



NWT Association of Landscape Architects

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The best way of achieving a high ethical standard is positive, consistent and responsible action in the practice of the profession of landscape architecture by members of the Association. The responsibility of the landscape architect is to inspire respect for and confidence in the profession while serving the welfare of people and the land. The following articles express in general terms the professional conduct expected of landscape architects in the NWT.

- The landscape architect will exert every effort toward the preservation and protection of our natural environment and toward understanding the interaction of human economic and social systems with the environment.
- The landscape architect has a social and environmental responsibility to reconcile human needs and the natural environment with minimal disruption to the natural systems.
- The landscape architect has a responsibility to be sensitive to the Indigenous cultures of the NWT, both in striving to understand those cultures and in communicating work successfully to all residents of the NWT.
- The landscape architect has a responsibility to be sensitive to the varied landscapes of the NWT, striving to understand the ecosystems and to ensure sustainability of those systems.
- The landscape architect furthers the welfare and advancement of the profession by constantly striving to provide the highest level of professional services.
- The landscape architect will serve clients or employers with integrity, understanding, knowledge and creative ability.
- The landscape architect will not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, bribery or misrepresentation.

The National Voluntary Code of Conduct for the Ornamental Horticulture Industry

The CSLA is a partner organization that voluntarily commits to taking action to prevent the introduction and spread of high-risk invasive plants. See the full text on the CSLA website.

Inter Professional Relations

The use of the name “NWT Association of Landscape Architects” except as provided for in the by-laws of the Association is prohibited. Any such use will result in that individual or firm falsely claiming membership being subject to legal action.

The landscape architect will recognize the contribution of others engaged in the planning, design and construction of the physical environment and will not knowingly make false statements about their

professional work, nor maliciously injure or attempt to injure the prospects, practice or employment position of those so engaged.

The landscape architect will encourage education and research and the development and dissemination of useful, technical information relating to the planning, design and construction of the northern environment.

Where the services of a specialist are required for the successful execution of a project, the landscape architect will include such specialists on the project team.

The landscape architect will promote professional education, advancement of employees, associates or students, and the free exchange of thinking among professionals.

Reciprocity

In 2020, all component organizations of the CSLA, including the NWTALA, signed on to the National Reciprocity Agreement for the Profession of Landscape Architecture in Canada. This agreement seeks to ensure equitable, balanced and sustained labour mobility in the profession nationally. See the CSLA website for the full agreement. The agreement includes the following:

All Components signatory to this agreement agree fundamentally that all Landscape Architects should gain proper admission to the appropriate Professional Association in any jurisdiction in which they practice the Profession.

Failure to so register has the potential to detract from the professional image of the Practice of Landscape Architecture - not only in the region of the practice, but Inter-provincially, Inter-territorially, Nationally, and Internationally. Each Signatory shall take all legally defensible steps to deter this behavior within their members.

It is therefore expected that every CSLA member, when working outside their home jurisdiction (that is, the province or territory in which they are registered or are a member) must apply for membership in the host jurisdiction (that is, the province or territory in which they would like to work, and are not registered or a member).

Public Relations

The landscape architect will not indulge in self-laudatory, exaggerated, misleading or false publicity. Excellence in professional work is the best advertisement.

The landscape architect will not give, lend or promise anything of value to any public official in order to influence or attempt to influence the official's judgement or actions in letting of any contracts or works.

Client/Employer Relations

The landscape architect will not undertake any activity or employment, have any significant financial or other interests or accept any contribution if it would reasonably appear that such activity, employment, interests or contribution could compromise professional judgement or prevent the landscape architect from serving the best interests of the client or employer. The landscape architect will make full disclosure to the client or employer, at the earliest possible opportunity, of any financial interest which even remotely bears upon services and/or the project for which the services are being rendered.

The landscape architect will report truthfully and clearly to any prospective client or employer his or her qualifications and capabilities to perform services.

After being selected for professional qualifications, the landscape architect will reach an agreement with the client or employer as to the nature and extent of the services to be provided and the compensation involved.