

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE DEPUTATION

Joyce Johnston, former Chair

Mayor Smith, Members of Council, Staff, Members of the Press, Ladies and Gentlemen. I am pleased to be here this evening representing the Saugeen Shores Municipal Heritage Committee to present **The Municipal Heritage Conservation Award**. This award is presented in recognition of heritage minded individuals within Saugeen Shores. We seek nominations from the public by requesting their nomination of individuals that are involved in conserving our heritage either by protecting our original buildings, surroundings or through educating others. The Committee received nominations in late spring and used the following criteria in making our recommendation. We consider individuals who:

1. Voluntarily promote the importance of preserving significant heritage structures;
2. Those who show leadership in restoration and preservation of heritage buildings, sites, etc.;
3. Acknowledge individuals for long standing service in an organization dedicated to maintaining heritage locations;
4. Or show appreciation for personal collections of local artifacts, heritage photographs or memorabilia – which they share with the community to promote appreciation of heritage.

For the year 2010 the Committee received a nomination from Gary and Cheryl Gray for Matt and Tim Weichel, from Devitt Uttley & Company. For more than 20 years the Weichel brothers have shown leadership to restore and preserve heritage cottages and homes in Saugeen Shores.

Our Committee discussed the possibility of giving the Award to a business that gets paid to restore homes. It was determined by the Committee that Matt and Tim Weichel do go above and beyond requirements and have a passion for saving older buildings within our Community. Their workmanship compliments the original architecture and seamlessly ties in the older portions of the structures with new additions. The Weichel Brothers do encourage restoration and preservation. They have also developed a new subdivision, "Summerhill Road", made up of houses that reflect "Turn of Century Ontario Architecture".

Jenny Amy, former Member

It is my pleasure to tell you a little of my experience with Tim and Matt Weichel and their company Devitt Uttley & Company: Traditional Builders.

My husband and I hired Devitt Uttley to undertake renovations to our home in 2000, to allow us to operate a Bed & Breakfast business. We wanted to keep the flavour of the historic home, built in 1907. We had floor plans from a 1987 renovation that had created an apartment on the second floor by removing walls and doorways, but plans for the original home did not exist. We worked with an architect to lay out floor plans to change the second floor from an apartment into four bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms.

Matt and Tim worked with us to match existing baseboards and door frames by creating these in their woodshop. They saved doors and hardware wherever possible, and took care to remove some of the old wood flooring. They made suggestions along the way to save what we safely could and replace with renovated and custom-made where we could not. Today, our bed and breakfast guests compliment us on the historic flavour of the home and are surprised that there have been extensive renovations.

We value the attention to detail and the respect for our building and its character that Tim and Matt provided. We have recommended them and their company to others who are renovating or adding to older homes in Saugeen Shores. The efforts they have taken to restore the built heritage of our community, and assist owners to renovate in keeping with the period of their homes is much appreciated.

Our Municipal Heritage Committee accepted the Gray's nomination. We believe that Matt and Tim Weichel deserve to be recognized with the **2010 Heritage Conservation Award** for their ongoing dedication spanning two decades to help restore, preserve and promote the heritage structures of Saugeen Shores.