



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

DATE: August 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Awards
2023 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards
Ontario Heritage Trust

Application/Proposal

- 2023 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards
- Request for submissions – deadline is October 15, 2023

Background

- See attached information- 4 award categories and the Thomas Symons Award for Commitment to Conservation

Staff Comment

- In 2008 (First Year of the Program), Town of Markham won the Lieutenant Governor's Heritage Award for Community Leadership (Category- 125,000 +) Presented to Mayor by Lt. Governor on February 20, 2009 at Queens Park. Markham won in the large municipality category. Other winners were Perth, Port Hope and Kingston in the smaller categories

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

THAT Heritage Markham receive the material on the 2023 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards as information.

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Information from Ontario Heritage Trust

Good Afternoon Heritage Planners,

I am reaching out to let everyone know that nominations are open for the 2023 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards (apologies for any duplicate notifications). Please consider nominating a deserving volunteer, project, or young person in your community. The awards ceremony is held at Queens' Park (barring any pandemics) during Heritage Week in February. Nominations close **October 15**.
[Nominate a Heritage Leader Today](#)

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Warmest regards,

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Do you know of an exemplary project, group or a person who has shown leadership, commitment and the best and most creative approaches to heritage conservation this year? Help the Ontario Heritage Trust recognize and celebrate them by [making a nomination for the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards](#).

Learn more about each of the four categories of awards here:

- [Youth Achievement](#)
- [Community Leadership](#)
- [Lifetime Achievement](#)
- [Excellence in Conservation](#)

We encourage nominators to begin their nominations well in advance of the deadline to ensure that you have sufficient time to complete and upload supporting materials.

A wide range of heritage pursuits are eligible, including: adaptive reuse of historical structures, activities that share our stories and cultural heritage in museums, online and other cultural settings, class or extracurricular projects (Youth Achievement only), and activities that protect Ontario's natural spaces and biodiversity.

Nominations should be accompanied by letters of support from — including, but not limited to — project partners, mentors, teachers, community leaders or government officials. Nominators may add PDF files, images and links to videos to the nomination package via the Slideroom application portal.

To support the education of outstanding young people, the top individual recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement receives a \$3,500 post-secondary scholarship funded by the Ontario Heritage Trust and Canada Life.

The Trust also offers the prestigious [Thomas Symons Award for Commitment to Conservation](#) to recognize those who have made defining contributions to heritage conservation through their professional careers.