



North York Historical Society Recognized with Provincial Heritage Award

OHS Scadding Award of Excellence presented June 20, 2015
Aga Khan Ismaili Centre, North York, Ontario

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In 1967, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) established an awards program to recognize individuals, organizations, corporations, and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

Dr. Ian Radforth, Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee of the OHS, is pleased to announce that the 2014 Scadding Award of Excellence, which recognizes a historical society or heritage group that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of history, was awarded to the North York Historical Society (NYHS).



Throughout its history of serving the community, the all-volunteer historical society has advocated for the preservation, restoration, and adaptive re-use of countless heritage assets in North York, including the Gibson House Museum, David Duncan House, Dempsey Store, Elihu Pease House, O'Connor House, the Miller Tavern, and the OHS's own headquarters, the John McKenzie House.

The activities and programmes of the NYHS are extensive, and evidence the dedication and hard work put forth by its volunteers every year. The NYHS has provided educational opportunities through public art exhibitions, historical walking tours, heritage speakers events, and an impressive list of publications.

Recently, the NYHS undertook a partnership with the Toronto Public Library that serves as a model for local historical societies seeking long-term and sustainable solutions for the preservation of archival collections.

The award was presented at the annual meeting of The Ontario Historical Society at the Aga Khan Ismaili Centre in North York.

Founded in 1888, The Ontario Historical Society is a non-profit corporation and registered charity dedicated to increasing an appreciation of Ontario's history and preserving its heritage for people of all ages and cultural backgrounds. To learn more about the OHS's Honours and Awards, or to submit a

nomination, please visit www.ontariohistoricalsociety.ca/awards or contact the Society's offices by telephone or e-mail.

Photo caption: Pictured on June 20, 2015 (from left) are members of the board of directors of the North York Historical Society after receiving the OHS's Scadding Award of Excellence at the Aga Khan Ismaili Centre

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