



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD 2004

CHRISTOPHER TOSSELL

The Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee and the Sault Ste. Marie Historic Sites Board submitted the nomination of Chris Tossell. Chris Tossell is an individual whose contributions are recognized at the local and Provincial level and whose efforts have contributed to the preservation, restoration and conservation of our local and national heritage. The Members of the Cultural Advisory Board unanimously supported the nomination, which recently received the support of City Council.

Mr. Tossell has served and held executive positions on the Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Heritage Committee (former L.A.C.A.C) (from the 1980 to present), the Sault Ste. Marie Historic Sites Board, Heritage Sault Ste. Marie (1989 to present) and the Ontario Heritage Foundation. He is a member of the Association of Preservation Technology, and the Sault Ste. Marie Kiwanis Club. Mr. Tossell has been the prime motivator of a number of significant projects, including:

- ❖ The relocation of the Clergue Blockhouse
- ❖ The restoration of the Old Post Office (Sault Ste. Marie Museum)
- ❖ The restoration of Bishop Fauquier Memorial Chapel roof
- ❖ The relocation and replacement of the Colonel Prince headstone in Bellevue Park
- ❖ The restoration of Kensington Terrace, an 1865 residence, and the
- ❖ 1988 L.A.C.A.C. Provincial Conference.

In addition, Mr. Tossell wrote the architectural sections of the heritage designation reports for a number of the properties designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act in Sault Ste. Marie. We currently have 25 such properties.

Upon request, he has led numerous heritage-walking tours, spoke at regional and Provincial conferences and frequently responds to calls from owners of heritage buildings for advice on heritage preservation and conservation.

Mr. Tossell was awarded the Clay Brick Association of Canada Ontario Division Award of Merit and the Ontario Heritage Foundation Heritage Community Recognition Award.

It is with pleasure that I introduce to you, Mr. Chris Tossell the recipient of the 2004 Community Recognition Award for Heritage Arts.