



Declaration/Statement/Motion to Have November 8 Recognized as World Town Planning Day in [INSERT TOWN OR CITY NAME HERE]

From the parks we enjoy, to the streets we travel, to the places we call home, the discipline known as planning is interwoven within our lives. Every day, planning professionals work in communities like [INSERT TOWN OR CITY NAME HERE], across the country, and around the world to make a positive difference in how we live, work, and play. By leading the design and management of land and resources, planners help to protect our environment, promote health and well-being, preserve cultural heritage, and deliver community features that contribute to better outcomes for all.

On November 8, 2024, the Canadian Institute of Planners will join other planning organizations worldwide to celebrate the 75th annual World Town Planning Day. On this noteworthy day, planners come together with fellow community builders and citizens to celebrate the purpose of this important profession. World Town Planning Day represents an opportunity to reflect on the vast accomplishments of planners and to encourage curiosity and collaboration in solving modern challenges.

This year, World Town Planning Day is dedicated to one of the most pressing topics of our time – the housing crisis. With the theme of “Homes Start with Planning,” the Canadian Institute of Planners, [INSERT PTIA NAME HERE], and the Global Planners Network acknowledge the ever-evolving nature of the housing crisis while celebrating the innovative spirit of the planning profession and its ability to respond with solutions. Driven by the values of equity, inclusivity, and sustainability, planners remain actively engaged in promoting housing affordability and choice in communities like [INSERT TOWN OR CITY NAME HERE] and beyond.

Therefore, in acknowledgement of this historic occasion, I, [NAME OF MAYOR OR CITY/TOWN COUNCILLOR], call on the [INSERT CITY OF/TOWN OF/COUNTY OF] to declare November 8 as World Town Planning Day.

It is more important than ever before to support Registered Professional Planners [Replace with Licensed or Urbaniste as needed] in [INSERT TOWN OR CITY NAME], Canada, and around the world, as they purposefully plan for current and future generations.