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CSLA TO HONOR DOUGLAS OLSON, SEAN KELLY, NATALIE GOULET-SORENSEN AND LES AMIS DE LA MONTAGNE WITH RECOGNITION AWARDS

Ottawa – September 28th, 2017- The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) is pleased to announce that:

- **Dr. Douglas Olson will receive the CSLA's Lifetime Achievement Award,**
- **Professor Sean Kelly will receive the CSLA's Teaching Award,**
- **Natalie Goulet-Sorenson will receive the CSLA's Emerging Professionals Award, and**
- **Les Amis de la Montagne (Montreal) will receive the CSLA's Community Service Award.**

The CSLA Recognition Awards honour the work and commitment of Canadians to the profession of landscape architecture. The awards will be given at the CSLA Gala to be held on Thursday, October 19th, 2017, at the Palais des Congrès in Montréal during the Congress of the World Design Summit

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** is awarded annually to a member of the CSLA whose lifetime achievements and contributions to the profession have had a unique and lasting impact on the welfare of the public and on the environment.



Douglas Olson, DDES, MLA, FCSLA, is CEO of O2 Planning + Design. He holds a Doctor of Design from Harvard University, has served as an instructor at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design and is an adjunct professor in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary. He is a fellow of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects and a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects as well as the International Association of Landscape Ecology. He is also a founding member and Chairman of the SAFE Design Council, a not-for-profit aimed at reducing the risk of crime through informed design. Throughout his 30-year career, Douglas has influenced the planning, design and management of land at multiple scales. From broad-scale regional planning through to detailed, constructed urban projects, he has worked throughout Canada, as well as in Africa, Central America, China, Colombia, Mongolia and the United States. Across scales, his work emphasizes contemporary design, ecological urbanism and landscape ecology. In recent

years, Douglas has pioneered processes and projects in the field of Geodesign, coupling GIS modelling with design and planning processes. His portfolio demonstrates that landscape architects, working from fine to broad scales, can direct large, interdisciplinary projects founded on design and creativity and supported by analysis, science and technology.

The **Teaching Award** recognizes an individual who has made a substantial and significant contribution to landscape architecture education.



Teaching is a vocation that presented itself to Sean Kelly, *CSLA, OALA*, in 1996 *by chance* after a brief telephone conversation with Moura Quayle, then the Director of Landscape Architecture at UBC; she was seeking someone to instruct an Open Space Planning studio course. Sean is an Associate Professor and the Director of the School of Environmental Design & Rural Development (SEDRD), University of Guelph; he is responsible for 6 degree programs including Landscape Architecture's BLA and MLA programs. He also has a career-long affiliation for private practice and developed his skills in several notable firms in Toronto, Dallas and Whistler. Much of Sean's work relates to rurally- or remotely-situated destination, recreational, and amenity landscapes. His work has taken him world-wide to over a dozen countries and hundreds of communities. Sean earned his BLA in 1989 and an MSc Planning in 1995; both from the University of Guelph. Sean balanced professional practice and sessional teaching for a decade before joining Guelph in 2006 as a

tenured-track faculty member. It has been estimated that Sean has contributed to over 1000 graduates having taught at UBC's, Mississippi State University's and Guelph's landscape architecture programs. Beyond Guelph he continues to champion, mentor and advise many LA graduates towards attaining professional membership and achieving their career aspirations – an activity that he enjoys very much.

The **Community Service Award** recognizes public agencies and community groups who have contributed significantly to environmental responsibility.



Montreal and the Mont-Royal are indivisible. With its three peaks, this iconic location is affectionally referred to as "the mountain" and spreads over ten square kilometers. It boasts beautiful residential neighborhoods, several founding institutions of Montreal - hospitals, universities, religious communities, vast

cemeteries, numerous neighborhood parks, and the magnificent Mount Royal Park covering a spacious and attractive green area of nearly 200 hectares overlooking downtown Montreal. Since 1986, Les amis de la montagne have played an active role in protecting and enhancing Mount Royal. Declared a heritage site by the Government of Quebec, much of the mountain enjoys several safeguards that guide the development of its land and buildings. As the city that surrounds it is thriving, the mountain is constantly feeling the pressure of densification and urban development. With the support of a community of people who are aware of the inestimable worth of Mount Royal, Les amis de la montagne contribute to further strengthen the culture of respect and long-term protection of this place.

The **Emerging Professional Award** demonstrates the CSLA's commitment towards landscape architects in the early stages of their careers.



Natalie Goulet-Sorenson, BLA, AALA, CSLA, is a landscape architect with over 8 years of professional experience. Her education started at the Northern Alberta Institute of technology in Edmonton, Alberta, where she completed a diploma in landscape architectural technology. She continued her studies at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho where she obtained her degree in landscape architecture. Upon graduation, Natalie returned back to Edmonton, where she began working at Stantec Consulting. At Stantec, she's had the opportunity to collaborate on a variety of diverse design and construction projects with the large multidisciplinary team in the office. Her project experience varies from high level master planning to the implementation of regional and neighbourhood parks, constructed wetlands, recreational trail networks, passive and creative play spaces, and open space rehabilitation- among other projects. Currently, Natalie is the President of the Alberta Association of Landscape Architects and sits on the steering committee

for the 2017 Edmonton Urban Design Awards. She is an advocate for the profession and enjoys working with her

colleagues to support landscape architecture. Outside of the office, Natalie enjoys spending time with her husband and two small children traveling, camping, canoeing and biking on the beautiful trails throughout the City of Edmonton.

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The **Canadian Society of Landscape Architects** (CSLA) is a professional organization with over 1,900 landscape architects as members represented by provincial and territorial associations plus academic programs across the nation. As the voice of the profession in Canada, the CSLA is an advocate for its members on issues such as urban renewal, sustainable development and cultural heritage.

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