



Ontario Association of
Landscape Architects

A component organization of the
Canadian Society of Landscape Architects

October 31, 2017

Mayor John Tory and Toronto Councillors
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2

Re: PG23.9 Toronto Green Standard Review and Update

Dear Mayor Tory and Toronto City Councillors,

On behalf of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (OALA), I am writing to express our support for Version 3 of the Toronto Green Standard. We urge Toronto City Council to adopt the updated Standard as an important tool in achieving more sustainable and resilient development.

The OALA is the self-regulating body for the profession of Landscape Architecture in Ontario. The OALA promotes public understanding of the profession and the advancement of the practice of landscape architecture. In support of the improvement and conservation of the natural, cultural, social and built environment, OALA undertakes activities to improve the quality of life and the environment for all Ontarians. These activities include promoting the benefits of landscape architecture to governments and professionals who develop standards.

The majority of the performance measures address the landscape, including growing healthier trees, managing stormwater, reducing the urban heat island impact, encouraging walking and cycling, enhancing biodiversity and natural heritage, and reducing light pollution. Our members have worked closely with the City of Toronto in preparing this and previous updates to the Toronto Green Standard, and in the development of Toronto's Green Roof Bylaw. By setting sustainable performance measures, the Toronto Green Standard provides an opportunity for landscape architects to provide clients with design solutions at an earlier stage in the development review process. OALA members look forward to continuing work with the City and clients to implement the new Version 3 once adopted.

Sincerely,
ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doris Chee', is written over a thin blue horizontal line.

Doris Chee OALA, CSLA
OALA President

Promoting, improving and advancing the profession of landscape architecture and maintaining standards of professional practice and conduct consistent with the need to serve and to protect the public interest.