



Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation 2011 Annual Report

Over the past year, the Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation (LACF) has continued to meet its aims of supporting research, communication and scholarship that advances the conservation, management and enhancement of our landscapes. Over \$300,000 in grants and scholarships have been awarded by LACF since its formation in 1987. In 2011, the largest amount ever was granted by the Foundation: a total of \$65,000 awarded through special grants, annual grants and scholarships. The Foundation is proud of what it has accomplished in the past year, working almost entirely through the volunteer efforts of Board members and relying on financial contributions of individuals, professional firms and components associations across Canada.

Special Grants and Scholarships

During the latter half of 2011, the Foundation board launched a special fund-raising effort to support completion of Prof. Emeritus Ron Williams' book, "The History of Landscape Architecture in Canada". LACF has directed significant support to this project over several years and is eager to see it come to fruition. Firms and individuals across the country were asked to donate, resulting in significant results which are detailed in another section of this report. The publisher, McGill Press, anticipates the book being finished late in 2012. Watch for opportunities to purchase this impressive publication.

Funds in the amount of \$1000 were again directed to ongoing support of the Frances Blue Collection at the University of Guelph Archives. Frances Blue, FCSLA, was a tireless supporter of the CSLA and her generous bequest to LACF upon her death permitted expansion of the grants program in the early 1990s. The Frances Blue Collection focuses on the history of landscape architecture in Canada pre-1975. Recent LACF donations supported digitization projects and website development. Details on this collection may be found at [http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/archival & special collections/the_collections/digital_collections/ccla/fmb/](http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/archival&specialcollections/the_collections/digital_collections/ccla/fmb/)

The 2011 Andre Schwabenbauer Scholarship was awarded to Trent Workman at the University of Manitoba. This scholarship, named in honour of the late CSLA President Andre Schwabenbauer, currently rotates on an annual basis among the programs in Canada. The Foundation is working toward expanding the number of awards as the Schwabenbauer fund grows in size.

Sales continue of Professor Emeritus James Taylor's book, *The Practice of Landscape Architecture in Canada*, which was originally supported through a grant from LACF. In 2011, Professor Taylor donated \$1500 to the Foundation in profits from its sale.

Annual Grants Programme

A total of \$20,000 was awarded in January 2011 through LACF's annual peer-reviewed grants programme. Recipients included Don Hill, broadcaster and writer, who received \$6000 to support of his work with Edmonton remediating unpleasant sound in a large public square. Nicole Valois, Professeure agregee at the Universite de Montreal, was awarded \$5,000 for a study on the impact of landscape architectural installations at Expo '67. NUALA received \$5,000 for CSLA Congress to support digital communications and archiving of presentations Natalie Walliser, landscape architect, received an award of \$1,500 to initiate her project, Youth Engagement Strategy & Toolkit for Landscape Architects. Prof. Anna Thurmayr, at the University of Manitoba, received \$2,500 to continue her work on "Alternative Surface Consolidation in Northern Climates". The awards were adjudicated by a national jury composed of individuals representing the five regions of the CSLA, under the guidance of Faye Langmaid, FCSLA, Grants Programme Chair. Jury members included Jeff Philips, FCSLA, Jim Sackville, FCSLA, Karen Hammond, MCIP, Denis Stonehouse, CSLA, and Cynthia Cohlmeier, FCSLA.

Donations

On December 31, 2011 the total of \$42,860.00 in our current operating account comprised donations earmarked toward publishing Ron Williams' book, "The History of Landscape Architecture in Canada". To January 31, 2012, a further \$5075.00 had been received in donations earmarked for this publication, with an overall allocated total of \$47,935.00. In 2011, \$7,049.13 was donated to the Andre Schwabenbauer Endowment Fund, and \$500.00 to the Gunter Schoch Bursary Fund. General donations to LACF were \$13,735.33. Total 2011 LACF donations in addition to those earmarked for the Williams publication were \$21,284, significantly exceeding 2010 levels of approximately \$15,000. Contributions were received from 73 individuals and firms who are not CSLA Fellows: 64 toward Ron William's book and 9 toward the Andre Schwabenbauer Endowment Fund. A total of 42 Fellows and 9 firms contributed to the General Fund.

Financial Management

The Board approved guidelines requiring the following asset allocation: 65% fixed income, 30% equities and 5% cash.

- On Dec. 31, 2011, LACF had \$377,288.99 in investment accounts (current market value), a increase of almost 3.0% over the \$366,117.99 in our accounts on September 29, 2011, but a little less than the \$385,462.27 in our investments on December 31, 2010.

- In addition the Foundation had \$65,836.67 in the current operating account at the Assiniboine Credit Union. (Compared to \$21,200.74 on September 29, 2011 and \$19,272.84 on December 31, 2010). This included \$42,860.00 earmarked toward publishing Ron Williams' book.
- Our overall balance of current account and investments on December 31, 2011 was \$443,125.66.

Special Funds

- The Andre Schwabenbauer Endowment Fund, included in the above Dec. 31, 2011 total, had a value of \$38,237.99 versus \$32,786.94 in Dec. 2011, an increase of 16.6%. A new GIC for \$4,300 was deposited to this fund in May 2011, reflecting the substantial number of donations received last year.
- The Gunter Schoch Bursary Fund, also included in the above total, had a Dec. 31, 2011 value of \$47,699.00 versus \$45,593.00 in September 2011, an increase of 4.6% for the quarter based on rebalancing to add in contributions to this fund that had been in the General Fund.

Administration

Don Hester, FCSLA, continues to serve as Treasurer of the Foundation and issues quarterly financial statements to the Board. To help manage the business of LACF, we are pleased to have the continuing services of our part-time administrator, Kari MacKinnon, located in Winnipeg, who has been assisting us since 2008. Also appreciated are the contributions of Cam Patterson, FCSLA, who serves as the Foundation secretary and minute-writer and the dedication of Faye Langmaid, FCSLA who annually manages our most visible work, the LACF annual grants programme.

In Closing

The Board of the Landscape Architecture Canada Foundation takes this opportunity to thank all CSLA Fellows, CSLA members, component associations and friends of the profession for their continued support. We also ask you to consider making a charitable donation or bequest to LACF in order to sustain and expand the Foundation's valuable research, communication and scholarship activities - activities that are critical for our profession to thrive. For more information on LACF, please visit our web site at <http://www.lacf.ca/> and at <http://www.csla-aapc.ca/resources/landscape-architecture-canada-foundation>

Respectfully submitted,

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