

Wednesday, March 19th, 2014

Monique Oaks
Chair
Canadensis Botanical Garden Society
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Dear Monique Oaks,

On behalf of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA), we would like to express our full support for Canadensis and the establishment of a national botanic garden in Ottawa.

The vision for our society is that we are dedicated to advancing the art, the science and the practice of landscape architecture in Canada. In addition to the many general goals of botanic gardens, they have traditionally been a very effective way to illustrate much of what landscape architecture is about. Beyond a focus on our living systems and the richness of nature, they promote a deeper understanding of our place within the natural world. Through this, we hope that the public finds a larger awareness, and is encouraged to develop the commitment and passion to pursue ecologically responsible lifestyles.

In addition to these environmental aspects, we also believe that Canadensis will provide economic benefits through being a major tourist draw for Ottawa. Botanic gardens are a proven visitor attraction that appeals to a wide variety of interests. From the 'garden buff' interested in the flora that grows in Canadian climates, to those seeking education on plant life and ecology, to those wishing to find a peaceful place to walk, botanic gardens draw visitors.

We heartily support your effort, and are excited to follow its progress.

Sincerely yours,



Peter Briggs, NWTALA, CSLA, ASLA
President, CSLA

c.c. Mayor Jim Watson, City of Ottawa