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City of Ottawa Public Art Department  
Ottawa City Hall  
Ottawa ON

Dear Colleague,

The CSLA believes that Mr. Carver's Centennial Garden in Rockliffe Park is a clear demonstration of the City of Ottawa's national role in incorporating cutting-edge landscape architecture work. Throughout the City's history, many important landscape architecture masterpieces have been commissioned, such as the Centennial Garden in Rockliffe Park. Other examples of important landscape architects and their impact on the City include F. G. Todd, and his seminal report on City Planning of Ottawa in early 20th century, including recommendations for Parliament Hill and much more. Both of these are still leading the way we understand and appreciate the city.

*Many of these landscape architecture masterpieces have been part of the City's fabric for so long, we have overlooked their importance. We call on the City now to restore and preserve Centennial Garden in Rockliffe Park.*

Landscape architecture is the design profession concerned with the design, planning, management and stewardship of the land. The work of landscape architects touches the design of outdoor public areas, landmarks and structures. The Centennial Garden is an example of how landscape architects shape cultural landscapes – it was designed by exceptional landscape architects Humphrey Carver and Don Graham, has served the local community for over 50 years, celebrates one of Canada's milestones and represents a pre-eminent example of design.

The CSLA strongly recommends that the City undertake appropriate research and restoration, to ultimately preserve this culturally significant site.

The CSLA would welcome further discussion on this subject and would certainly appreciate supporting you in this process. We count among our members world renowned specialists in the field of the preservation and rehabilitation of cultural landscapes, many of them who are based in the Ottawa region.

The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) is a professional organization with over 2000 landscape architects as members. As the voice of the profession in Canada, the CSLA is an advocate for its members on issues such as urban design, urban renewal, sustainable development, climate change and cultural heritage.

The CSLA believes that the Centennial Garden is a worthy example of a public landscape architecture and an artwork. The City's care of this seminal site is of great importance and will ensure the preservation of a culturally significant park.

Sincerely yours,



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