The Planning Profession and the BC *Professional Governance Act*

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

About the BCSLA

- Incorporated in 1964, under the *Architects (Landscape) Act* and the *Societies Act.*

- Federation of provincial associations, with CSLA as the national association (similar to PIBC & CIP et al.).

- 890   = Total Membership (Feb 2025)

     416   = Registered Landscape Architects (Use of Seal/Stamp)

     16   = Landscape Architects (No Use of Seal/Stamp)

     243   = Interns & Pre-Interns

     60   = Inactive

     55   = Retired   (should they be included?)

     36   = Students (should they be included?)

     64   = Affiliates

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Our PGA Journey

Nov 2018 – PGA received Royal Assent

Dec 2018 – Regulatory Review Task Force (RRTF), member engagement & research begins

July 2021 – application submitted to OSPG

July 2022 – OSPG issues Designation Intentions Report; RRTF dissolved, PGA-Working Group created

Oct 2022 – letter from Attorney General with their recommendation

Present Day – lots and lots of work…

Apr 2025 – letter from Minister confirming government's commitment

Jan 2027 – target date for official transition

Strategic Considerations

- Culture Shift (hint: it's not about you, anymore)

  - Public & registrants

  - Staff & board of directors

  - Government & PIBC

- Impacts on Operations, Registrants & Employers

  - Others will tell you "Costs will go up!"

  - How does this affect my ability to put food on the table?

- Advocacy

  - Yeah, but no… but maybe… I don't know, it depends!

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Thoughts & Advice

- The PGA is not a magic wand

  - There's more work to do if you want more

- Know your "haters"

  - UBCM & LGMA could be strong allies

- Unintended consequences

  - Could filing a complaint stall a development?

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Thank You

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