



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: Regan Hutcheson, Manager, Heritage Planning

DATE: August 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Awards
Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards - 2024

Project/Subject: Nominations for Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards - 2024

Background:

- See attachment for information on various award categories.
- The City of Markham was previously awarded the first Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Community Leadership

Status/ Staff Comment

- Heritage Markham members may be aware of youth or other members of the community who could be nominated for voluntary activities (**Youth Achievement** and **Lifetime Achievement**).
- The **Excellence in Conservation Award** can include municipal heritage projects.
- The **Thomas Symons Award for Commitment to Conservation** recognizes individuals who have made defining contributions to heritage conservation throughout their professional careers.

Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham

THAT Heritage Markham receive as information.

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Attachment

Nominations are open for the 2024 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards!

**Nomination deadline:
October 11, 2024**



2023 recipients of the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards
with Her Honour Edith Dumont (centre) and Trust Board Chair John Ecker (on her left).
(Photo: Dahlia Katz)

Do you know of an exemplary project, group or person who has shown leadership, commitment and the best practice in heritage conservation this past year? Help the Ontario Heritage Trust recognize and celebrate them by submitting a nomination for the **Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards**.

Learn more about each of the categories of awards here:

- [Youth Achievement](#)
- [Community Leadership](#)
- [Lifetime Achievement](#)
- [Excellence in Conservation](#)
- [Thomas Symons Award for Commitment to Conservation](#)

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)
- activities that protect Ontario's natural spaces and biodiversity

Nominations should be accompanied by letters of support, which may come from project partners, mentors, teachers, community leaders, government officials or other sources. 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, individual recipients of the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement receive a **\$3,500 post-secondary scholarship** funded by the Ontario Heritage Trust and Canada Life.

For further information on this program,
contact recognition@heritagetrust.on.ca.



Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement

Who can be nominated?

The successful candidates must meet the following criteria. They should:

- have made an exceptional **volunteer contribution (i.e., have not received payment)** to heritage conservation over a period of **25 years or more** (at the time of the nomination submission deadline)
- be a resident of Ontario
- have demonstrated:
 - leadership
 - commitment
 - creativity
 - positive impact on the community, region or province
 - good conservation practices

Note: Posthumous nominations are not eligible.

Note: Directors and employees of the Ontario Heritage Trust and members of their immediate families are not eligible.

Who can nominate?

Nominators can include:

- local or regional municipalities
- First Nations band councils
- Métis community councils
- conservation authorities
- local, regional or provincial heritage organizations
- Ontario Heritage Trust staff

Note: Nominations submitted by municipal councils, regional councils, First Nations band councils or Métis community councils must be supported by a motion of council.

What projects are eligible?

- service to cultural heritage and natural heritage/environmental organizations or institutions, including:
 - municipal heritage committees
 - conservation authorities
 - land trusts
 - diverse cultural communities
 - environmental organizations
 - museums
 - historical and archaeological sites
- fundraising and promotion to support conservation activities
- research and writing, development of publications, creation and delivery of public programming and interpretation and exhibits, websites and other educational material on local history, cultural/natural heritage, the environment, and/or natural history
- conservation and interpretation of:
 - artifacts
 - archival materials
 - photographs
 - environmental information and collections
- development and delivery of activities or events that identify, safeguard and promote intangible cultural heritage, including:

- oral traditions
- expressions
- language
- performing arts – e.g., music, dance or theatre
- social practices
- rituals/ceremonies and festive events
- knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
- traditional craftsmanship
- promotion, celebration and preservation of cultural heritage and biological diversity
- activities that protect, steward and conserve natural heritage, including:
 - restoring species-at-risk habitats
 - areas of natural and scientific interest
 - provincially significant wetlands
 - watersheds
 - other environmentally sensitive areas
- activities that protect, steward and conserve cultural heritage, including:
 - buildings/structures
 - streetscapes
 - gardens
 - cultural landscapes
 - heritage conservation districts

Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement

The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement recognizes the most exceptional individuals and groups that have contributed to conserving Ontario's cultural and/or natural heritage. Individual nominees are also eligible for the Young Heritage Leaders \$3,500 scholarship for post-secondary education, sponsored by [Canada Life](#).



Who can be nominated?

The successful candidates — whether individuals or all members of groups — must meet the following criteria. They should:

- be age 24 and under at the time of the nomination submission deadline
- be residents of Ontario
- have made exceptional **volunteer contributions** (that is, they have not received payment) to heritage conservation
- have demonstrated:
 - leadership
 - commitment
 - creativity
 - positive impact on the community, region or province
 - good conservation practices

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Who can nominate?

Nominators can include:

- local, regional or provincial youth organizations
- local, regional or provincial heritage organizations
- university and college registrars and/or department heads
- school principals
- conservation authorities
- municipal or regional councils
- First Nations band councils
- Métis community councils
- Ontario Heritage Trust staff

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What projects are eligible?

