



*Sault Ste. Marie
Municipal Heritage Committee*

Municipal Heritage Committee 2017 Heritage Award

Gordon Smedley

Gordon Smedley is a professional Architect and has been a volunteer with the M.S. Norgoma for over forty (40) years. He has contributed countless hours planning and assisting in the restoration and refurbishment of the Norgoma to help promote tourism in Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Smedley obtained funding for summer students to work on the boat to help inspire the youth and educate them about heritage in the city. The M.S. Norgoma was a means of transportation for goods and passengers to remote communities in the Upper Great Lakes until the mid-twentieth century. It has since been used as an attraction for local residents and tourists.

Gordon Smedley has worked on a multitude of projects aiding in the restoration of the M.S. Norgoma including; repairing the wooden decking, refinishing the wheelhouse area, rebuilding the admission counter, gift shop, and two of the crew cabins, exterior paint removal, priming, and repainting from the promenade deck to the stacks, renovating reception area, lounge and washrooms.

Mr. Smedley is an active volunteer and is involved with 'Cultural Corridor' partnership with the Bushplane Museum, the Sault Ste. Marie Library and the Sault Ste. Marie Museum, the Art Gallery and the Clergue NHS.