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The LACF and the CSLA Announce "CONVERSATIONS" about *Landscape Architecture in Canada* -A cross Canada speaking tour with Ron Williams

Ottawa – DATE - Ron Williams' long awaited book *Landscape Architecture in Canada* is now available in both English and French. To promote the book and engage landscape architects and the public in conversations about landscape architecture, LACF and CSLA are currently collaborating on a cross-Canada speaking tour aptly entitled 'CONVERSATIONS'. The narrative of these talks will highlight the role landscape architects have played in shaping the Canada we live in today and bring the history of the profession to life in a way that will appeal to a broad audience.

The official launch of Ron Williams' book was met with an enthusiastic reception at the annual CSLA Congress in Ottawa on May 30th, 2014. A second celebration and debut CONVERSATION was held June 5th at Montreal's Canadian Centre for Architecture in front of a full house. Landscape architects Vincent Asselin, FCSLA and Peter Jacobs, FCSLA led the CONVERSATION by asking the author about the process of researching the book and bringing it to fruition. A multi-disciplinary crowd then eagerly joined the CONVERSATION with many questions of their own. Everyone agrees that this long awaited and beautifully laid out volume promises an informative and enticing read. (See photos of the Book Launch and Montreal Conversation: <http://www.csla-aapc.ca/events/photo-album>)

Susan Herrington, landscape architect and author, recently reviewed the book for *Landscapes/Paysages'* upcoming Fall issue. She writes:

"Landscape Architecture in Canada is the first comprehensive history of landscape architecture in Canada... Organized both chronologically and thematically, this beautifully written and illustrated book captures the motivations behind the projects and people who have shaped landscape architecture in Canada. Williams deftly links centuries of societal change in Canada with the emergence of landscape architecture, demonstrating how the planning and design of landscapes both shaped and elaborated these changes."

Cecelia Paine, FCSLA, president of the Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation, proudly emphasizes that the Foundation has supported the development of the book since the very beginning. "LACF is proud to have been a supporter of Ron Williams in his quest to document the role landscape architecture has played in shaping Canada's landscape. This book fills an important niche, demonstrating that through thoughtful design, landscapes contribute to sustaining environmental resources, accommodating people, and enhancing aesthetic quality. We congratulate Ron for this remarkable book that will be of interest to all who are curious about the landscapes that surround them."

According to Peter Briggs, NWTALA, CSLA, ASLA, the CSLA's past president: "We are very excited about providing support for the CONVERSATIONS speaking tour and being an active partner on this important initiative. This collaborative effort allows us to be effective in our respective missions and roles related to advancing the art and science of landscape architecture in Canada."

CSLA component associations will be hosting CONVERSATION events over the next several months focusing on their specific regional personalities and projects within the broader Canadian context. Regina and Winnipeg destinations are already scheduled in September, Guelph and Toronto events are planned for October and both Montreal and Maritime destinations have been tentatively set for November. You can follow the tour and get updates on venues and dates in your area on the CSLA website. (<http://www.csla-aapc.ca/events/photo-album>) Don't miss this opportunity to join in

the discussion and to buy a copy of this fascinating book. A book-signing activity will take place at each event. This is an essential book for anybody interested in the landscape and a 'must have' for all landscape architects. Enjoy the CONVERSATION!

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