

## **Code of Ethics**

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 aboriginal 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.
- A landscape architect will not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, bribery or misrepresentation.

## **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.

A 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.

A 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.

### **Public Relations**

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

A 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**

A 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. A 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.

A 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, a 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.

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