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Minister Ron Lemieux
Minister of Local Government
301 Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Re: Name Use Protection for Manitoba Professional Community Planners

Dear Minister Lemieux:

It has come to our attention that the Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI) is seeking name legislation to protect the title "Registered Professional Planner (RPP)" for certified planners in the province.

The Canadian Institute of Planners is the national professional association for certified planners. In addition to providing a wide range of member services, CIP works with seven affiliate organizations representing all provinces and territories across Canada, to develop, maintain and administer common membership standards and processes. MPPI is the Manitoba affiliate of CIP.

In 2005, CIP undertook a comprehensive review and update of its membership standards and processes, which was dubbed the *Planning for the Future* (PFF) project. Over the ensuing years, a number of special task forces were created to develop new, heightened competency, ethical, certification and accreditation standards for the profession. In addition, two new bodies were established:

- a Professional Standards Board, which administers membership certification and university program accreditation reviews for Affiliate organizations, and
- a joint Professional Standards Committee, through which CIP and the affiliates work together to agree upon any changes to the membership standards and processes.

Under this new, enhanced framework, CIP and is affiliates are working together to develop credentialing standards that will serve the profession and its future members, and carry the planning profession into the future. Most of the technical project work is now complete and being implemented, but a few elements of work continue.

One such piece is an effort to bring more consistency to the professional legislation across Canada by seeking to have the title "Registered Professional Planner (RPP)" recognized as the preferred professional planning designation across Canada. While most of CIP's affiliates have some type of right to title or other provincial legislation governing the profession, there is a lack of consistency from province to province, and some provinces have no such legislation.

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If a professional association has its designation named in provincial legislation, it can be expected that more planning professionals in the province will seek certified standing. More uniform, consistent legislation is also an important aspect supporting labour mobility within Canada. So CIP is supporting efforts by its affiliates to pursue this objective, in the interests of advancing the profession and in the public interest, through the application of high professional standards and adherence to a common Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.

MPPI's pursuit of Name Legislation in the province of Manitoba is consistent with the principles of the Planning for the Future project. It represents a logical step for advancing the profession in Manitoba and ensuring that Manitoba planners are operating under professional legislation that is consistent with their peers in neighboring provinces and across Canada.

On behalf of the Canadian Institute of Planners, I am pleased to offer CIP's full support for the proposed legislation.

Sincerely yours,



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President

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