

HERITAGE FOUNDATION CHAIR CONGRATULATES CITY OF ST. JOHN'S ON WINNING AWARD

(St. John's, November 23, 2007) - The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland & Labrador's Executive Director, George Chalker today congratulated the City Of St. John's on being recently awarded the prestigious Prince Of Wales prize by the Heritage Canada Foundation.

"This is a tremendous recognition of the City of St. John's commitment to the conservation of heritage structures and historic areas. Since passing the St. John's Heritage Bylaw in 1977, the city has become an example to municipalities across the country. There are over 6,000 properties in its designated heritage area and 126 municipally designated buildings." says Chalker.

He says that, "St. John's has developed and employed an array of bylaws, incentives and programs over the last 30 years designed to protect and enhance its heritage fabric. It created one of the first and largest designated heritage areas in Canada – an area which continues to expand today; established a Heritage Advisory Committee; set building design controls and introduced financial incentives.

The Prince of Wales Award was established in 1999 under the patronage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and is presented annually by The Heritage Canada Foundation to the government of a municipality which has demonstrated a strong and sustained commitment to the conservation of its historic places.

Councillor Shannie Duff, Chair of the City's Heritage Advisory Committee, accepted the award, on behalf of the City, at a presentation ceremony held in conjunction with the Heritage Canada Foundation's annual conference, in Edmonton, Alberta on October 12th 2007.

In her remarks Duff emphasised, "The heritage pioneers of St. John's and stated how important it is that the City acknowledge their early efforts to protect our built heritage. Their work and strong advocacy laid the groundwork for where we are today". Duff added, "We are going to honour our heritage pioneers at the unveiling of the Prince of Wales plaque on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at City Hall".

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