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The Forks to Receive the CSLA Legacy Project Award

Ottawa – August 7th, 2018 – Today, the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) announced that The Forks has won the CSLA Legacy Project Award (2018).

The CSLA Legacy Project Award is intended to recognize distinguished landscape architecture projects which were forward-thinking for their time, contribute significantly to their communities, showed leadership and innovation, and are still relevant examples of excellence in the profession of landscape architecture. The Legacy Project Award honours projects which have left and continue to leave a lasting impact on Canada's landscape.

The Forks is a meeting place: a special and distinct all-season gathering and recreational place the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers in Winnipeg. From the beginning, The Forks North Portage Partnership (TFNPP), which is responsible for the site, has had the foresight to hire Winnipeg's premier designers for the development of its property.

According to the Mayor of Winnipeg, the Honourable Brian Bowman:

The urban environment at The Forks has been developed through the consistent collaboration of city planners, developers, landscape architects, architects, engineers, builders, craftspeople, artists, and the public. The richness and diversity of these inclusive development processes has made The Forks a leader in winter city, healthy city and sustainable city living – a place that truly responds to and reflects Winnipeg's natural and cultural heritage. Landscape architects have played an essential role in the evolution of The Forks shaping almost every project as civic servants, project leaders, volunteer board members or public advocates.

Located at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine rivers, the Forks has been a meeting place for over 6,000 years. Indigenous peoples traded at The Forks, followed by European fur traders, Scottish settlers, railway pioneers and tens of thousands of immigrants. Over the last 30 years, the site has been transformed from an abandoned railyard into The Forks, Winnipeg's foremost destination, with the goal of being a special and distinct gathering and recreational place, through a mixed-use approach including recreational, historical and cultural, institutional and supportive commercial uses. Over 4 million visitors come to The Forks each year and more than 1,200 people work on the site.

The CSLA congratulates Cynthia Cohlmeier Landscape Architecture, Scatliff+Miller+Murray, HTFC Planning and Design, Public City Architecture Inc., Stantec Architecture, David Wagner Associates Inc., the firms responsible for this project's development and execution, on receiving the Legacy Project Award for The Forks.

The Legacy Project Award will be presented to The Forks at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, at 6 p.m. on September 12th, 2018.

Learn more about The Forks Legacy Project Award at: <http://www.csla-aapc.ca/awards/forks-2018>

Learn more about **The Forks** at <https://www.theforks.com/>

The **Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA)** is a professional organization with over 2,800 landscape architects, associate or intern landscape architects, and landscape architecture students 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 and cultural heritage.

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.

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The purpose of the award is to honour:

- projects which have left and continue to leave a lasting impact on Canada's landscape
- the landscape architect(s) instrumental in the project's conception, maintenance or revitalization, and
- the client, responsible for the project's maintenance and continued development.

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