



CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD for HERITAGE ARTS

DR. ROBERT EWING

Dr. Robert Ewing is a former Dean of Algoma University and at his retirement was head of the Geography Department.

In 2007 Dr. Ewing was awarded the “June Callwood Award of Volunteerism” in recognition of his outstanding volunteer contribution to the Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre. He is one of the organization’s longest standing and most active members. His contributions include planning and designing the Centre’s exhibits.

Dr. Ewing has been a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee and its predecessor LACAC (the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee) for over 20 years. Dr. Ewing served as Chair of the Committee for 1994 and 1995 and as Vice Chair for 1992 and 1997. He has been very active with the Committee and has undertaken a number of noteworthy projects. He was directly responsible for instituting the Designated Heritage Grant Program. He liaised with the SSM Sports and Entertainment Centre Committee during the construction of the new arena to preserve the original Memorial Tower as a tribute to those citizens of Sault Ste. Marie who perished in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War.

He has served on numerous sub-committees over the years and written many designation reports for now Designated Heritage Sites in the City including the Memorial Tower and the recent report on the 1923 Soldier's Reunion Memorial Plaques and Monuments.

In 1994, Dr Ewing participated in the process of seeking a designation of the St. Marys River for inclusion in the Canadian Heritage River system. He was responsible for authoring the nomination document that was approved by the Ontario Government. A plaque at Roberta Bondar Park commemorates the St. Marys River among the Canadian Heritage River System.

Dr. Ewing's contribution to the preservation of the heritage of Sault Ste. Marie has made him a worthy recipient of this year's award.

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