

Erik Lees

FCSLA, RPP | Principal

Erik has 39 years of experience in cemetery and memorial design, planning, and management. His personal and professional understanding of cemeteries is founded on his early career as a municipal parks manager managing active cemetery operations. Since becoming a Landscape Architect, Erik has focused on the planning and design of meaningful, functional places of interment and memorialization. He brings innovation to all of his projects, expanding the relevance of cemeteries and places of commemoration in today's society. A clear understanding of cemetery business planning underpins all of his work.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Landscape Architect/ Principal, LEES+Associates, Vancouver BC, 1998- present

Parks Manager, District of West Vancouver BC, 1988- 1998

Parks Superintendent, Nelson BC, 1984- 1988

Horticulturist, Nelson BC, 1978- 1984

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC, 1992

Ontario Diploma in Horticulture, University of Guelph, Guelph ON, 1984

Journeyman Horticulturist, BC Ministry of Labour Certified, 1982

BC Ministry of Forest Certified, Visual Landscape + Recreation Features Inventory, and Recreation Opportunity Spectrum, 2001

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS + ACTIVITIES

Fellow of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects

British Columbia Society of Landscape Architects, Registered Member

Planning Institute of BC, Registered Member

Western Canada Cemeteries Association, Supplier Member

Cemeteries + Cremation Association of BC, Supplier Member

Cremation Association of North America, Supplier Member

Ontario Association of Cemetery + Funeral Professionals, Supplier Member

Past Design Review Committee Chair, District of West Vancouver

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS + ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Advisory Committee Member, Green Shores

Past Director, Downtown Vancouver Association, 2002- 2004

Contributing Writer, Parks and Recreation BC (parks and environmental issues)

Contributing Writer, Network (memorial and funeral industry magazine)

Sessional Instructor + Guest Lecturer, University of British Columbia Landscape Architecture Program + Faculty of Forest Resource Management, 1996- 2007

AWARDS + HONOURS

Iqaluit Municipal Cemetery, National Award of Excellence, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, 2017

Toronto Natural Environment Trail Strategy, National Merit Award, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, 2014

Komagata Maru Memorial, Regional Merit Award, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, 2013

Mountain View Cemetery Masonic Redevelopment, Regional Merit Award, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, 2009

Air India Memorial + Ceperley Park, National Merit Award, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA), 2008

Woodlands Memorial Garden Consultation Process, BC Association of Community Living Partnership Award, 2005

Still Creek Rehabilitation + Enhancement Study, Honourable Mention, Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Planning Excellence, 2007

Everett Crowley Park Management Plan, Vancouver Park Board, Environmental Leadership Award, BC Recreation + Parks Association (BCRPA), 2005

Wellington Point Recreational Pier + Park, Delta Parks + Recreation, Parks + Open Space Award, BC Recreation + Parks Association (BCRPA), 2001