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Professor Peter Jacobs Honoured with the 2020 Governor General's Medal in Landscape Architecture

Ottawa – September 29th, 2020 - Today, the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) is pleased to announce that **Professor Peter Jacobs, AAPQ, FCSLA, FASLA**, is the 2020 recipient of the Governor General's Medal in Landscape Architecture.

The Governor General's Medal in Landscape Architecture (GGMLA) is the highest honour bestowed on a landscape architect by the CSLA. The medal is intended to honour exceptional landscape architects whose lifetime achievements and contributions to the profession have had a unique and lasting impact on Canadian society.

The jury, chaired by Glenn O'Connor (OALA, FCSLA, ASLA), was composed of Nastaran Moradinejad (BCSLA, AALA, CSLA) and Carol Craig (AALA, FCSLA):

Professor Peter Jacobs is a true renaissance man: award-winning practitioner, published author, orator, educator, leader, trailblazer, consultant, and mentor. He is best described as having an insatiable curiosity, a clear vision, and an unflinching desire to contribute to a better world. Far from pursuing a predetermined path, Professor Jacobs has, during his 50-year career, successfully navigated uncharted waters to mark our world through the practice of landscape architecture.

About Professor Jacobs

PETER JACOBS is Professor of Landscape Architecture, École d'architecture de paysage, Faculté de l'aménagement, Université de Montréal. He has served as Professor at the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University and has lectured widely in North America, Europe and Latin America. He is the recipient of the A.H. Tammsaare Environment Prize, the President's Prize of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, the Frederick Todd Prize of l'Association des architectes paysagistes du Québec, and the Governor General's medal on the occasion of the 125^e Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. Following his early practice in architecture, he has focussed on landscape planning and urban design.

He is a Fellow and Past president of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA), Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), an Honorary Member of both the Association des architectes paysagistes du Québec and the Columbian Society of Landscape Architects, and has served as Canada's delegate to the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) for ten years. He Chaired the College of Senior Fellows and was named the first Beatrix Farrand Distinguished Fellow, Landscape and Garden Studies, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C.



He is Emeritus Chairman of the Environmental Planning Commission, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) and has been a member of the Kativik Environmental Quality Commission (KEQC) for more than 30 years. He has been nominated to numerous Canadian Committees, Commissions and public hearings concerned with environmental issues and sustainable development and Chaired the Public Advisory Committee on Canada's State of Environment Report, 1980-1990.

He has served on numerous scientific and professional editorial advisory committees and has written, and edited publications related to sustainable and equitable development, landscape perception, and planning theory. Current studies focus on the idea of landscape, the meanings assigned to landscape in different cultural settings and how these inform management strategies and actions over time.

He has been a member of numerous design juries and acted as a consultant to the City of Montreal for the development of urban open space systems, the restoration of Mount-Royal Park; the re-design of Parc Jean Drapeau, the former site of Expo '67; and the design of Place Émilie Gamlin. He continues to collaborate on planning and design projects, many of which have received professional awards. He is member of the advisory committee for Mosaiculture International and is a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts.

Details of the ceremony where Mr. Jacobs will receive his medal are yet to be determined. You can learn more about Professor Jacobs and read the full jury statement here: <https://www.csla-aapc.ca/awards/peter-jacobs-2020>

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The **Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA)** is a professional organization with landscape architect members, associate (or intern) members and student of landscape architecture 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.

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 that 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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