



City of Peterborough

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Peterborough, ON --

Peterborough Awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Community Leadership

On Friday February 18, 2011 at the provincial launch of Heritage Week, Dr. Thomas H.B. Symons, Chair of the Ontario Heritage Trust, announced that Peterborough has been awarded the prestigious Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Community Leadership. The award is given to municipalities in three size categories for outstanding contributions to the identification, preservation, protection and promotion of Ontario's heritage. Peterborough has won in the 50,000 to 125,000 population category.

"The recipients of these awards have made exceptional contributions to conserving Ontario's heritage," said Dr. Symons, "We are pleased to see them receive special recognition from the Lieutenant Governor."

Dr. Symons made the announcement as part of his keynote address at the launch, held this year in the Great Hall of Champlain College at Trent University. Also in attendance were The Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture, MPP Jeff Leal and Mayor Daryl Bennett.

"I am delighted that the City of Peterborough has been chosen as a recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Community Leadership," said Mayor Bennett. "This recognition represents a wonderful acknowledgment of the spirit of generations of people in helping to create a prosperous and sustainable community."

Peterborough was recognized for its exemplary leadership in heritage conservation through initiatives such as the Heritage Property Tax Relief Program, funding to both its own cultural institutions as well as arms-length groups like the Canadian Canoe Museum and Peterborough Historical Society and support for its wide array of cultural events and festivals.

Mayor Bennett will receive the award on behalf of the City from the Lieutenant Governor at a Queen's Park ceremony on February 25, 2011.

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca.

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