

RiverWalk West Design Competition

Meet the Jury

We are pleased to announce the Professional Advisor and jury for the RiverWalk West Design Competition.

The jury and award process are critical in supporting design competitions to ensure they are fair and equitable and meet high professional and ethical standards. Jury members were invited to participate based on experience and professional + local knowledge. The jury's review and decision will be based on evaluation criteria specifically related to this site and the goals of the project.





Dave Spencer FCSLA, AALA
Professional Advisor, Landscape Architect

The City has engaged a professional advisor to assist in the organization of the design competition and to promote fairness throughout the process. Dave has been a practicing landscape architect in Alberta, B.C. and Ontario for over 45 years in the private sector, and 5 years in the public sector. His work has been recognized by numerous design excellence awards. He was the lead landscape architect for the Master Planning of the Calgary River

Walk Rivers District and for the River Walk East project. Other river corridor projects include Memorial Drive, Landscape of Memory, the design and implementation of the Memorial Drive Urban Corridor, and the St. Patrick's Island Master Plan public engagement. He has served as a juror for the Arts17 urban art program, the RiverWalk East Village public art competition, and the CSLA Awards of Excellence program. Dave's special interest in the application of sustainable design and planning resulted in innovative projects such as the Lynden Pindling International Airport landscape redevelopment in the Bahamas, and planning and implementation of the EchoHaven low impact and net zero community, a first in Canada.



Sophie Beaudoin FCSLA, AAPQ
Landscape Architect

Sophie Beaudoin, AAPQ, FCSLA, graduated from the Université de Montréal in 1993. She began her career with large multidisciplinary groups working on major projects in several Canadian cities. In 2003, she joined the internationally acclaimed firm of CCxA (formerly Claude Cormier + Associés) where she is now Co-president. Sophie Beaudoin advances and sustains the firm's philosophy and practice, which extends far beyond the traditional sphere of landscape architecture. She has been a key

member of several juries and expert committees, including the Jacques Viger committee of which she was a vice-chair from 2016 to 2019. With her work, Sophie Beaudoin has raised the public profile of landscape architecture as an art form and has encouraged critical reflection within the profession, especially in the context of urban projects that involve diverse and complex issues.

CCxA
Founded in 1994 by Claude Cormier, CCxA is a landscape architecture and urban design firm internationally recognized for its unique practice developed over nearly 30 years in the creation of meaningful urban spaces. The firm is rooted in an innovative approach and a singular spirit, a characteristic touch marked by humor, hope, beauty, optimism, dedication and rigour.



Theresa Frankel
Senior Indigenous Relations

With over 28 years of experience working with Indigenous communities, Theresa brings her passion for community well-being to her current role at Stantec Consulting. Joining the energy sector in 2008, she fostered and strengthened relationships with Indigenous Peoples, communities, and businesses. Her in-depth knowledge of Indigenous peoples and culture comes from her experience in, engagement and implementation, and management of Indigenous Relations programs.

Theresa adds value to any project with her strong communication and interpersonal skills, and her ability to create collaborative environments.

Drawing on her multi-industry background and community understanding, Theresa has been responsible for coordinating and facilitating Indigenous community engagement, education, and relationship management initiatives. Working for private industry in Alberta, she has developed Indigenous Relations policies, procedures, consultation, and inclusion strategies for major projects. From the boardroom to the community level, Theresa believes in building and maintaining strong relationships with Indigenous leadership and communities through collaboration and transparency for all partners. She is a citizen of L'heidli T'enneh First Nation and a member of the Maugwa Clan of the Saulteau First Nations.



Danyka LaBelle

CAUCA Youth Award Winner 2023

Danyka (Aahwanakii) LaBelle is a Metis woman with roots in the Northern Saskatchewan Cree and Sioux communities, now living in Mohkinstsis (Calgary). She is a student at the University of Calgary, majoring in French and Education and is a dual sport athlete playing both rugby and wrestling for the varsity teams. Danyka has traveled across turtle island competing and is a national medalist in both sports, recently winning a gold medal at the North American Indigenous Games in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Danyka is a championship pow wow and hoop dancer as well as sharing her Metis roots with others through Metis Jigging. She volunteers much of her time sharing the teachings she has been gifted with other Indigenous youth and adults, through ribbon skirt making, beading and dance. Danyka hopes to encourage other Indigenous athletes, artists and knowledge keepers to share their gifts and talents with others in the spirit of reconciliation through education.



Kyle Ripley

CSLA, AALA
Director of Parks & Open Spaces, Landscape Architect

As Director of Parks & Open Spaces, Kyle is responsible for Calgary's parks, around 8,700 hectares spread out over 5000 sites that are connected by close to 1200km of pathways and include the urban forest, cemeteries, and golf courses.

He has been involved in the parks and recreation industry for over 30 years with experience as Director of Recreation, lead for The City's 2026 Olympic and Paralympic bid team

and manager of Parks Planning and capital development where he oversaw Parks' capital program including the development of several internationally renowned and award-winning projects. Kyle proudly serves on the Boards of Parks Foundation Calgary and World Urban Parks.

