

**POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF “LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT(S)” OR “LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE” IN FIRM OR COMPANY NAMES**

- I. Use of the designation “Landscape Architect” is governed by the Architects (Landscape) Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 18, and Bylaws of the British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects (the “Society”), as amended from time to time, and written permission of the Society must be sought before the designation “Landscape Architect(s)” or the related designation “Landscape Architecture” is used in any firm or company name in British Columbia.
- II. Use of the designation “Landscape Architect(s)” or “Landscape Architecture” in a firm or company name will be consented to where:
- 1) the practice of landscape architecture is a principal activity of the firm or corporation;
  - 2) the firm or corporation has a distinct landscape architecture department, having on its active staff at least one registered member in good standing of the Society who directly supervises and assumes responsibility for the practice of landscape architecture within that firm or corporation; and
  - 3) the Society has no reasonable grounds to believe that the use of the designation “Landscape Architect(s)” or “Landscape Architecture” by the firm or company could pose a risk to public health, safety or welfare or that the firm or corporation fails to follow proper standards of professional landscape architectural practice in British Columbia;

and where:

- 1) in the case of a corporation, the persons causing the company to be incorporated, provide to the Society in writing:
  - (a) a statement certifying that the company will meet the requirements of items II. 1, 2 and 3 above; and
  - (b) their agreement to cause the company, immediately upon incorporation, to agree in writing with the Society to:
    - (i) advise the Society forthwith if the corporation ceases to meet any requirement of items II. 1, 2 and 3 above;
    - (ii) change the name of the corporation to remove the designation “Landscape Architect(s)” or “Landscape Architecture” forthwith if the corporation ceases to meet any requirement of items II. 1, 2 and 3 above or if the corporation is directed by the Society to remove such designation; and

- (iii) reimburse the Society forthwith upon demand for any and all costs (including legal costs, of enforcement or otherwise) that the Society incurs as a result of the corporation using the designation “Landscape Architect(s)” or “Landscape Architecture” in circumstances where the corporation does not meet the requirements of items II. 1, 2, and 3 above or otherwise without the Society’s written permission;

or, in the case of an unincorporated firm, all the proprietors or partners of the firm provide to the Society in writing:

- (c) a statement certifying that the firm will meet the requirements of items II. 1, 2 and 3 above; and
- (d) an agreement with the Society to:
  - (i) advise the Society forthwith if the firm ceases to meet any requirement of items II. 1, 2 and 3 above;
  - (ii) change the name of the firm to remove the designation “Landscape Architect(s)” or “Landscape Architecture” forthwith if the firm ceases to meet any requirement of items II. 1, 2 and 3 above or if the firm is directed by the Society to remove such designation; and
  - (iii) reimburse the Society forthwith upon demand for any and all costs (including legal costs, of enforcement or otherwise) that the Society incurs as a result of the firm using the designation “Landscape Architect(s)” or “Landscape Architecture” in circumstances where the firm does not meet the requirements of items II. 1, 2, and 3 above or otherwise without the Society’s written permission.

III. Use of the designation “Landscape Architect(s)” or “Landscape Architecture” in the name of a firm or corporation which does not meet, or ceases to meet, the requirements of items II. 1, 2 and 3 above will be considered misleading to the public and will not be, or be deemed to be, consented to by the Society.