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Hope you're planning to attend the second annual **MPPI/MALA Making the Links Golf Tournament** on **Thursday, June 16th**! This is a fun event for golfers and non-golfers alike – and proceeds go towards two annual student awards (one planning student and one landscape architecture student) at the University of Manitoba. The registration deadline is Friday, June 10th. If you can't participate, perhaps your firm would like to sponsor the event. Please see the attached registration and sponsorship forms for further details.

Good things come to those who wait! MALA's much anticipated "history project" will be available in time for CSLA Congress 2005. The title of this narrative in CD-ROM format is ***Making a Place: A History of Landscape Architects and Landscape Architecture in Manitoba***. Historian Catherine Macdonald places the evolution of the profession against a backdrop of social, economic and cultural events in Manitoba and the wider world. The work includes over 150 photographs and site plans, and provides an informative tour of the last century of landscape architecture in Manitoba. Further details on how to obtain your copy will be provided in due course.

CSLA Congress 2005: Landscape Architecture – EXPOSED! is approaching quickly! The deadline for early registration has passed, but it's not too late to obtain full registration or extra tickets for the ice-breaker (August 17th) and banquet (August 20th). Please visit the congress website (www.cslacongress2005.info) for further information. If you have any questions about registration, please contact Dean Spearman (dspearman@mts.net). If you have any questions regarding the tours/social events, please contact Jackie Wilkie (jwilkie@mcgowanrussell.com).

In response to a suggestion from CSLA President Jim Paterson, MALA has sent a letter to Honourable Scott Smith, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade. The purpose of the letter was to encourage the provincial government to address the current urban agenda policy and invest more funding into the "green infrastructure" of Manitoba cities and communities. Hopefully, a small MALA delegation will have an opportunity to meet with Mr. Smith to discuss these important issues very soon.

Council is currently drafting a letter to the Manitoba Premier regarding the obstacles encountered by MALA in pursuit of Name Act legislation. A suggestion to hire a professional lobbyist is also being explored, and Council is pursuing various leads in this regard.

An initiative to update MALA's website is currently under way. Downloadable MALA documents are being added on an on-going basis to improve the content and facilitate information retrieval for the membership. It's a work in progress, but if you haven't checked recently, be sure to visit www.mala.net.

Regards,

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