member in 2006-07, down considerably from last year’s total of six. A total of 4 new members transferred into Manitoba from other provinces. Two of these new member transfers were full members and two were student member. There were also 8 membership transfers out of Manitoba, which included three full members, three student members, one provisional member and one retired member.

As of October 2007, MPPI’s paid membership consists of: 55 Full Members; 31 Provisional Members; 41 Student Members; 3 Public Associates; 3 Fellows; 2 Retired Members and 2 Non-Practicing Members, for a total of 137 members.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwayne Rewniak, MCIP
Membership Committee Chair



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CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by:

Valdene Buckley, MCIP, CMMA

Chair, MPPI Continuous Professional Learning Committee 2006-2007

CPL Evaluation/Reporting

- Key work for the Committee this year was to evaluate the first reporting year of the mandatory CPL program. A survey was conducted at last year's Annual General Meeting, and select member interviews were conducted. The Committee performed a random assessment of member reporting after the deadline. All of this information was collected and used to evaluate the program – what worked, what didn't and what needed improvement. The evaluation results were compiled in a report and posted to the CPL section of the MPPI website.
- The MPPI CPL Guide was updated to bring it into alignment with the standards agreed to at the 2006 National CPL meeting in Toronto. In addition, we were able to respond to a number of issues raised by the CPL Committee and by members. Significant changes were made to the Learning Unit (LU) values assigned to some activities, and to the way LUs are recorded (i.e., going to an hourly calculation) as per national standards.
- Following PIBC's model, MPPI now has outlined its disciplinary procedures in the CPL Guide. Generally the approach is a cautious one that encourages "compliance before enforcement". We will be monitoring implementation of disciplinary procedures in BC to see how the model works in action and continuing to refine our own procedures based on local needs.
- Mid term reports on CPL progress were sent out to all members for the July 5, 2007 reporting period. A final report will be sent out early in the New Year after year-end figures have been compiled by CIP.
- We will continue to work with the CIP Office to improve the online CPL reporting system to facilitate the efficient entry of Learning Units and production of up-to-date status reports.

Mentorship

- This past year, the Mentorship Sub-committee was able to make 5 matches and 2 new mentors were recruited at the Annual Mentorship Wine and Cheese.
- The Wine and Cheese is typically held every year to kick-off the annual mentorship program. It is important to keep updating the Mentorship Wine and Cheese event in terms of finding exciting new venues and coming up with new formats or ways to break the ice at these events. Hosting more “mentor” events throughout the year could help our program grow – whether that means a table reserved for mentors and students at a Breakfast Seminar or a specific mentor/student event – maybe both.

Coordination with Events Committee

- This year a stronger relationship was fostered with the Manitoba Planning Conference. The objective was to have a better MPPI presence at the conference via our booth, session sponsorships and the bus tour to Maida. Since MPPI is small and volunteer-based, we have to do more with less and that means ‘piggybacking’ on as many events and learning opportunities as we can.
- We also tried to provide more in the way of CPL resources – building up the CPL page of the MPPI website to offer more learning activities that are not ‘event-based’. We have been able to utilize the communication vehicle of the MPPI electronic Bulletin to advertise upcoming events to members, in collaboration with the Communications Committee.

National CPL Committee

- On March 31, 2007, the CIP National CPL Committee met in Montreal to create a practical, cost-effective outline for a web-based, central clearinghouse for learning opportunities called The Learning Net (TLN). TLN is a significant step forward to combine affiliate and national information about CPL opportunities. The TLN will be a website of learning opportunities to be associated with CIP’s CPL main website – regional and national upcoming courses, books, other providers, course testimonials, seminars, conferences, social events, etc. The TLN website will allow members, no matter where they live or what their circumstances, access to a whole universe of learning opportunities through one central database. A demo is being developed for roll out at the MPPI/CIP National Conference being held in Winnipeg in 2008.



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MPPI EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by:
Jeff Palmer, MCIP

Committee Chair: Jeff Palmer

The Events Committee provides logistical support to MPPI and its Committees in planning and executing the various activities that take place over the year, whether they be for continuous professional learning, student mentoring, or furthering the goals of the planning profession. Special thanks go out to Kristy LeBaron, Ian Wight, Veronica Hicks, Misty Sklar and Derek Eno, whose contributions were sincerely appreciated.

