May 3, 2007

His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor of the City of Hamilton
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Your Worship:

Thank you for submitting nominations under the Ontario Heritage Trust’s Heritage Community Recognition Program and for this opportunity to address your council.

Now in its eleventh year, the program provides the opportunity to recognize individuals and small groups who have made significant contributions to heritage preservation. This year, communities across Ontario are honouring over 290 people through this program.

Through participation in the Heritage Community Recognition Program, your Council has shown its appreciation of the volunteers who assume leadership roles in preserving your community’s heritage. You share the honours being given this evening. You have recognized the importance of heritage and the leadership of these outstanding citizens.

I would particularly like to take this opportunity to congratulate the members of the Lister Block Working Group for their outstanding contribution to the preservation of Ontario’s built heritage.

As we all know, heritage preservation must be embraced by the people it touches most – people who join with their neighbours to protect buildings, natural heritage sites and cultural artifacts, and to tell the stories – the local histories – that are the backbone of our understanding of who we are and where we came from.

On behalf of the Ontario Heritage Trust, thank you for participating in this important volunteer recognition program.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander
Chairman