When he isn't working to sustain Calgary's green infrastructure, Kyle enjoys spending time with his family exploring Western Canada's natural environment. Kyle is a dog-lover and with his wife fosters puppies from Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society (AARCS).



Daniel Roehr

MBCSLA, CSLA, AKB
Professor SALA, UBC

Professor Roehr teaches Landscape Architecture at SALA and is a licensed landscape architect in BC and Berlin. He is director of greenskinslab and his current research focuses on creating "open access" climate resilience tools for landscape architects. Daniel authored the books "Multisensory Landscape Design: A Designer's Guide for Seeing" (Routledge 2022) and coauthored "Living Roofs in Integrated Urban Water Systems" (Routledge 2015). His lab team developed a stormwater calculation

(LID) application, which was exhibited at the Venice Architecture Biennale 2021, and in 2022 a landslide mitigation tool. He also runs "Off Screen Studio" a hand drawing blog and Instagram account which archives an overview of his architectural and landscape architectural hand drawings since the early 1990's to inspire students to use hand drawing as a design and research tool additional to current digital modeling applications. In 2013/14, he was a UBC Sustainability Research Fellow and was selected as a team member to compete designing the Canadian National Holocaust Memorial in Ottawa. In 2016 he received the Killam Teaching Prize from UBC. Daniel has practiced extensively in Europe, North America, and Asia. From 1995 to 2000, he was project architect of the award-winning Daimler-Chrysler Green Roof Project, Potsdamer Platz, Berlin, Germany and ran his own firm in Berlin from 1999 to 2007, and co-founded a firm in Shanghai in 2004.



Joyce Tang BES, MLA, MCIP
Leader of Greater Downtown,
Landscape Architect + Planner

Joyce Tang is a strategic leader who has elevated the importance of designing and building through the lens of equity in our public realm. Joyce brings over 23 years of planning and landscape architecture expertise, where she injects her passion of healthy built environments and research into her systematic integrated design approach. This has resulted in many award-winning projects for the City of Calgary. As a registered Urban Planner, and Landscape Architect

with training in Health Impact Assessment and Circular Economy and Sustainability and construction experience, she has developed the unique skill set to operationalize plans into executable programs and projects while maintaining a human-centered approach. This has resulted in many multi-million-dollar place making infrastructure programs such as the Eau Claire Public Realm Improvements Program, The City of Calgary Main Streets Streetscape Program and supporting metrics program, and the Downtown Revitalization Capital Infrastructure Program.

She is excited to focus her expertise and leadership on the execution of the catalytic public realm projects for the City of Calgary's Downtown. As the Leader of Greater Downtown, Public Spaces Delivery, she and her team of talented project managers and designers will create thoughtful and equitable design outcomes and turn them into robust and beautiful places.



Kate Thompson AAA, FRAIC
President + CEO CMLC

Kate Thompson is the President & CEO of the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC), responsible for the overall direction, business strategy, and operations of the organization. Under her exceptional leadership and foresight, CMLC oversees more than \$1 billion in city-building projects in East Calgary.

Kate is a registered member of the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) and a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (FRAIC). She has extensive

experience in design and development, having worked for private firms in Calgary and Europe. Currently, Kate sits on the Boards of Ignite Calgary and Calgary Economic Development, and she is Chair of the RESAC Downtown Vibrancy Committee.

Kate is a mother to two teenage boys and a mentor to many. Kate was previously named one of Avenue Calgary's Top 40 Under 40 and YWCA's 150 Women to Shape Calgary in the Last 150 Years. She has also been awarded the Certificate of Merit by the American Institute of Architects and, most recently, received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Medal.



Yves Trépanier
Gallery Owner + Arts and
Culture Committee Member

Yves Trépanier was born in Québec City, Québec. He moved to Calgary in 1978 and has been involved with the art community since. From 1986 until 1992 Trépanier was the Director of Paul Kuhn Gallery. In 1991 he founded TrépanierBaer with partner Kevin Baer and in 2012 they launched Art to Public a private consultancy specializing in services in public art.

Trépanier has a strong sense of community service and has been

involved in numerous philanthropic activities specific to the visual arts. In 1992 Trépanier co-founded the Visual Arts Week Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of art and architecture in the city of Calgary. In 1993 he became a founding member of the Institute for Modern and Contemporary Art (IMCA). In 2012 he was a member of the transition team for the establishment of Contemporary Calgary and then a board member from 2012-2017. In 2000 Trépanier became a member of the Arts and Culture Committee of the Calgary Foundation serving as Chair until 2008. He is also a long-time and active supporter of the Alberta College of Art + Design (ACAD). In December of 2004 he was appointed to the founding Board of Directors of CADA and in March of 2008 he was appointed to the Board of the Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board, a federal appointment where he served until 2011.

Trépanier currently serves on the Acquisitions Committee of the Art Gallery of Windsor and is President of Art and The City an advocacy group in support of public art in Calgary.