2006-07 was a spirited season that featured the following activities:

- The first of three Breakfast Seminars began in December with Arne Elias, Executive Director, The Centre for Sustainable Transportation, University of Winnipeg. The topic of Mr. Elias' presentation was *"A Framework for Sustainable Transportation and its Implications for Planning."*
- Our annual Mentorship Wine & Cheese, held in partnership with the Department of City Planning at the University and the University of Manitoba Association of Planning Students took place on January 25, 2007. Approximately 40 students and 10 mentors made contact speed-dating style (speed-mentoring?) in a funky loft at 443 Webb Place (WebbSite). Many thanks to Jeff Badger of The Forks North Portage Partnership who arranged for the use of the display suite.
- In partnership with the Institute of Urban Studies, MPPI sponsored two evening lectures. John Lorinc, author of the recent book *The New City*, spoke on February 9. On May 7, MPPI sponsored Dr. Brian Lorch's presentation entitled "What's New at the Mall: The Reconfiguration of Regional Shopping Centres in the Big Box Era." Both well-attended events were presented at the University of Winnipeg's Eckhardt-Grammate Hall.
- The 2007 Manitoba Planning Conference took place March 21-23 in Morden and Winkler. Once again MPPI sponsored pre-conference activities and provided an information booth. A highlight of this year's conference was a bus trip to Jack's Bar in Maida, North Dakota where current MPPI members wined and dined prospective members over all you can eat chicken and fries. Thanks again to

event sponsors Landmark Planning and Design, Lombard North Group and McCandless Tramley for making the evening possible.

- In April, the Events Committee provided logistical support to the “Taking the Pulse of Practice” event, hosted by the University of Manitoba Department of City Planning.
- In May, MPPI featured a Breakfast Seminar with Scott MacKay, President of Probe Research Inc. Mr. MacKay’s relevant and thought-provoking presentation was entitled “*Polling and Canada’s Urban Agenda.*”
- Our fourth annual “Making the Links” golf tournament was held on June 8, 2007 at the Lorette Golf Course. Held in partnership with the Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects, funds raised from this year’s tournament support student scholarships for one city planning and one landscape architecture student. Thanks go out to Derek Eno who coordinated the event on behalf of MPPI.
- MPPI kicked off the fall season with a Breakfast Seminar presentation by Donald Elliott FAICP, Senior Consultant, Clarion Associates of Colorado, LLC. Don’s energetic presentation was entitled “The Delhi Master Plan Saga” about planning issues encountered during his time in Delhi, India. Many thanks to our event sponsor, the City of Winnipeg.
- The Events Committee wraps up the 2006-07 season on November 8 with the Annual General Meeting at the Fort Garry Hotel. Council decided earlier in the year to hold our AGM on or near World Town Planning Day in order to give the day more profile. The theme of World Town Planning Day is “Responding to Changing Climates.” This theme will inform our panel discussion in advance of the Business Meeting, as well as the after dinner commentary from guest speakers Mark Seasons and Andrea Gabor.

Respectfully submitted
Jeff Palmer MCIP
Chair



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MPPI/UMCP UNIVERSITY LIAISON REPORT

Submitted by:
Ian Wight, PhD, MCIP

UMAPS (planning student/s) and CP faculty presence on Council:

MPPI welcomes and facilitates the representation on MPPI Council from both the Department Head and the UMAPS chair or co-chairs. They are 'at the table' and 'in the loop' when decisions are made. This makes for a very high level of communication between the affiliate and the planning program. Recent UMAPS representatives have been Lindsey Graham-Dyck and Kari Schulz (2006/07); current UMAPS representatives on MPPI Council are Shelagh Graham and Reuben Koole (2007/08).

Student Participation:

MPPI is supportive of the Department's New Student Orientation program, helping to demonstrate the good relations between the planning profession and the planning academy to new students, from the 'get-go'. This usually results in a high level of student membership applications in most years. In 2006-07 the Membership Committee processed a total of 13 student applications, including 8 new student members and 5 returning student members - almost all from the MCP program. Currently there are around 40 student members in total, the second largest category of affiliate membership.

