

2018 National Judge



Jim Baird
Retired Urban Planner

Rothesay, NB

Jim retired as the Commissioner of Planning and Development for the City of Saint John in May 2008. While he had been at the City for 28 years, he had previously worked in Charlottetown PEI and Halifax NS.

Jim has been a National Judge with Communities in Bloom since 2009.

Education:

Bachelor of Environmental Science (BES), University of Waterloo, School of Urban and Regional Planning, 1973. Management Development Program, University of New Brunswick, 1991.

Work Experience: City of Saint John

As Commissioner between 2002 till 2008, Jim was responsible for a department that included Real Estate, GIS, Heritage, as well as Community Planning. He worked extensively with Council and other departments on a variety of major projects. He was the City representative on the steering committee for the development of the Inner Harbour Land Use Plan. This Plan received the Award of Excellence from the Canadian Institute of Planners, in 2004.

As Director of Community Planning (1995-2002) and Manager of Development (1990-1995), Jim worked closely with both developers and the community in a wide range of residential and commercial developments.

Charlottetown Area Regional Planning Board

Between 1978 and 1980 Jim worked with this voluntary planning agency which involved over a dozen municipalities. During this period a comprehensive Transportation Plan was completed.

CBCL, Halifax

Between 1974 and 1978 Jim worked a wide variety of consultant projects in Atlantic Canada.

Membership:

Past member and Chair of the Heritage Development Board, Town of Rothesay

Past member of the Planning Advisory Committee, Town of Rothesay