



May 26, 2025

Dear Delegates and Members of the Landscape Architecture Community,

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all attendees of the 2025 CSLA/OALA Congress, and to thank the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects and the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects for the kind invitation.

While I regret that I am unable to attend this year's Congress in person, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the vital work of landscape architects across Ontario and Canada. Your profession plays a pivotal role in shaping healthy, inclusive, and sustainable communities, work that is more important now than ever.

This year's theme, "*Outside the Box: Challenging Traditional Paradigms in Landscape Architecture*," speaks directly to the innovative thinking and bold leadership that landscape architects bring to some of our most pressing challenges, from advancing reconciliation and equity, to supporting affordable housing, integrating new technologies, and fostering biodiverse urban environments.

Your commitment to reimagining public spaces in ways that serve all people is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your leadership, creativity, and collaboration in helping to build a stronger, greener, and more resilient Ontario.

Please accept my best wishes for a productive and inspiring Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'George Darouze', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

George Darouze
Member of Provincial Parliament
Carleton