

Friends of Grain Elevators Presented with OHS's Highest Honour for their Conservation and Programming Work

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The Ontario Historical Society is pleased to present the 2019-20 OHS President's Award, which recognizes an outstanding contribution to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's history, to the Friends of Grain Elevators.



Friends of Grain Elevators (FOGE) is a not-for-profit historical organization which incorporated through affiliation with the OHS in 2016. FOGE is also a registered charity comprised of dedicated volunteers who believe it's important to celebrate terminal elevators and their role in Canada's grain trade. To this end, for over a decade, volunteer interview teams located in both Thunder Bay and Winnipeg have collected the voices of individuals associated with all aspects of the grain trade. These interviews make a significant contribution to preserving for future generations the lived experiences of those involved in the grain trade.

FOGE has also been dedicated to both making these interviews accessible to the public and promoting this history of the grain trade in general. To date, over 200 interviews have taken

place and are in the process of being added to their website. FOGE's work also resulted in Grain Transshipment at the Lakehead being commemorated in 2018 as an event of national historic significance by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

The work of FOGE has gone a long way in fulfilling their goal to inform the public of this fascinating and important industry, past and present. For this reason, the Honours and Awards Committee is pleased to present the Friends of Grain Elevators with the 2020 OHS President's Award.

FOGE President Robert Paterson Responds to Receiving OHS Award



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