

OALA NEWS

Ontario Association of Landscape Architects

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INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUNDING “Solemn Declaration of Substantial Completion”

An OALA Member has brought to our attention an issue related to Infrastructure Stimulus Funded projects, through information he has received from Consulting Engineers of Ontario. CEO Members are being informed that they should NOT sign a “Solemn Declaration of Substantial Completion” if asked by their clients. Instead, they should use a template cover letter provided by the Ministry of Infrastructure. Members are urged to contact the Ministry for specifics.



VOLUNTEER SPEAKER'S BUREAU

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

OALA is compiling a database of Landscape Architecture speakers and their content specializations. In accordance with Strategic Planning goals we intend to develop an extensive, up-to-date list of LAs who are able to present lectures and lead educational seminars at any suitable Professional or community events. In addition to helping OALA organize its own educational events, the database will help OALA with its goal of raising awareness of the Landscape Architecture profession. OALA will actively work toward connecting our members with external lecture opportunities and educational events.

The Speakers' Bureau database will allow OALA to find speakers quickly on particular topics and in particular regions. Here's what we need from you if you are willing to be part of our speakers' bureau:

- areas of specialty in which you work and would be willing to lecture on
- topics of lectures you have presented in the past
- how far afield are you willing to travel
- scheduling preferences &/or limitations

We look forward to your help with this new initiative – and with OALA's goal to raise awareness of the profession. Please contact Ronda oalaadmin@oala.ca if you are interested.

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NEWS FROM THE OTTAWA CHAPTER

OALA Vice President Joanne Moran reported at the April Council meeting that, at the City of Ottawa, all Landscape Architecture work is now going through a Landscape Architecture unit in the Design and Construction Division of the Infrastructure Services Department. Joanne noted this is following a meeting OALA had with the Civic Institute of Professional Personnel in Ottawa. At that meeting a specific request was made to list Landscape Architects as one of

the main allied professionals in all corporate documentation and service level agreements within the Corporation. This resulted in a unique unit – devoted to Landscape Architecture as a Corporate Service.



RECOGNIZING FULL MEMBERS 25+ YEARS MEMBERSHIP

320 Full Members who have reached the 25 year anniversary milestone (or longer) of full membership with the OALA, were identified in the Registrar's Report of the 2010 Annual Report and acknowledged at the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

The OALA would also like to acknowledge the 25 year anniversary milestone (or longer) of the following Emeritus Members and Full Members on Waiver of Dues. This is a significant accomplishment and important commitment to OALA and the profession.

Emeritus Members

Alexander Budrevics
Ranjit Dhar
Karl Frank
Donald Graham
Ed Holubowich
Michael Hough

Brad Johnson
Walter Kehm
Margaret Kwan
Jack Milliken
Steven Moorhead
Ross Stephen

James Taylor
David Tomlinson
Emiel van der Meulen
Nick Van Vliet
Jerol Wheeler

Full Members on Waiver of Dues

Jonas Adda
Nancy Bogart-Franzen
David Bradley
Mary Ellen Brennan
Robert Brown
Gabriel D'Aoust
Ed Fife
James Floyd
William R. Fraser
Robert Groot

Dieter Gruenwoltd
John Guinan
John Hicks
Robert Hosler
John Huang
Peter Hubbell
Randall Keeping Topps
Helen Li
Jane Mather
Robert Moote

Bon Mueller
Mas Omoto
David Pollard
Janis Pratt
Al Regehr
John Ritchie
James Stansbury
Alexander Topps
Paul Wu

WHAT HAVE OALA MEMBERS DONE FOR WLAM?

Big plans for World Landscape Architecture Month? PROVE IT! Let's show the World what the OALA did for WLAM. The OALA Social Committee is compiling as many photos as we can for the various events going on around Ontario. Please send your office appropriate photos with a brief explanation to the Social Committee to have it posted on the OALA WLAM poster this year. We are hoping this will catch on and become a world-wide exercise.

Please send descriptions and photos to: Irina Gorodskoy (igorodsk@uoguelph.ca) or Phillip Collins (pcol@me.com) by May 25th, 2011.

[Click here to view the 2010 poster that the OALA Social Committee compiled!](#)



MEMBER NEWS...



Office space available for LA or related professional

In century home within walking distance to downtown Guelph. Space suitable for one professional to share with established business owner. Keep your overhead low, share costs for internet, fax, hydro. Printer and some computer equipment available at your disposal. Access to landscape architectural reference library, kitchen space. Enjoy a quiet professional atmosphere where you can bounce ideas off each other, but run your own independent business on your own hours. Reasonable rent.

Please call Souhaila Sarkis 1-519-830-1859

IN OTHER NEWS...

2011 Toronto Urban Design Awards - Call for Entries!

The City of Toronto Urban Design Awards recognize a wide range of projects that demonstrate improvements to the built environment and quality of public places in the city.

The 2011 Call for Entries deadline is Thursday, May 19 (4:00 PM).

Complete project entry details and program information is available at: www.toronto.ca/tuda.



2011 Ottawa Urban Design Awards

In 2011, the City of Ottawa will host the fourth edition of the Ottawa Urban Design Awards. www.ottawa.ca/urbandesignawards

The deadline for submissions [PDF 378 KB] is Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 4 p.m. The awards ceremony will be held on the evening of Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at the new Ottawa Convention Centre.

The 2011 Ottawa Urban Design Awards celebrate projects built in the City of Ottawa that exhibit urban design excellence. The awards will honour exceptional projects built in Ottawa between September 1, 2009 and September 1, 2011. This is a biannual awards program.

Good urban design is how buildings, landscapes and adjacent public spaces function together to enhance the public realm. It includes the art of place making and designing the built environment to be appreciated and enjoyed at the human scale. This is not an architecture award.

The author of the winning submission of each category will receive an **Award of Excellence**, which acknowledges a project that achieves urban design excellence and meets the judging criteria. Other entries in each category will be eligible to win an **Award of Merit**. An important distinction between the two awards is that the winners of the Awards of Excellence will be forwarded to compete nationally in the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's 2012 Urban Design Awards Program as representative of the City of Ottawa.

COMING EVENTS...

Pave it

Brampton Brick Oaks Concrete Products Invites You and Your Associates to **Pave it**. A unit paver & retaining wall palaver showcasing new products, green initiatives, design & installation techniques.

Thursday May 5th, 2011 - Drop in from 10am – 5pm

Location - Evergreen Brick Works - Toronto

Click the link for full details, a schedule of the speakers, and to register.
www.oakspavers.com/paveit/

2011 BCSLA Conference RE:EVOLUTION

The 2011 BCSLA Conference RE:EVOLUTION, will be held May 12-14 at the Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier on the beautiful North Shore in Vancouver, BC. BCSLA is delighted that Charles A. Birnbaum from The Cultural Landscape Foundation is joining to conference us to host the world premiere of the Oral History Project, featuring Cornelia Hahn Oberlander. Please [click here](#) to see a preliminary program and for registration details.

Speaking Engagement with Architect, Fariborz Sahba

The Canadian Committee for the Haifa Foundation is hosting an exclusive speaking engagement with renowned architect, Fariborz Sahba. The free event is being held, Monday, May 16th at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto. [Click here](#) for more information.

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