

The Landscape Canada Committee (LCC) reports to the Canadian Nursery and Landscape Association (CNLA) Board of Director's through via its chairperson. The LCC assist the Board in its function of governance by:

- Recommending, implementing, and evaluating programming policies,
- Developing long and short-term association strategies,
- Planning, monitoring, and evaluating CNLA's programs pertaining to landscaping,
- Advising the Board on programming options, based on committee research and evaluations.

The LCC is composed of provincial landscape associations that are members of CNLA.

The LCC continues to work through their strategic plan developed to guide the board from 2022 - 2024. The strategic plan focuses on two main elements:

1. Labour: The attraction and retention of sufficient human resources.
2. Environment: Greening the Canadian Landscape sector through improvements of its environmental performance.

This board helps to steer and contribute to other endeavours and initiatives within the larger CNLA umbrella to support out strategic initiatives. The board has been successful in improving the TFW program with the federal government and lobbying on behalf of our industry to allow access to not only growers but also installers within this labour stream.

The LCC was instrumental in supporting a collaborative event within Vancouver this Fall - hosting the ELCA (European Landscape Contractors Association) - to share idea's and have transformative conversations for both our industry and profession as a whole.

In addition to the strategic plan initiatives mentioned above, the LCC continues to advocate for landscape contractors across the industry on themes that continue to affect everyone coast to coast. At a national level, representatives are able to collaborate and share strategies that have worked (or did not work) in various jurisdictions to bring back to their local boards as possible adoptable initiatives. This includes but is not limited to:

- Legislation involving carbon capture technologies and calculators
- By-laws and regulations for gas powered equipment
- Pesticide use and bylaws
- Apprenticeship and certification uptake
- Localized labour initiatives to support the industry

Moving forward the LCC will continue to represent landscape contractors on a national level. The LCC plans to continue to position our industry as a GREEN profession with federal politicians to help develop supportive legislation as we enter an environment that causes business to be viewed through an environmentally friendly lens.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Bell – November 2, 2023