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key subject areas

x	Brownfield Redevelopment	x	Cultural & Heritage Landscapes
x	Garden Design	x	International Practice
x	Landscape Architecture - General	x	Landscape Assessment/Visual Analysis
x	Landscape Management & Restoration	x	Parks Planning & Design
x	Resort & Recreational Areas		Sports Fields & Athletic Facilities
x	Storm Water Management	x	Streetscapes
x	Low Impact Development	x	Sustainability & Innovation
x	Trails & Transportation	x	Urban Design
x	Waterfront Development	x	Other: Conceptual design and visualization, Design-Build community



			based initiatives
x	Institutional		

regions interested in speaking

x	British Columbia	x	Northwest Territories
x	Nunavut	x	Alberta
x	Saskatchewan	x	Manitoba
x	Ontario	x	Québec
x	Newfoundland/Labrador	x	Nova Scotia
x	Prince Edward Island	x	New Brunswick
x	USA	x	International

description of speaking interests and expertise, including a list of previous speaking engagements

2013 -	Co-lead a tour of the Ken Spencer Science World Outdoor Park in Vancouver for BCSLA conference.
2012 -	Lectured on 'The Ten Essentials when Designing Public Spaces', to the Vancouver School Board.
2011 -	Lectured on 'Memorials, making the past relevant', LA Masters program at UBC.
2010 -	Facilitated Design Illustration workshop at BCSLA conference.
2008 -	Facilitated Design Illustration workshop at LA Masters program at UBC.



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Canadian Society of
Landscape Architects L'Association des architectes
paysagistes du Canada

brief biography

As a Principal at PFS Studio, Matthew specializes in the development of unique, contextually rooted design solutions, and works closely with clients and stakeholder groups to provide innovative, creative direction. He is highly skilled at conceptual design and graphic visualization, and facilitates many of PFS Studio's design workshops and charettes.

Matthew particularly values collaborating with the residents or users of a project, and believes that by promoting dialogue and engagement with those holding knowledge of the site, not only helps foster stewardship and community involvement, but by implementing responsive design processes that capitalize on site specific qualities, the objective of creating a strong sense of place and authentic identity can be realized.

Matthew received his degree in Landscape Architecture from Leeds Metropolitan University in the UK and holds an Art and Design Diploma from Falmouth University in Cornwall. Prior to moving to Canada, he worked as a Landscape Designer in the UK based NFP organization Groundwork Trust. Matthew has been with PFS Studio for more than a decade, integrating his background in Urban Design and Fine Art into many award winning projects such as: Buchanan Courts Redevelopment Plan at UBC, Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver and the AZA First Nations CCP and Land Use Plan in Thunder Bay Ontario.

Recently Matthew Partnered with Norman Foster and Partners on an international bridge competition and is currently Matthew is leading the design of the proposed Urban Park development at Oakridge Village.

Matthew presently sits on the City of Richmond's Advisory Urban Design Panel and is highly involved in community initiatives in and around Vancouver. He is a member of the winning team 'Take Out' for the Surrey Parkit 2013 competition and a team member of the 2012 Viva Vancouver Parklet installation 'Hot Tubs'. He also contributes design consultation to local BIA community improvements.