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Code of Ethics

Professional planners should, by word and action, demonstrate the highest ethical standards in all their professional work.

To uphold these standards, professional planners shall:

1. Serve the public, the profession, employers and clients with integrity.

2. Recognize and uphold the public interest in all planning activities, ensuring planning processes are fair, transparent, and reflect community needs and democratic values.

3. Practice only in areas in which they are competent and offer well-informed planning advice. A professional planner may, with disclosure and consent, accept work beyond their competence under supervision of a qualified professional.

4. Exercise professional judgment independently and objectively.

5. Provide full, clear and accurate information on planning matters while respecting confidentiality obligations and avoid knowingly misrepresenting facts or omitting material information in public or professional communications.

6. Identify, disclose and address real, potential or perceived conflicts of interest to uphold public trust and fairness in decision-making.

7. Acknowledge and respect the intellectual property and contributions of others, and ensure appropriate attribution in all professional work.

8. Uphold the dignity and reputation of the profession through ethical conduct and by fostering respect for the role of planners in society.

9. Advance reconciliation and meaningful relationships with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples through planning practices grounded in mutual respect, trust, learning, and decision-making that support Indigenous rights and self-determination.

10. Promote inclusive, transparent and accessible planning practices that respect human rights, reflect diverse lived experiences, and address systemic barriers.

11. Balance the interests of communities with the interests of individuals.

12. Practice evidence-based, sustainable, and climate-conscious planning that responsibly uses current resources, recognizes the interdependence of human and natural systems and mitigates risks to current and future generations.
13. Recognize the interconnected impacts of planning decisions across jurisdictions and ecosystems, fostering regional collaboration to address cross-jurisdictional boundary challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss and social equity.

14. Act toward colleagues with professional courtesy, fairness and consideration, and avoid uninformed or ill-considered criticism of another colleague.

15. Commit to an equitable and respectful work environment, promoting workplaces free from harassment, violence and discrimination.

16. Foster and support a respectful and supportive professional culture and environment by promoting well-being, physiological safety and mental health amount collaborators and colleagues and oneself.

17. Engage in Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) to sustain and enhance professional competencies, deepen planning expertise, and stay informed on emerging issues, topics, innovations, and perspectives. Professional planners shall use CPL to critically reflect on and strengthen their ethical, cultural, and technical practice in alignment with current professional standards.

18. Deepen personal and professional knowledge of Indigenous histories, governance systems and land rights, and the impacts of colonial planning practices.

19. Strengthen awareness and understanding of climate change science, risks and responsibilities, to support informed and responsive planning practice. .

20. Mentor and support emerging planners and colleagues to strengthen the profession.

21. Cooperate with any disciplinary proceeding as required by professional codes of conduct.

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