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CSLA Announces the Recipients of the 2017 Awards of Excellence: The Rimouski Breakwater Development is awarded the Jury's Award of Excellence

Ottawa – March 30th, 2017 - Today, the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) announced the recipients of the National Awards of Excellence. This year, 14 projects received a national award and one project, the Rimouski Breakwater Redevelopment, 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).

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. According to the 2017 Awards of Excellence jury:

World-class roadsides and residences, ambitious plans for waterfronts and community greening and poetic places - the award recipients created world class places that bring people back into the landscape.

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 2017 Jury's Award of Excellence and a National Award is:



Rimouski Breakwater Development

OPTION aménagement inc.

Contact: André Nadeau, AAPQ, CSLA

Category: Small-Scale Public Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect (up to 1 ha)

According to the Awards of Excellence Jury, the Rimouski Breakwater Development is a magical place of perfect simplicity, where the theatre is real: the landscape and the sunset and the St. Lawrence River. It is a project composed of small gestures that make an enormous difference



About the Project: A rare sight on the river, the Rimouski breakwater redevelopment project is in line with other waterfront developments. The proposal stands out due to the simplicity of the design, which inspires contemplation and meditation, celebration and gatherings. The Rimouski breakwater redevelopment is located at the mouth of the Rimouski River, continuing Promenade de la Mer—a bicycle and walking path built in recent years to give the river back to Rimouski's residents. Before the work, the breakwater was austere, lacking in ambience, and hardly used; it failed to attract visitors to enjoy the breathtaking panoramic view of the river this point affords. Since the project, use of the area has surged. Clean designs inspired by the St. Lawrence River let the beauty of the river, Île Saint-Barnabé, and especially the sunsets speak for themselves. The breakwater has appeared on bookmarks and in numerous amateur photographs, served as a site during Rimouski's Festi-Jazz festival, been featured in an online promotional video where it appeared under the slogan "Source of Freedom", and graced the cover of the 2016–2017 tourist guide with the phrase "In good weather or bad, Rimouski's salt air feels good!" Completed under the full supervision of landscape architects, this project is a brilliant achievement meeting the highest quality standards.

The 2017 National Award recipients are:



Trottier Observatory and Science Courtyard - Simon Fraser University

PWL Partnership Landscape Architects Inc.

Contact: Jason Wegman, BCSLA, CSLA

Category: Small-Scale Public Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect (up to 1 ha)



Iqaluit Municipal Cemetery

LEES+Associates

Contact: Erik Lees, BCSLA, FCSLA

Category: Small-Scale Public Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect (up to 1 ha)



South Chilcotin Mountain Provincial Park - Facility Design Concept

Tom Barratt Ltd. Landscape Architects

Contact: Tom Barratt, BCSLA, CSLA

Category: Planning and Analysis



Fowler ROOFTOP

Virginia Burt Designs, Inc.

Contact: Virginia Burt, OALA, APALA, BCSLA, Ohio RLA, FCSLA

Category: Residential Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect



N. Residence

Virginia Burt Designs, Inc.

Contact: Virginia Burt, OALA, APALA, BCSLA, Ohio RLA, FCSLA

Category: Residential Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect



Kingston Waterfront Master Plan

thinc design

Contact: Michael Tocher, OALA, CSLA, MCIP, RPP

Category: Planning and Analysis



The David Braley and Nancy Gordon Rock Garden at the Royal Botanical Gardens

Janet Rosenberg & Studio Inc.

Contact: Janet Rosenberg, FCSLA, FASLA, AALA, AAPQ, BCSLA, OALA, IFLA, RCA

Category: Large-Scale Public Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect (over 5 ha)



High Point Toronto

Janet Rosenberg & Studio Inc.

Contact: Janet Rosenberg, FCSLA, FASLA, AALA, AAPQ, BCSLA, OALA, IFLA, RCA

Category: Residential Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect



The Outdoor PLAYbook

Kris Fox

Contact : Kris Fox, BCSLA, CSLA

Category: Communication



Brokenhead Wetland Interpretive Trail and Boardwalk

Manitoba Sustainable Development, Parks and Protected Spaces Branch
 Contact : Ryan Wakshinski, MALA, CSLA
 Category: Large-Scale Public Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect (over 5 ha)



Colour Your Landscape

Manitoba Association of Landscape Architects (MALA) and Winnipeg Architecture Foundation (WAF)
 Contact : Monica Giesbrecht, MALA, CSLA
 Category: Communication



Échangeur Charest / Robert-Bourassa

Lemay / MTMDET
 Contact : Jean-François Doyon, AAPQ, CSLA | Daniel Trottier, AAPQ, CSLA
 Category: Large-Scale Public Landscapes Designed by a Landscape Architect (over 5 ha)



Extraction

OPSYS / Hume Atelier / RVTR / Beites & Co / Ecological Design Lab
 Contact : Pierre Bélanger, OALA, CSLA, ASLA, SBA
 Category: Communication

The national awards will be presented at a gala during the CSLA Congress to be held during the Congress of the World Design Summit on October 19th, 2017, in Montreal. 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.

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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