

Cabbagetown Preservation Association
Volunteer Recognition Award

The 2018 *Cabbagetown Preservation Association Volunteer Recognition Award* is
awarded to **George Rust-D'Eye**

George Rust-D'Eye, was born and raised in Toronto. He and his wonderful wife Dora moved into their home on Sackville Street in 1973 and ever since George has been an engaged and committed Cabbagetowner.

George along with the late Peggy Kurtin and other heritage warriors of the late 1980s established the *Cabbagetown Preservation Association* in a time when development and other pressures were threatening the Victorian era architectural integrity of the neighbourhood.

From the activism of the *Cabbagetown Preservation Association*, George and Peggy established the Heritage Conservation District studies. These initiatives were fully volunteer driven that led to the establishment of the Heritage Conservation District designation throughout Cabbagetown. That work continues today and George remains actively engaged as a member of the *Cabbagetown Heritage Conservation District Advisory Committee* and as an advocate to expand HCD designation in South Cabbagetown and Parliament Street.

George is an author and his book *Cabbagetown Remembered*, published in 1984, graces many a coffee table or bookshelf in homes throughout the community and has become a reference for anyone interested in the history of Cabbagetown. He has also written several articles on the history of Cabbagetown and Toronto. He is still an active walking tour guide and has inspired a new generation of historians and tour guides. George also serves on the Riverdale Farm Stewardship Group and as a photographer, can often be seen photographing the wonders of our community and as a result he has amassed thousands of images over the years.

George has retired as one of Canada's leading municipal lawyers. Called to the Bar of Ontario in 1971, he practised municipal law since 1973. He has also worked as a free-lance integrity commissioner and lobbyist registrar for municipalities and local boards.

In 2007, he was awarded the Ontario Bar Association's Award of Excellence in Municipal Law. He was one of the first lawyers in the Province designated by the Law Society of Upper Canada as a Certified Specialist in Municipal Law.

George has served in important capacities for a number of public bodies, including as Metropolitan Solicitor for the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, and as Chair of the Toronto Historical Board.

On behalf of the *Cabbagetown Preservation Association*, we acknowledge and thank George for his many lasting contributions to the Cabbagetown community.

Gilles Huot and David Pretlove, *Co-Chairs*

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