

## MUNICIPAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE DEPUTATION

Joyce Johnston, 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.

Our architectural heritage is one of the most visible signs of our past, and as such is worthy of our protection. Many people in Saugeen Shores are active in heritage conservation either by renovating and restoring their own homes or storefronts. This year we are pleased to present the Heritage Conservation Award to John and Marion McDermid, 157 Concession 8, Saugeen Township.

John (known to family and friends as Jack) and Marion and their family have recaptured the original magnificence of their attractive farm home and restored / renovated it completely during the last seventeen years. The restoration started in the basement where new steel beams were put in place to level the whole structure.

The yellow brick exterior was repointed, sand blasted and sealed. The whole house was rewired and insulated.

The gingerbread was kept intact and replaced where needed. The front veranda was completely restored including new period style doors; one opens onto an upper level open porch where there had only been a "suicide door".

John and Marion stripped, refinished and reused the interior doors, trim, baseboard and flooring. The kitchen floor was replaced with hard maple from their own sugar bush.

The McDermid home was built in 1899. The back part of this house was originally a house built in about 1876. It was in poor condition and was dismantled. A double car garage and sunroom built of compatible style and brick, was constructed in this area.

John and Marion and their family, are to be congratulated for the work they undertook, much was accomplished by them. Actually, I understand Marion did all the planning and preparing for the schedule of restoration!!

Congratulations to you and your family for a job very well done!! Would you please come forward and receive the 2011 Municipal Heritage Conservation Award.

