

Attachment A: Overview of the Mike and Pat Wagner Heritage Awards

Eligibility Requirements

The Mike & Pat Wagner Heritage Awards are open to all individuals, businesses, organizations and institutions that have conserved cultural heritage resources or have demonstrated commitment to the conservation of cultural heritage resources within Kitchener. For the award program, cultural heritage resources are defined as:

- properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act;
- properties listed as a non-designated property of cultural heritage value or interest on the Municipal Heritage Register; or
- properties identified on the Heritage Kitchener Inventory of Historic Buildings.

Award Categories

Up to 4 heritage awards may be presented in a given award year, and nominations may be received in one of three categories as follows:

Preservation / Restoration of Cultural Heritage Resources

Preservation projects involve protecting, maintaining and stabilizing the existing form, material and integrity of a cultural heritage resource while protecting its heritage attributes and values. Preservation projects generally relate to cultural heritage resources that are intact and do not require extensive repair, extensive replacement, alterations or additions.

Restoration projects involve revealing, recovering or representing the state of a cultural heritage resource or of an individual heritage attribute as it appeared at a particular period in its history, as accurately as possible, while protecting its heritage value. Restoration projects are based on physical and documentary or oral evidence.

Rehabilitation / Adaptive Reuse of Cultural Heritage Resources

Rehabilitation and Adaptive Reuse projects involve the sensitive adaptation of a cultural heritage resource or of an individual heritage attribute for a continuing or compatible contemporary use, while protecting its heritage value. This may be achieved through repairs, replacements, alterations and/or additions.

Individual Contributions to the Field of Heritage Conservation

Awarded to individuals, businesses, organizations, institutions who have made exceptional and/or long lasting contributions to the conservation of cultural heritage resources.

Nomination Criteria

Nominations for a Mike Wagner Heritage Award must demonstrate that:

- The conservation project involves a cultural heritage resource;
- The conservation project conserves the heritage attributes and values associated with the cultural heritage resource;
- The conservation project is located within the City of Kitchener;
- The conservation project is complete;
- The conservation project obtained all required approvals such as Building Permits and Heritage Permits;

- The conservation project has not received a previous Mike Wagner Heritage Award for the same work; and,
- The individual, business, organization or institution nominated has made exceptional or long-lasting contributions to the conservation of cultural heritage resources within the City of Kitchener.

Eligible Mike & Pat Wagner Heritage Award nominees in the Preservation / Restoration of Cultural Heritage Resources and Rehabilitation / Adaptive Reuse of Cultural Heritage Resources categories will also be eligible to be nominated and receive an award under two other KGPA award categories:

1. **People's Choice Award:** given to a project that receives the greatest number of votes from the community through a variety of polling options. Projects for consideration will be short-listed to a group of up to 10 projects from those eligible in the Urban Design, Neighbourhood Design, Placemaking, Mike & Pat Wagner Heritage and Sustainable Kitchener award categories that contribute to making Kitchener a great city.
2. **Schmalz Award for Design Leadership:** given to an exceptional project that achieves overall excellence in meeting the City's objectives in two or more categories - urban design, heritage conservation, and sustainable design. It represents the best overall project of the awards program. Named after W.H.E. Schmalz, the architect who designed Kitchener's first City Hall and clock tower (which is now a landmark in Victoria Park) along with numerous other buildings in the city. His father, W.H. Schmalz, was mayor when the Town of Berlin became a city.

Jury Panel

Award winners will be selected by a jury panel comprised of the following:

- A Heritage Kitchener committee member
- Director of Development & Housing Approvals (or designate)
- Up to four professionals which represent such expertise as heritage conservation, urban planning, urban design, architecture and landscape architecture