

Forks Receives Vision and Planning Award

The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) recently presented Jim August, CEO of The Forks North Portage Partnership with the Vision in Planning Award for its contributions to the Core Area Initiative (CAI) and to the creation of The Forks at CIP's national conference, Planning by Design in Community: Making Great Places in Winnipeg.

Formed in 1981, the CAI was a groundbreaking initiative by all three levels of government to address inner city renewal in Winnipeg. Never had a project of such scale and scope been attempted in Canada by all three levels of government together.

“Through a combination of creative vision, sensitivity to people’s needs, and effective partnerships, The Forks area has become a multifaceted gathering place enjoyed by citizens of the community and visitors alike,” said CIP President, Blake Hudema.

CIP is the national voice of Canada's planning profession. Since 1919, CIP has been dedicated to the advancement of responsible planning throughout Canada. In its capacity as the national professional institute and certification body for the planning profession, CIP addresses the issues of professional standards and public policy, both domestically and globally, related to planning and planning related issues. CIP established its Vision in Planning Award in 2001 to recognize community plans that have achieved or exceeded their intended expectations and represent a significant contribution to Canadian planning heritage.

The Forks North Portage Partnership would also like to congratulate Linda McFadyen on being elected a member of the College of Fellows of the Canadian Institute of Planners. Election as a Fellow is the highest award the Institute can give to a planner. It is given only to those members who exhibit the highest professional attainment and exhibit a wide breadth of experience. Linda sits on the Board of The Forks North Portage Partnership as the Shareholder representative for the Province of Manitoba.