- service to cultural heritage and natural heritage/environmental organizations or institutions, including:
 - municipal heritage committees
 - conservation authorities
 - land trusts
 - diverse cultural communities

- environmental organizations
 - museums
 - historical and archaeological sites
- fundraising and promotion to support conservation activities
- research and writing, development of publications, creation and delivery of public programming and interpretation and exhibits, websites and other educational material on local history, cultural/natural heritage, the environment, and/or natural history
- conservation and interpretation of:
 - artifacts
 - archival materials
 - photographs
 - environmental information and collections
- development and delivery of activities or events that identify, safeguard and promote intangible cultural heritage, including:
 - oral traditions
 - expressions
 - language
 - performing arts — for example, music, dance or theatre
 - social practices
 - rituals/ceremonies and festive events
 - knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
 - traditional craftsmanship
- promotion, celebration and preservation of cultural heritage and biological diversity
- activities that protect, steward and conserve natural heritage, including:
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What is the Young Heritage Leaders Program?

The Ontario Heritage Trust's Young Heritage Leaders program celebrates youth achievements in identifying, preserving, protecting and promoting local heritage.

What is the difference between the Young Heritage Leaders program and the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement?

The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement is awarded to the top individual and top groups nominated for the award. The Young Heritage Leaders program recognizes young volunteers who have also made important contributions to conserving Ontario's heritage. Nominees to the Lieutenant Governor's

Award who do not receive the award can be recognized through Young Heritage Leaders.

Note: The criteria for the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement and Young Heritage Leaders are the same.

Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Excellence in Conservation

Who can be nominated?

The successful candidates must meet the following criteria. They:

- are residents of Ontario
- can be individuals and/or groups, including:
 - Ontario corporations (private and public, not-for-profit and for-profit)
 - municipal, regional, provincial and federal government agencies and departments
- may include the following activities:
 - volunteer
 - professional
 - commercial
 - academic
- have completed (or substantially completed within the year preceding the nomination deadline) a specific conservation activity or project that is an exceptional contribution to natural or cultural heritage conservation
- must include a project that is located in, and benefits, Ontario
- should demonstrate:
 - leadership
 - commitment
 - creativity
 - positive impact on the community, region or province
 - heritage conservation best practices

Note: Directors and employees of the Ontario Heritage Trust and members of their immediate families are not eligible.

Who can nominate?

Nominators can include:

- individuals, including themselves
- local or provincial heritage organizations
- local or regional municipalities
- First Nations band councils
- Métis community councils
- Ontario Heritage Trust staff

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What projects are eligible?

- conservation (i.e., preservation, restoration or rehabilitation) of any of the following:
 - cultural or natural heritage properties, sites or areas
 - cultural landscapes
 - heritage conservation districts
 - collections or major artifacts
- development or implementation of an innovative practice, technology or approach that has resulted in the successful conservation of cultural or natural heritage
- developing partnerships to support natural and/or cultural heritage conservation activities
- fundraising and promotion to support heritage conservation activities

- educational, interpretive and/or commemorative activities that focus on cultural and natural heritage and history
- development and delivery of activities or events that identify, safeguard and promote intangible cultural heritage, including:
 - oral traditions
 - expressions
 - language
 - performing arts – e.g., music, dance or theatre
 - social practices
 - rituals/ceremonies and festive events
 - knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
 - traditional craftsmanship
- promotion, celebration and preservation of cultural heritage and biological diversity
- activities that promote environmental sustainability

Note: Self-nominations regarding a heritage property (e.g., adaptive reuse projects) that are not submitted by the property owner must provide their contact information in the application portal. This property owner must then complete the Reference Form included in the application portal in order for the nomination to be considered complete. The Reference Form is not required for the nomination of individuals and any nominated projects that do not involve a real property.

Thomas Symons Award for Commitment to Conservation

The Thomas Symons Award for Commitment to Conservation recognizes individuals who have made defining contributions to heritage conservation throughout their professional careers. The broad range of heritage activities recognized by this award includes cultural and natural heritage, intangible cultural heritage, sustainability and biodiversity.

One award will be granted annually. The successful candidate must meet the following criteria. They should:

- have made exceptional professional contributions to heritage conservation over the course of their career
- be a resident of Ontario
- have demonstrated:
 - leadership
 - commitment
 - creativity
 - positive impact on the community, region or province
 - good conservation practices

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- local or regional municipalities
- First Nations band councils
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- conservation authorities
- local, regional or provincial heritage organizations
- Ontario Heritage Trust staff

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Not eligible are:

- self-nominations
- posthumous nominations
- directors and employees of the Ontario Heritage Trust and members of their immediate families
- current elected politicians or those whose activities are related to an ongoing public appointment, as long as they hold the appointment

What activities are eligible?

- professional activities in service to cultural heritage and natural heritage/environmental organizations or institutions, including:
 - municipal heritage committees
 - conservation authorities
 - land trusts
 - diverse cultural communities
 - environmental organizations
 - museums
 - historical and archaeological sites
- fundraising and promotion to support conservation activities
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Nomination forms