Recognition of Graduates:

MPPI makes a point (at the annual 'Taking the Pulse of Practice' event – see below) of recognising the latest crop of graduates from the MCP program (see accompanying listing of the 14 graduates from the 2006/07 Academic Year). MPPI members are also prominent as members of the Examining Committees (as Adjunct Professors, Internal or External Examiners) for many students' Major Degree Project (thesis or practicum), and I welcome this opportunity, on behalf of the Department, to thank those members for their service.

Mentorship:

MPPI, through the CPL Committee, operates a mentorship program – currently co-chaired by two recent MCP graduates - whereby students are connected with practitioners interested in mentoring them on professional career options. The annual January wine and cheese mentorship reception, with its 'speed mentoring' format, is becoming one of the social highlights of the year for students and mentors alike.

Internship:

Often with the assistance of MPPI or its members, the Department operates an internship program, for students in the intervening summer, between their first and second year (see accompanying listing of 2007 Summer Internships).

CAPS Conference Support:

MPPI supports student members of CIP attending the annual CAPS (Canadian Association of Planning Students) conference. There was an extraordinary level of MPPI support for students attending the extraordinary June 2006 CAPS event – Planners For Tomorrow - in Vancouver, as part of the lead-up to the World Planners Congress and the World Urban Forum. MPPI contributed \$2500, to match contributions by the Department of City Planning (from its Endowment Fund), to a special fund to reimburse students for their registration costs, and to fund prizes for a follow-up essay competition. An unprecedented number of students from the program – approximately 15 – were enabled to attend the three conferences in Vancouver (The Faculty of Architecture Endowment Fund also contributed \$1500 mainly on account of the joint effort by MPPI and UMCP).

Largely because of the large number enabled to visit Vancouver in 2006, the MCP students in attendance at P4T successfully bid to host the 2007 CAPS conference in Winnipeg. Held in early February 2007 the conference was a tremendous success, thanks in part to the support of MPPI and to the active participation of MPPI student members in particular – led by Justin Lee, the Conference Chair. The Department of City Planning and MPPI were very proud of the students' effort in taking on the challenge of 'following' the extraordinary Vancouver CAPS event, and in pulling off such a widely-acclaimed conference with much warm hospitality in the depth of a Winnipeg winter.

Taking the Pulse of Practice:

MPPI Council and its CPL Committee are active participants in the annual 'Taking the Pulse of Practice' wrap-up to the capstone Professional Practice course in the MCP program. This is a 'convocation-from coursework' event for M2s, as well as an opportunity to recognize MCP graduates in the latest academic year. The event also features preliminary presentations of student work on their 'Case-in-Point' collaborations with practitioners (see accompanying information on the program for the latest April 12th, 2007 event, and the listing of the latest 'Case-in-Point' collaborations). A DVD recording of the event is available for those interested.

It should also be noted that MPPI members often figure prominently in 'guest practitioner' presentations to the Professional Practice class, and in the closing 'praxis presentations' session. These greatly assist the students in preparing for the transition from school to work, from the academy to the profession.

Student Case-in-Point Excellence Awards:

MPPI and the Department jointly sponsor the annual Student Case-in-Point Excellence awards, now in their third year. The 2006 Grand Prize was won by Richard Borbridge, who collaborated with Kirsten Robinson, and MCP alumnus now with the City of Vancouver. A Special Commendation went to Stephanie Long, who collaborated with Andrew Young MCIP from BC. An Honourable Mention went to Marcin Pachinski, who collaborated with Gerry Couture FCIP.

Best MDP Award: Making the Links (MALA/MPPI Golf Tournament):

MPPI took the lead in establishing a new award for graduating student members, for the Best MDP (Major Degree Project) in each academic year. The 2006 award was won by James Platt, with Christa Jacobucci and Cheryl Selig as the runners-up.

CIP Academic Excellence Award:

MPPI ensures recognition - at a local event - of the annual CIP Academic Excellence Award recipient. The latest award-winner, from the 2006/07 crop of graduates, is Jason Granger.

