

Heartland Environmental Design

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN



JOANNE FRENCH – LANDSCAPE DESIGNER, OFFICE MANAGER

BIOGRAPHY

Ms. Joanne French is a partner with Heartland Environmental Design. She is a landscape designer, and has recently come back to the company after a three year period working with environmental and change management consultants, DPRA Inc. Joanne brings an extensive background in public consultation and community involvement projects. She has over 20 years experience in the areas of landscape architecture, design, report writing and editing, research, project management and office management. Joanne has a Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Guelph. She has been responsible for conducting landscape analysis, site design, research, writing and project management for a wide variety of projects across many disciplines since 1977. Joanne acted as Landscape Construction Supervisor on a number of Ministry of Transportation projects along Highway 416, 417 and 401 from 1997-2002. She has worked for private businesses, non-profit agencies and various levels of government bodies since that time.

Joanne's work while at DPRA mainly concentrated on research and analysis, assistance with report and proposal writing, public facilitation, and assisting with project management for the firm. She was involved in conducting interviews with stakeholders regarding the implementation and accountability of the cumulative effects assessment and management strategy in the Northwest Territories for Environment Canada.

She also assisted with research for INAC's Northern Affairs Program that provided insight into the department's roles and responsibilities with respect to the mitigation of socio-economic impacts of development projects in the North. Joanne also provided support to Environment Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and the NWT Cumulative Effects Assessment Management (CEAM) Steering Committee.

Joanne was centrally involved in organizing the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Science in the Changing North Conferences, for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories and with the organization of 'WaterWise', a 2007 conference on Trans-boundary Water Issues for the Government of the Northwest Territories.

She provided research, project management and organization of a 2.5-day Nunavut General Monitoring Plan Workshop that took place in Iqaluit in March 2008. She was also involved with the Government of Saskatchewan's Ministry of Environment on a Northwest Sustainable Development Plan. She has attended a number of high level meetings throughout Saskatchewan and was responsible for comprehensive and detailed note-taking in order to ensure stakeholder input was accurately recorded.

Along with her recent experience with research, project management, facilitation and interviewing which she brings to her work, Joanne brings a wealth of park design and detailing experience. She has been involved in town centre planning, major open space and parks projects, urban waterfront design, Ministry of Transportation highway corridor design and supervision and many commercial and residential landscape design projects. She has also been involved in public information and participation programs for various projects throughout central and eastern Ontario, and has obtained a 'Facilitation with Ease' certificate.

EDUCATION

B.L.A. Honours Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, University of Guelph, 1977

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- Partner, Landscape Designer, Heartland Environmental Design, Stirling Ontario – Oct. 2009 - present
- Research/Analyst, DPRA Inc., Tweed, Ontario, August 2006 – October 2009
- Partner, Heartland Environmental Design, Landscape Architects, Stirling, Ontario, 1994-2006
- Program Coordinator, Centre & South Hastings Recycling Board, Trenton, Ontario, 1993-1994
- Owner of Ecomart, an Environmentally Friendly Products Store, Belleville, Ontario, 1988-1993
- Garden Columnist, The Belleville Intelligencer, 1983-1988
- Landscape architectural consultant, Kelowna, B.C., 1980-1983
- Landscape architect, Eikos Design Group, Vancouver, B.C., 1977-1980

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Associate member of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (O.A.L.A)
- Associate member of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (C.S.L.A)
- 'Facilitation with Ease' Certificate, September 2006.