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Best in Canadian Landscape Architecture Recognized by the CSLA Awards of Excellence: Projects define the places we live, work and play

Ottawa - March 9th, 2015 - Today, the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) announced the national and regional winners of its annual Awards of Excellence. This year, 10 projects received a national award - preeminent examples in Canadian landscape architecture, honouring distinctive design, ground-breaking research, and sustainable landscape management.

These award-winning projects illustrate the range of what landscape architects do. They are helping to reshape our communities - defining the places we want to live, work and play.

Winners were selected by a national jury of landscape architects. National and Regional awards are presented in three categories: Honour, Merit, and Citations. Honour Awards recipients demonstrate excellence in all judging criteria, Merit Awards in some criteria, and Citations in particular categories. The principal criteria applied by the jurors were:

- o demonstration of a deep understanding of the craft of landscape architecture including attention to composition and detail
- o demonstration of excellence in leadership, project management, breadth of work, new directions or new technology
- o innovation in concept, process, or implementation
- o promotion of the discipline amongst related professions, clients and the general public
- o demonstration of exemplary environmental and/or social awareness.

The 2015 recipients are:

National Honour

Landscape Architecture in Canada / Architecture de paysage du Canada

Ron Williams, Landscape Architect, Architect and Professor (retired), School of Landscape Architecture, Université de Montréal

Category: communications

Formes et sens des squares victoriens montréalais (1801-1914) (Montréal)

Jonathan Cha

Category: research

Midtown in Focus (Toronto)

PUBLIC WORK office for urban design & landscape architecture

Contact : Adam Nicklin & Mark Ryan

Category: planning and analysis

National Merit

Bow RiverWalk (Calgary)

Stantec Consulting Ltd.

Contact: Ryan Mortson

Category: design | conception

Pedestrian Campus (Vancouver)

The University of British Columbia

Contact: Dean Gregory

Category: design

East Side Road Native Revegetation Initiative (Island Lake)

Scatliff + Miller + Murray Inc.

Contact : Bob Somers

Category: landscape management

East Bowmont Natural Environment Park Design Development Plan (Calgary)

O2 Planning + Design Inc.

Contact: Karina Verhoeven & Douglas Olson

Category: planning & analysis

Kipekiskwaywinan: Our Voices – York Factory First Nation's Evaluation and Assessment of the Keeyask Generation Project (Northern Manitoba)

HTFC Planning & Design/York Factory First Nation

Contact : James C.Thomas

Category: planning & analysis

Parkland County Environmental Conservation Master Plan (Parkland County)

O2 Planning + Design Inc.

Contact: Douglas Olson

Category: planning & analysis

Acadia Point (Blandford NS|N-É)

Virginia Burt Designs, Canada Inc.

Contact: Virginia Burt

Category: residential design

Regional Honour

Assiniboine Park Nature and Adventure Playground (Winnipeg)

Scatliff + Miller + Murray Inc.

Contact : Cheryl Oakden

Category: design

L'arboretum du Jardin botanique de Montréal (Montréal)

Vlan paysages

Contact : Micheline Clouard

Category: design

Dominion Bridge (Lachine)

Groupe IBI-CHBA (now Lemay) & Groupe IBI-DAA (now Lemay)

Contact : Patricia Lussier

Category: planning & analysis

Regional Merit

Edmonton Valley Zoo Entry and Wander (Edmonton)

DIALOG

Contact: Doug Carlyle

Category: design

Sun Lighten Meadows (Schöllnach)

Straub Thurmayr CSLA Landschaftsarchitekten

Contact: Dietmar Straub, Anna Thurmayr

Category: design

The Landscape of Memory: Calgary Soldier's Memorial (Calgary)

The City of Calgary/ Marc Boutin Architectural Collaborative/The Calgary Soldiers' Memorial Committee

Contact: Greg Stewart

Category: design

Quincy Street Open Space (Somerville, MA)

WANTED paysage with / avec Spurr, Weston & Sampson's Design Studio

Contact: Paula Meijerink

Category: design

Planétarium Rio Tinto Alcan de Montréal (Montréal)

Fauteux et associés architectes paysagistes

Contact : Marc Fauteux & Guy Tremblay

Category : design

Parc-école Nouvelle Querbes (Montréal)

Fauteux et associés architectes paysagistes

Contact: Marc Fauteux et Antonin Beaupré

Category: design

St. Patrick's Island Park (Calgary)

W Architecture / Civitas with/avec IBI Group

Contact: Garth Balls (IBI Group)

Category: landscape management

Regional Citation

Lake Ontario Park Revitalization Project (Kingston)

The Scott Wentworth Landscape Group Ltd.

Contact: Scott Wentworth/Tara Galpin

Category: design

Terra Nova Adventure Play Experience (Richmond)

Hapa Collaborative

Contact: Joseph Fry & Sarah Siegel

Category: design

McBurney Lane (Langley)

Hapa Collaborative

Contact: Joseph Fry

Category: design

Bernard Avenue Revitalization (Kelowna)

Golder Associates Ltd.

Contact: Gabriel Ross

Category: design

Clock Tower Beach / Plage de l'Horloge (Montréal)

Claude Cormier et Associés inc.

Contact: Claude Cormier

Category: design

The Qu'Appelle Valley Integrated Tourism Strategy (Qu'Appelle Valley Region)

O2 Planning + Design Inc.

Contact: Douglas Olson

Category: planning & analysis

The national awards will be presented at a gala during the CSLA Congress to be held at the Hilton Mexico City Reforma on Saturday, May 23rd, 2015. Hi-resolution images of winning projects are available on the CSLA website at <http://www.csla-aapc.ca/awards/awards-of-excellence> or upon request.

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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. In addition, the CSLA accredits several academic landscape architecture programs across the nation.

Landscape architects today are engaged in the design, planning and management of urban, rural and natural environments in all Canadian provinces and territories and in many countries worldwide. Canadian landscape architects are well-regarded for their vision, creativity, sensitivity and practicality in all aspects of professional practice, creating unique functional outdoor spaces for our citizens, as well as protecting and enhancing the environment. The CSLA is the organization which gives landscape architects a national voice and, through its provincial component associations, regulates the profession of landscape architecture through licensing or certification of its members.

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