Joint CPL Initiatives:

MPPI and the Department collaborate extensively to create continuing professional learning opportunities for MPPI members. In 2006/07 these included:

- Bringing Brent Toderian, the new City of Vancouver Planning Director, to Winnipeg for the 2006 MPPI AGM event (a panel on Canadian Urbanism, an after-dinner address, and a public lecture at the WAG – the latter in collaboration with the Institute for Urban Studies at the University of Winnipeg);
- A December 14, 2007 Breakfast Seminar with Arne Alias the new Director of the Centre for Sustainable Transportation at the University of Winnipeg;
- Three consecutive evening events associated with CAPS/P4T 2007 (panels on indigenous planning, and on arts and culture planning, as well as a public lecture by John Lorinc, author of *The New City*) as well as an afternoon professional development panel (Negotiating the Personal and the Professional);
- The February 19th, 2007 MDP defence, at IUS/CST, of Tom Young (Increasing Transportation Options through Changes to Urban Form – A Sustainability Agenda for Winnipeg);
- Organization of various pre-conference workshops and main conference sessions at the 2007 March 21-23 Manitoba Planning Conference in Morden/Winkler, including a special MPPI membership development event – ‘Beyond the Perimeter: Celebrating Rural Manitoba Planning’;
- A two-day May 22-23 workshop on Social Analysis Systems (SAS); and
- A May 30 Breakfast Seminar with Scott MacKay of Probe Research (Polling and Canada’s Urban Agenda).

Respectfully Submitted, Ian Wight, PhD MCIP
Associate Professor and Head, City Planning
Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba

MPPI/UMCP

Taking the Pulse of Planning Practice 2007

April 12th, 2007: 4.30pm to 6.30pm

137 Bannatyne Avenue, Second Floor

Program

5.00pm Welcome and Overview:

Ian Wight PhD MCIP, Head, City Planning, UofM

5.05pm Introductions: The Class of 2005

The 2007 'Case-in-Point' Exhibits – Taking the Pulse of Practice

- i) The Student/Practitioner Collaborations (see attached)
- ii) The Class of 2005 – Collective Statement to the Profession

5.25 The 2006/07 CIP/MPPI Planning Excellence Award

Announcement: Yvonne Halden MCP Graduate Student Advisor

5.30pm The MCP Grads of 2006-2007: (see attached)

A Toast to Their Achievement

Response: Jason Granger

5.35pm Convocation (from Coursework) Address and Toast:

Address: Dan Vandal, City Councillor, St. Boniface

5.40pm Greetings from the Profession

Gerry Couture MCP FCIP, MPPI President

Linda McFadyen MCP MCIP (on behalf of CIP)

Valdene Buckley MCIP, MPPI Council, CPL Chair

5.45pm Closing Remarks

Taking the Pulse of Planning Practice: Case-in-Point Presentations

The **presentations** introduced the emerging results of **planning practice case study research**, conducted by M2 UMCP students in collaboration with planning practitioners.

Matt Glavin, with David Boles and Greg Kaletzke (Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Selkirk and Winnipeg Offices, respectively) **Geographical Information Systems for Rural Land Use Planning and Livestock Operation Policy: Selkirk and District Planning Area.**

Lindsey Graham-Dyck, with Marilyn Hamilton (Founder and President of IntegralCity), Daniel Garrison (Greater Vancouver Regional District) and Lyn Jardine (Chartered Institute of Housing, Scotland) **Reframing the Approach to Homelessness: What might Winnipeg and Manitoba Learn from Vancouver BC and Scotland UK?**

John Koch-Schulte, with Chris Laing MCP (former Senior Development Planner, Town of Canmore), Dr. Raymond Chipmeniuk (Adjunct Professor, UNBC, Prince George) and Carol Stark (Executive Director, Chinook Institute for Community Stewardship, Canmore) **Balancing Rights and Responsibilities of Primary and Secondary Residents - A Taxing Situation: Learning from the Experience of Canmore, Alberta.**

Justin Lee, with Jason Granger MCP (Art City, Winnipeg) **Art City: Communities and Decision Making**

