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## CSLA Announces the Recipients of the 2016 Awards of Excellence

Ottawa - March 17th, 2016 - Today, the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) announced the recipients of the National Awards of Excellence. This year, 11 projects received a national award and one project, Lansdowne Park, was selected for the Jury's Award of Excellence, given to one project per year which best demonstrates the CSLA's vision (advancing the art, science and practice of landscape architecture). In addition, 7 projects were attributed an honorary mention on behalf of the jury.

These award-winning projects are preeminent examples of Canadian landscape architecture. They illustrate the range of what landscape architects do and how landscape architects 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. The principal criteria applied by the jurors were:

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

**National Awards** are for work that demonstrates excellence against all judging criteria. They become nominees for the **Jury's Award of Excellence**, given to a project which best demonstrates the CSLA's vision (advancing the art, science and practice of landscape architecture).

The recipient of the 2016 Jury's Award of Excellence and a National Award is:



### Lansdowne Park

PFS Studio

Contact: Greg Smalenberg

Category: Public Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect



*About the Project:* The newly reimagined and recreated Lansdowne Park, resulting from the winning vision of an international design competition, has restored a long neglected site at the heart of the national capital in Ottawa to vibrant use as a coordinated set of culturally significant and diversely programmed public spaces. PFS Studio created the winning scheme Win, Place, Show for an international design competition to restore and transform the beloved site of the former Central Canadian Exhibition into a new waterfront park and civic heart for Ottawa, with a seamless integration envisioned between the re-imagined park with federal lands along the parliamentary Queen Elizabeth Drive and the adjacent UNESCO World Heritage designated Rideau Canal. Lansdowne Park has remained true to this vision in restoring the site through contemporary design language and careful preparation for its future, while honouring its enduring legacy of place through exhibition, display, and recreation.

## The 2016 National Award recipients are:



### **University of Ottawa Campus Master Plan**

Urban Strategies Inc.

Contact: George Dark

Category: Planning & Analysis | Large-Scale Design



### **Peace Garden at Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto City Hall**

PLANT Architect Inc. | Perkins + Will Canada in Joint Venture with Hoerr Schaudt Landscape

Architecture and Adrian Blackwell Urban Projects

Contact: Lisa Rapoport

Category: Public Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect



### **The West Don Lands**

The Planning Partnership and PFS Studio

Contact: David Leinster and Greg Smallemberg

Category: Public Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect



### **City of Toronto: The Grow More Manual**

Forest and Field Landscape Architecture

Contact: Matthew Sweig et Michelle Lazar

Category: Research | Communication



### **230 Sackville**

Scott Torrance Landscape Architect Inc.

Contact: Scott Torrance

Category: Residential Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect



### **Bayview Glen Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP)**

Schollen & Company Inc.

Contact: Mark Schollen

Category: New Directions | Conceptual Work



### **City of Kitchener: Cultural Heritage Landscapes**

The Landplan Collaborative Ltd.

Contact: Rod MacDonald

Category: Research | Communication



### **Technopôle Angus**

NIPPAYSAGE en collaboration avec Provencher\_Roy

Contact: Michel Langevin

Category: Planning & Analysis | Large-Scale Design



### **YUL/MTL: Paysages en mouvement**

Chaire en paysage et environnement et Chaire UNESCO en paysage et environnement de l'Université de Montréal

Contact : Philippe Poullaouec-Gonidec

Category: Research | Communication



### **La Cité administrative de Montréal**

Lemay (Les services intégrés Lemay et associés)

Contact : Marie-Ève Parent

Category: Planning & Analysis | Large-Scale Design

In addition to the National Awards, the jury attributed honorary mentions to the following projects:

- **Surrey City Hall Playscape** (space2place design inc., Jeff Cutler)
- **Downtown Fenwick Revitalization** (The Planning Partnership, David Leinster)
- **Queens Quay Central Waterfront Revitalization** (West8 + DTAH in joint venture, Jelle Therry)
- **Federal Building Centennial Plaza** (DIALOG (Carlyle & Associates) and Moriyama & Teshima, Doug Carlyle)
- **Millennium Library Park** (HTFC Planning & Design, Monica Giesbrecht)
- **Place Joseph-Venne** (NIPPAYSAGE, Josée Labelle)
- **Les jardins d'accueil du Jardin botanique de Montréal** (Lemay (Les services intégrés Lemay et associés), Lucie Saint-Pierre)

The national awards will be presented at a gala during the CSLA Congress to be held at the Fort Garry Hotel and Conference Centre in Winnipeg on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. 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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