Healthy Cities, Healthy Landscapes

Landscape Summit Summary | Presented by Phil Paxton, CLM, CLT
Climate change adaptation

Living green infrastructure
Entire ornamental value chain
On a global scale!
Stakeholders both local & international
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, VHGC, NFPs, Media, etc.
Affect public policy and have a cultural shift
Emphasizing landscape standards
CANADIAN LANDSCAPE STANDARD

• Cultural Shift
• Public policy
• Climate change adaptation
• Living Green Infrastructure
About the standard...

- Sets guidelines for landscape construction projects across Canada.
- Intended for use by anyone who specifies landscape work:
  - landscape architects
  - landscape designers
  - municipal parks & planning departments
- Supports landscape contractors in the bid process.
Purpose of the Standard:

- To document acceptable Canadian landscape construction practices.
Target Audience:

- Allied Associations involved in green building and green infrastructure.
- Landscape architects working in Canada.
- Landscape designers working in Canada.
- Landscape contractors, designers, and maintenance contractors working in Canada.
- Elected officials at the federal, provincial, and municipal levels of government, for their decision-making authority.
- Members of the civil service at the federal, provincial, and municipal levels of government, for their policy-making influence, and their influence on political decision-makers.
- Suppliers and buyers in the landscape industry.
- Canadian educational institutions.
• The Canadian Landscape Standard should be a primary text in all apprenticeship, certificate, degree or diploma programs in Landscape Architecture, Environment, Landscape Design, and Horticulture.

• It supports industry-relevant curriculum and education for landscape/horticulture education and training programs.
We need to avoid...
The ultimate goal of the Canadian Landscape Standard is for the standard to be considered the single authoritative resource that should be on the desk of every person engaged in the landscape industry in Canada.
A collaborative document

Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA): a professional organization with over 1,900 landscape architects as members, represented by provincial and territorial associations plus academic programs across the country. The CSLA’s mission is to be the voice of landscape architecture in Canada.

Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA): a national federation of nine provincial horticulture associations, representing over 3,800 members in the landscape, retail garden centre, and nursery sectors.

The CSLA and the CNLA developed a Canadian Landscape Standard (CLS) with region-specific supplements. This joint initiative has resulted in one single document that will be accepted across the industry, providing the maximum value to all users.
British Columbia Legacy

• The roots of the Canadian National Landscape Standard are firmly planted in the development of the BC Landscape Standard.

• The BC Landscape Standard was in its 8th Edition in 2012, when the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects and the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association approached the BCSCLA and the BCLNA to ask whether the BC Landscape Standard could serve as the basis for a national standard.

• This Canadian Landscape Standard is a testament to the professionals of the BC industry who have developed it from its beginnings in BC to its new national presence.

• This has resulted in an authoritative national standard applicable across the country.