Jason Locke, with Lisa Hardess (Centre for Indigenous and Environmental Resources, Winnipeg) **Climate Change Planning Tools for First Nations: Using Indigenous and Western Knowledge for Community-Based Adaptation**

Tammi Peralta, with Myra Cruz Arado and Nadalene Khan (Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs) and Dr. Sheri Blake (U of Manitoba) **Neighbourhoods Alive! A Multi-Pronged Initiative for Community-Based Neighbourhood Revitalization.**

Allahyar Raza, with Dwayne Rewniak MCP MCIP (Coordinator, Strategic Planning, Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation) **Cross Cultural Community Participation in Planning: The Case of the Grand Rapids Housing Pilot Project.**

Simi Sandhu, with Kevin Nixon (City of Winnipeg) **Winnipeg's Seine River Greenway: A Community Creates Place through Stewardship.**

Kari Schulz, with David Dessens (Housing Policy Coordinator, Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative) **Integrating the Public and Community Sectors in a Place-Based Approach to Affordable Housing: The Case of Flora Place, Winnipeg.**

Brett Shenback, with Martin Sandhurst MCP (City of Winnipeg, Planning and Land Use Division) **Seattle's Design Review Program: A Community-Based Approach to Compatible Design.**

Katy Walsh, with Alec Stuart, MCP (City of Winnipeg) and Beth McKechnie (Resource Conservation Manitoba) **Sustainable Transportation Planning: Community-Based Travel Marketing in the Winnipeg WinSmart Showcase**

Richard Warren, with Derek Eno MCP MCIP (Scatliff, Miller and Murray, Winnipeg) **Chilliwack's Growth Management Strategy: Agricultural Land Reserve Exclusions**

Tracy Woitenko, with Doug Clark FCSLA MCIP (Partners Program, Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba) **Mountain Equipment Coop: Innovations and Challenges – Sustainable Retail Development.**

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Advisor: Dr. Sheri Blake MCIP; Internal Reader: Dr. Ian Wight MCIP; External Readers:

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"Laying the Foundation: A Framework

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“The Participation of Older Adults in the Design of the Built Environment”

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“Urban Winter: Applying Winter City Planning Principles to Improve Livability at the University of Winnipeg”

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“Re-Conceiving Civics/City Design in Planning: An Integral Approach”

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“Post-Transitional Housing for Single Mothers and their Children: Uncovering the
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Alternative Housing Option and the Barriers to Their Use”
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“Planning to Partner: An Analysis of Public-Private Partnerships
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“An Analysis of the Discourse of Homeownership: A Search for Understanding”
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“Increasing Transportation Options through Changes to Urban Form:
A Sustainability Agenda for Winnipeg”
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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

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The Communications Coordinator is responsible for distributing the MPPI Bulletin and coordinating the MPPI website needs with the webmaster, as well as issue news/press releases related to events.

MPPI Website

The MPPI Website (www.mppi.mb.ca) hosts useful information for MPPI members, including events, the Continued Professional Learning (CPL) program, a consultant's directory, job postings, and membership information. This year, over 45 conferences, workshops, presentations and other events were advertised on the "Events Calendar", 11 of which were sponsored by MPPI. Past events have now been listed on an "Events Archive" page to help members report their Organized/Structured CPL Learning Units. The "CPL" pages provide current information about the CPL program and offer tips on how to earn and report Learning Units.

The "Planning in Manitoba" pages on the website provide a consultants directory and a fee-based job posting service. This year, 14 consulting firms and 7 employment opportunities were listed on the website. The "Membership" pages allow MPPI members to update their membership information, record in their log book, and allow non-members to apply for membership.

MPPI Bulletin

The MPPI Bulletin is a free bulletin service for all MPPI members. The Bulletin advertises planning news, events and job opportunities. It also provides information related to other disciplines including architecture, landscape architecture, and engineering. Over the past year, 30 Bulletins were issued to over 130 members.

If you are an MPPI member but not receiving the MPPI Bulletin, please contact the Communications Coordinator at salong11@gmail.com to update your email address.

Respectfully Submitted,
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