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The Canadian Institute of Planners Names Historic Water Street, Woodfield, and St. Patrick's Island as 2016's Great Places in Canada

OTTAWA, ON November 8, 2016 – The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) is pleased to announce the winners of its 2016 *Great Places in Canada* contest. After a rigorous review process by a jury of certified planning professionals, the Institute bestows the title of 2016 Great Street on Historic Water Street (in St. Andrews, New Brunswick), 2016 Great Neighbourhood on Woodfield (in London, Ontario), and 2016 Great Place on St. Patrick's Island (in Calgary, Alberta).

In August, CIP invited Canadians to nominate a place in their community for the *Great Places in Canada* contest. The panel of jurors reviewed the 37 Great Place submissions from across Canada against a criteria of planning best practices that considered social, economic, and accessibility and safety factors, and elements such as design, culture history and landscape.

"CIP is pleased to recognize these great planned places on World Town Planning Day, an international day celebrating the accomplishments of planners and their contributions to their communities," said Eleanor Mohammed RPP, MCIP, President of the Canadian Institute of Planners. "A great place is one where citizens can enjoy a healthy and inspiring environment. All of the 2016 Great Places in Canada winners are demonstrative of what planners try to create: a space that is functional, safe, and enjoyable for the community."

In addition to inviting the public to nominate a space, CIP conducted an online vote allowing the public to determine what place they think should win. With over 30,000 votes cast, the public determined the 2016 People's Choice winners, with Rothesay Common (in Rothesay, New Brunswick) voted as 2016 People's Choice Place, Downtown Antigonish (in Antigonish, Nova Scotia) voted as 2016 People's Choice Neighbourhood, and Historic Main Street, Newmarket (in Newmarket, Ontario) voted as 2016 People's Choice Street.

[Click here](#) to read the full submissions about the 2016 Great Places in Canada and the People's Choice places.

About the Great Places in Canada Contest

The Canadian Institute of Planners has recognized the contributions of planners by celebrating their lasting impressions on Canadian communities through the Great Places in Canada contest. This national contest was started in 2010. Canadians from coast to coast are invited to participate by nominating and voting for a great street, neighborhood, or place.

Only one Great Places in Canada is selected for each of the categories: Great Street, Great Neighbourhood, and Great Public Space. Winners are awarded the title of Great Place in Canada by a

jury of professional planners. The street, neighbourhood, and place with the most votes receives the title of Great Place in Canada-People's Choice. Learn more about the Great Places in Canada contest at GreatPlacesInCanada.ca.

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About the Canadian Institute of Planners

The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) works on behalf of over 6,300 planning professionals nationally, and has served as the voice of Canada's planning community since 1919. Planners safeguard the health and well-being of urban and rural communities, by addressing the use of land, resources, facilities and services with consideration to physical, economic, and social efficiency. Our members work in both the public service and the private sector, across fields such as land use planning, environmental resource management, land development, heritage conservation, social planning, indigenous communities planning, transportation planning, and economic development. Learn more about CIP and the role of planners at cip-icu.ca.

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