

The Official Unveiling. Walk of Fame Restoration Project Complete

By **Lynne Brown** - December 7, 2017



Dr. Roberta Bondar- Walk of Fame recipient in 2006 is surrounded by Helen Arvonen's extended family. Arvonen received Walk of Fame award in 2015.

The City of Sault Ste. Marie is pleased to announce that its Walk of Fame restoration project is now complete. At an unveiling ceremony this morning, the Sault's Canada 150 Honorary Chair and one of the City's first Walk of Fame recipients, Dr. Roberta Bondar unveiled the display case located at the Art Gallery of Algoma, one of four locations throughout the downtown.



Dr. Roberta Bondar was among the first recipients of Sault Ste. Marie's Walk of Fame in 2006. Due to the wear and tear of the elements, a restoration project was undertaken in 2015. Granite maple leaves are now encased in custom built cabinets in 4 locations.

"It is great to see these maple leaf granite awards back in the view of the public as each recipient represents a contribution to Sault Ste. Marie's history," says Councillor Susan Myers, Walk of Fame Reinstatement Committee Chair. "It is an appropriate end to Canada's 150 celebrations for our community." Over the years, structural damage to the concrete sidewalk caused the original award stones to deteriorate. Earlier this year, Council passed a resolution to form a committee that included Paul Scornaienchi from the Downtown Association, Councillors Susan Myers, Steve Butland and Matthew Shoemaker to analyze a new means of displaying the granite maple leaf awards. Council subsequently approved placement of granite maple leaf awards in four display cabinets in the downtown area.



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The four cabinets, built by the City's Public Works and Engineering carpentry shop, have now been installed at the Memorial Tower, the Essar Centre, March Street parkette and at the entryway of the Art Gallery of Algoma. The Walk of Fame Award is given to individuals or groups for outstanding athletic, cultural, academic or humanitarian achievement. Nominations can be submitted to the City Clerk by March 31 of each year. The Walk of Fame award recognition program began in 2006 with a total of 40 recipients having received the award to date.

An induction ceremony was held each year celebrating that year's inductees. Residents are encouraged to stop by the various new cabinet locations and take a selfie with your favourite 'walk of famer' using #SSMfameselfie. All entries will be placed in a draw to win a Sault Ste. Marie prize pack.



The Cabinet Crew with Dr. Bondar. Brad McLarty, Ryan McDougall, Roberta Bondar, Don Wierzbicki & Gino Cuglietta at the official unveiling of one of four Walk of Fame cabinet locations around the city. Dec. 7, 2017.

Sault Ste. Marie Walk of Fame Recipients and Locations.

Art Gallery

1. Eric Alessandrini (2010)
2. Helen Arvonen (2015)
3. Dr. Roberta Bondar (2006)
4. Douglas Bradford (2010)
5. Ken Danby (2006)
6. Trixie Hardy (2011)
7. Joni Henson (2008)
8. Doreen Hume (2009)
9. Brian Vallee (2012)

Queen/March Parkette

1. John Barker (2008)

2. Dr. Peter Black (2010)
3. Treble Charger (2006)
4. Harry Graham (2007)
5. Tanya Kim (2011)
6. Joanie & Gary McGuffin (2006)
7. Lester Pyette (2014)
8. Morley Torgov (2006)
9. Jessica Tuomela (2006)
10. Tony Van Den Bosch (2012)
11. Dr. David Walde (2008)

Essar Centre

1. Angelo Bumbacco (2008)
2. Phil Esposito (2007)
3. Tony Esposito (2007)
4. Ron Francis (2006)
5. Team Jacobs (2013)
6. Edie Kerr (2009)
7. Mac and BJ Marcoux (2014)
8. Ted Nolan (2006)
9. Kevin Scott (2006)
10. Darren Zack (2007)

Memorial Tower

1. Francis H. Clergue (2006)

2. James W. Curran (2015)
3. Jo Forman (2010)
4. Sir William Hearst (2013)
5. Ross Mervyn (2012)
6. W.T.J. (Bill) Newman (2012)
7. Russ Ramsay (2009)
8. John Rhodes (2007)
9. Master Corporal Scott Vernelli (2009)
10. Lieutenant Colonel Walter Wallace (2011)

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