



### **Background:**

In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada released its final report after a seven-year mandate to document and collect information on the impact of the Indian Residential School System. The 10-volume TRC final report included 94 Calls to Action impacting every aspect of Canadian society to encourage the work of reconciliation.

In early 2018, after a survey of the membership, OPPI Council began discussing the role of OPPI in reconciliation. From this discussion, the Indigenous Planning Perspectives Task Force and Advisory Committee were formed. The Task Force was asked to create a path forward for OPPI in its capacity as both a regulator and member services provider.

### **Process:**

Members for the Task Force and Advisory Committee were chosen in late 2018 and the groups began to meet in early 2019. Over a four-month period, information was gathered from a variety of perspectives, including Indigenous Peoples, planners with experience working with Indigenous communities, academics, and other planning professionals. In April 2019, the Task Force and Advisory Committee met to review the information that had been gathered and begin to formulate a series of recommendations. From there, the recommendations were refined and presented to OPPI Council for approval. In June 2019, Council approved the 14 Indigenous Planning Perspectives Task Force recommendations.

### **Outcome:**

The Indigenous Planning Perspectives Task Force (2018-2019) issued the following recommendations:

1. Communication of report recommendations to OPPI members.
2. Broaden engagement to include more Indigenous individuals and perspectives.
3. Formal organizational commitment to advance reconciliation.
4. Leadership competency for OPPI Council and staff.
5. Review of organizational policies, practices, programs, and tools through a lens of reconciliation.
6. Reciprocal relationships with Indigenous organizations and bodies.
7. Professional requirement for new planners on Indigenous cultural competency.
8. Continuous Professional Learning for current planners on Indigenous cultural competency.
9. Facilitation of learning for members on Indigenous-related topics.
10. Relevant legislation and initiatives impacting Indigenous Peoples shared with members.
11. Indigenous capacity-building and system change for working with the planning profession.
12. Recognition of Indigenous knowledge while working towards decolonization of planning.
13. Indigenous recruitment and retention within the planning profession.
14. Pathways to certification for Indigenous ways of knowing and experience.

### **Progress:**

The Indigenous Perspectives on Planning Committee (IPPC) was formed in 2021 to support OPPI's ongoing implementation of the Task Force recommendations. To date, efforts have been made on many of the recommendations although none have been fully completed. For 2023, the IPPC has prioritized the completion of an organizational commitment statement, recommendation #3.