

# The Canadian Institute of Planners Healthy Communities & Housing

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#### Overview



1) Planning For Housing

2) Planning History and the Canadian Institute of Planners

3) National Initiatives /Policies supporting Housing and Healthy Communities

4) Next Steps

#### PLANNING FOR HOUSING...

The subject of HOUSING enters into planning continuously,

- whether under the heading of DENSITY,
- OF THE LIVING CONDITIONS of the population
- Of SLUMS clearance
- or SUBURBAN GROWTH
- Patrick Abercrombie (1933)

Same issues remain central to planning process today

Jurisdictions with the authority to prepare and implement housing plans are increasingly likely to prepare and adopt housing plans or housing strategies

- either as a part of their comprehensive plan,
- or as a separate freestanding document.



Source: Wikipedia, Sir Leslie Patrick Abercrombie - English town planner

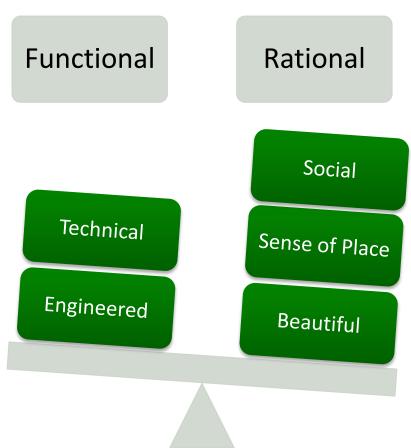
#### Reasons to prepare a HOUSING PLAN:

- To address Legal Requirements
- To address Affordable Housing Needs
- To encourage Economic and Social Integration and to Build Stronger Neighborhoods

#### THE EVOLUTION OF PLANNING...

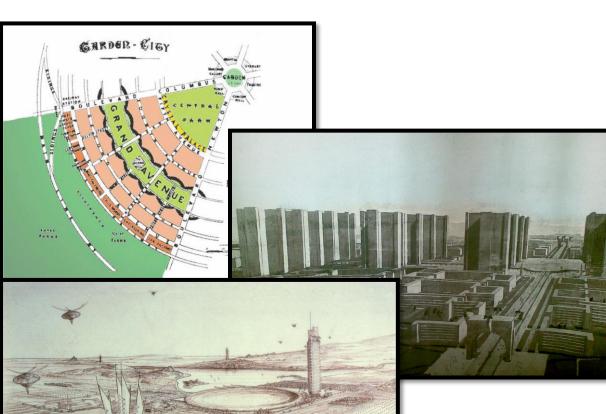


- Planning is a constant balancing act.
- Planning always focuses on the public interest
- Planning translates intangibles (sense of place) into tangibles



### A RICH HISTORY... THE PIONEERS



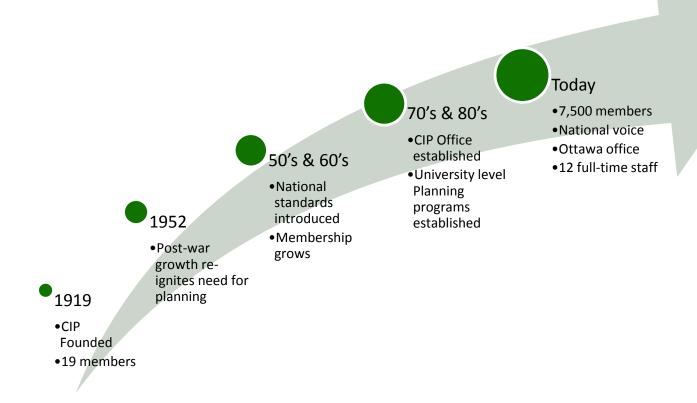


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Le Corbusier's "RADIANT CITY"

Frank Lloyd Wright's "BROADACRE"

#### HISTORY OF CIP



- The Canadian Institute of Planners serves as the voice of Canada's planning community
- Planning addresses the use of land, resources, facilities and services in ways that secure the physical, economic and social efficiency, health and well-being of urban and rural communities.

#### WHO PLANS?



Program / Project Funding

**Canada Lands Company** 

СМНС

## **Provincial**

Legislation & Policy

Geographically Specialized Plans

Dedicated Appeals Bodies (OMB,

## Municipal

Community Plans
Infrastructure
Zoning

Development Approvals (Subdivisions, Condos)

Individual Property Changes (Severances, Minor Variances

- CIP and Canada's national housing agency, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), are cooperating to create sustainable communities and promote housing quality, affordability and choice nation-wide.
- CIP is also a member of the **National Housing Research Committee (NHRC)**, which brings together representatives from all levels of government, social housing organizations and the housing industry, as well as academics and consumers

#### **HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**



- The planning profession first developed to meet the public health challenge of controlling infectious disease.
- CIP & HSF partnered (2010) and through the Healthy Canada by Design Program developed capacity to
  promote healthy built environments, and translate research into tools to support policy-makers, public
  health officials, planners and developers in creating more health-promoting communities across Canada:
  - Healthy Communities Practice Guide
  - Healthy Communities Fact Sheets
    - Active Transportation, Health and Community Design: What is the Canadian Evidence Saying?
    - Active Living, Children and Youth: What is the Canadian Evidence Saying?
    - Health Equity and Community Design: What is the Canadian Evidence Saying?
  - Healthy Communities Legislative Comparison Survey Report

## Healthy Communities CAPACITY BUILDING





Legislative Comparison Survey Report







CTIVE TRANSPORTATION

What is the Canadian evidence saying?

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY DESIGN:

## **NEXT STEPS** Housing & Healthy Communities



- Engagement & Collaborative Policy and Program Development
  - Housing policies for a Healthier Built Environment:
    - Policy Outcomes better articulate what and why the policy represents
    - Challenges (fiscal, acceptance, legislative, governance RR)
    - Opportunities: Aging in Place, Affordable Housing,
       Streetscape, Urban design, Active Transportation
    - Innovation (provincial, regional, local / community)
      - Neighbourhood Sustainable Development
         Plans, EE, DE (GMF @FCM)
    - Research and Best Practices (Inclusionary Zoning)

- Healthy Communities and Housing Best
   Practices (Network and KT)
  - https://www.cip-icu.ca/Topics-in-Planning/Healthy-Communities#





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