



Heritage Awards

Heritage Merit Award

The Heritage Merit Award, formerly the Architectural Merit Award, began in the Town of Midland in 1994. The Heritage Merit Award is open to all residents and property owners in the Town of Midland.

The purpose of the Heritage Merit Award is to recognize the valuable contribution of property owners in conserving and maintaining the Town's built heritage.

The Heritage Merit Awards are presented in February each year to coincide with the celebration of Heritage Week. The Awards are presented at the February meeting of the Town of Midland Council and the recipient receives a plaque to post on their property.

There are two categories for which the Heritage Merit Awards are given:

- ◆ Residential
- ◆ Commercial / Industrial / Institutional

To be eligible for an Award, a letter and any supporting documents should be submitted to the Town of Midland by **December 15th, 2011**.

Recommended Supporting Documents:

Any attachments provided assist with the Committee and could include the following:

- ◆ Brief history of the building along with architectural style
- ◆ Details of any renovations carried out
- ◆ Photographs (including "before" and "after" images)

See over for criteria used in the evaluation of nominated structures for the Heritage Merit Awards.

Heritage Appreciation Award

The Midland Heritage Committee initiated the Heritage Appreciation Awards in 2010 to recognize those individuals and/or organizations that have played a significant role in the promotion or conservation of heritage in the Town of Midland. The Heritage Appreciation Award is open to all residents in the Town of Midland.

The Awards will be presented at the February meeting of the Town of Midland Council and the recipient will be recognized with a certificate.

Letters of nomination with a detailed description of the nominee and their achievements in at least one of the categories below must be submitted to the Town of Midland by **December 15th, 2011**.

- ◆ **Heritage Awareness and Education**
 - ◆ significant contribution to the promotion or support of local heritage through education, awareness and appreciation.
- ◆ **Research and Documentation**
 - ◆ research or documentation of local history (e.g.: essays, books, walking tours, exhibits, websites).
- ◆ **Preservation/Conservation**
 - ◆ contribution to the preservation of local heritage assets.

Recommended Supporting Documents:

Supporting material (publications, media stories, and photographs) could also be provided. Photographs of the candidates with their projects or participating in the activity for which they are nominated are also requested.

See over for criteria used in the evaluation of nominees for the Heritage Appreciation Award.



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Heritage Merit Award Criteria

The criteria used to assess each of the two categories are listed below:

Existing Building (renovation, restoration and additions):

- ◆ Evidence of maintenance of original "fabric" of the building
- ◆ Appropriateness of work/design in relation to the existing building
- ◆ Contribution to streetscape/historic character of area in terms of scale, setback, height, roof pitch, colour, detailing, etc.
- ◆ Craftsmanship - evidence of use of traditional building techniques
- ◆ Sympathetic adaptation to contemporary use/standards
- ◆ Any community benefit from project
- ◆ Evidence of research carried out before building work
- ◆ Potential for education/interpretation.

Landscaping:

- ◆ Appropriateness of landscaping treatment to period of building/site, including evidence of any related research
- ◆ New plantings - selection and use to complement heritage qualities of the site
- ◆ Preservation of existing plantings
- ◆ Related structures - fencing, garden structures, seating, etc
- ◆ Potential for education/interpretation.

Colour Scheme:

- ◆ Appropriate use of colours to the period of the building
- ◆ Evidence of research in colour selection
- ◆ Evidence of tradesmanship/preparation and use of traditional techniques.

New Building - Heritage Theme:

- ◆ Building materials - selection and appropriateness
- ◆ Contribution to streetscape/historic character of area
- ◆ Craftsmanship - evidence of use of traditional building techniques
- ◆ Any community benefit from project
- ◆ Evidence of research carried out before building work
- ◆ Potential as example of good practice to intending developers elsewhere in the Municipality.

Heritage Appreciation Award Criteria

Individuals or groups nominated for a Heritage Appreciation Award should meet the following criteria:

- ◆ The individual or group will have made a significant contribution to the promotion or support of local heritage through education, awareness and appreciation in the past year or over numerous years.
- ◆ The individual or group will have, through research or documentation of local history (e.g.: essays, books, walking tours, exhibits, websites), contributed to the promotion and preservation of the Town's history.
- ◆ Individual or group will have made a significant contribution to the preservation of one or more local heritage assets.