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Catherine Hennessey, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

As a tireless advocate for historical conservation in Prince Edward Island, Catherine Hennessey has earned the title of “Charlottetown’s best-known heritage activist.” For more than 45 years, she has worked to protect Charlottetown’s natural and historical distinctiveness, creating a greater understanding of the role heritage and new urban development plays in maintaining and strengthening the uniqueness of the city.

After working with the provincial government to create the Prince Edward Island Heritage Foundation in the early 1970s, Catherine served as its first Executive Director for 10 years. She has also served on Charlottetown’s Heritage Review Board and on City Council where she furthered the goal of a heritage bylaw. Her work on national boards includes Heritage Canada The National Trust and the Canadian Housing and Design Council. She continues to work as a writer, researcher and heritage consultant.

Catherine’s commitment to heritage conservation has been recognized numerous times over the years. In 1986, she received an honorary degree from the University of Prince Edward Island, was awarded Heritage Canada The National Trust’s Lieutenant Governor’s Award in 1988, and was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2001.



Susan Bronson, Montreal, Quebec

Susan Bronson is a registered architect with expertise in heritage conservation, urban history and conservation history and theory. She has worked in private practice and for the public sector both as an architect and heritage consultant and has many years of teaching experience, in particular at the Université de Montréal (Faculté de l'aménagement) and McGill University (Continuing Education). She has lectured widely at local, national and international conferences and is known for her walking tours of Mile End (Montreal) and Saint-Laurent Boulevard (a National Historic Site).

Susan has served on the Board of Directors of the Association for Preservation Technology International (APT) and Montreal-

based heritage organizations including Les Amis du boulevard Saint-Laurent and Mémoire du Mile End. She is the author of numerous studies and articles on Montréal and Quebec architecture, vernacular heritage, multicultural urban landscapes and modern heritage, including the 1997 groundbreaking report for the Historic Site and Monuments Board of Canada on the built environment of the Modern era.

Susan was the recipient of Heritage Canada The National Trust's Gabrielle Léger Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Heritage Conservation in 2010.



David B. Flemming, Ottawa, Ontario

For the past 45 year, David Flemming has worked in the museum and heritage field while volunteering his time and expertise on the boards of various local, provincial and international organizations. His career has included work as a research historian with the National Historic Sites Service and Parks Canada, Director of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, and for the past 17 years, heritage consultant for the City of Ottawa as well as numerous museum and heritage organizations in Ontario and Nova Scotia. David has lectured and written on a variety of topics relating to heritage advocacy and maritime history. He is the author of *Explosion in Halifax Harbour: An Illustrated Account of a Disaster That Shook the World* (Formac Press, 2004).

David is the Past President of Heritage Ottawa and is currently its Membership Director.

David is a Fellow of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society (FRNSHS) and the recipient of a 2004 Award of Merit from the Ontario Museum Association (as one of the leaders of the Ottawa Strong Voice for Heritage Coalition), a Distinguished Civic Award for Heritage (City of Ottawa 2010) and a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012).