

Nomination for Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal
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Nominee:

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We are pleased to nominate Paul Stumes as a recipient of a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Mr. Stumes' long-service to Canada in the field of heritage conservation both as a professional engineer (mechanical and civil) and a community volunteer epitomizes the spirit of this award to recognize those "who have built and continue to build this caring society and country through their service and achievements."

Paul and his wife Eva immigrated to Canada from their native Hungary in 1957 seeking a freedom not found in their country of birth. As a 35 year old professional engineer, Paul began work in Regina and later in Saskatoon before moving to Ottawa in 1967 to accept a position with the fledgling Restoration Services Division of the then Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Parks Canada).

Over a 30 year career Paul made significant contributions to restoration engineering, especially in the development of epoxy reinforcement and stabilization methods for masonry and wooden structures. For many years, these conservation treatments were used both nationally and internationally for the conservation of everything from bridge abutments to windows in heritage homes. He has written extensively on this and other technical matters during his years with Parks Canada and since his retirement.

Throughout his career Paul applied his restoration knowledge and interest as a volunteer with international, national and local organizations such as the Association of Preservation Technology, the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Canada, Heritage Ottawa and HODI (Historic Ottawa Developments Inc. He also served as a member of the Ottawa Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) from 1992 until 2007 and was membership director for PROBUS Alta Vista (Rotary Club of Canada).

During his term on the Board of Directors of Heritage Ottawa (1988-2010) Paul was a regular contributor to the *Newsletter* which he helped to edit. He was an active participant in many campaigns to save heritage properties in Ottawa including the Aberdeen Pavilion, Horticulture Building, Rideau Convent Chapel and MacKenzie Bridge.

His volunteer work with Heritage Ottawa and HODI was also aimed at providing owners of heritage properties with information and advice on how to preserve their homes. He coordinated two major workshops for property owners conducted by experts in all aspects of heritage preservation from mortgages and insurance for heritage homes to technical advice on restoring foundations and verandas.

His professional expertise also served his community as a member of the Ottawa LACAC, a legislated body which advises City Council on the designation and renovation of properties under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. He organized many public lecture for ICOMOS Canada and was constantly seeking ways to “spread the gospel” about heritage conservation to a wide, public audience.

Throughout his career Paul also mentored many young heritage engineers and architects instilling in them his knowledge and enthusiasm for the field of heritage conservation.

Paul was the recipient of the Ontario Heritage Trust’s 2002 Heritage Community Recognition Program Award for Built Heritage.

For these reasons, we highly recommend Paul Stumes for a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Leslie Maitland – President, Heritage Ottawa

David B. Flemming – Past-President, Heritage Ottawa

Carolyn Quinn – former President, Heritage Ottawa

Jay Baltz- former Chairman, Ottawa LACAC

L.A. Sandy Smallwood – President, Historic Ottawa Development, Inc. and Andrex Holdings Ltd.

Gouhar Shemdin – restoration architect, ICOMOS member & long-time colleague of Paul Stumes