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2009 – 2010 CSLA Executive: Linda Irvine, OALA, CSLA, ASLA President; Neil Dawe, NLALA, CSLA, President-Elect; Arnis Budrevics, OALA, FCSLA, Director

(Toronto) - Linda Irvine, OALA, CSLA, ASLA, Manager, Parks and Open Space Development, Planning and Urban Design Department, Town of Markham, was appointed President of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) during the organization's annual general meeting held in Toronto August 15, 2009. Neil Dawe, NLALA, CSLA, President of Tract Consulting Inc. was elected to the position of President-Elect and Arnis Budrevics, OALA, FCSLA, Principal Landscape Architect of Alexander Budrevics and Associates, was appointed to the CSLA Executive Committee. Cathy Sears, AALA, CSLA, ASLA a Vice-President and leader of Stantec's Planning & Landscape Architecture practice, transitioned to the role of Past President. The CSLA is a 1,600 member national organization.

Ms Irvine has worked for the Town of Markham since 1998 and is responsible for overseeing, managing and coordinating all new park development within the Town as well as managing selected urban design projects for the municipality. Prior to joining the Town, she served as a faculty member in landscape architecture at the University of Toronto (1922 – 1997), the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1986- 1990), Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1984-86) and the University of Guelph (1982 – 1984). Linda was President of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects between 2005 and 2007.

"It is an honour to serve as President of CSLA at a time when the profession of landscape architecture is growing and thriving. Canadian landscape architects are innovators and leaders in environmental planning and design and are creating, restoring and reinventing the landscapes in which we live, at all scales and in all areas of the world".

Mr. Dawe founded his firm Tract Consulting Incorporated in 1998. His team focuses on four customer service areas: landscape architecture, professional planning, graphic design and interpretation and exhibit design. He helped found the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Landscape Architects shortly after graduating from the University of Guelph and has served on the Board of Governors (now Directors) of the CSLA.

Mr. Budrevics is a Fellow of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects. Arnis began his Landscape Architect career in Calgary in 1975 working for Lombard North Group and later Carson-McCulloch Associates Ltd. He joined the family firm in 1983. Over the course of his professional career "Arnie" as he is known, has worked on institutional, commercial and high-density residential developments, as well as municipal park developments and streetscapes. He is a Past-President of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (OALA).

The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) is a professional organization with 1,600 landscape architect members from across the nation. As the voice of the profession in Canada, the CSLA is committed to promoting the profession of landscape architecture, and supporting the advancement of education and research in landscape architecture as an instrument of service to the public and the profession.

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