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His Worship Roy Avis
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
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Dear Mayor Avis:

The Ontario Heritage Trust invites nominations for our 2013 Recognition Programs, which celebrate community efforts to preserve Ontario's heritage. We hope you will participate by nominating outstanding volunteers within your community.

As Chairman of the Trust, may I say how much I appreciate the efforts of all those who help to preserve Ontario's unique and irreplaceable heritage treasures. As a member of council, you will know that the impact of the culture and heritage sector is immense. Almost 19 million people visit Ontario's museums and heritage attractions annually, 10 million visitors trek through our parks and conservation areas, and over \$4 billion is spent by tourists experiencing Ontario's cultural activities. Many of the people who work in this sector are volunteers and their work is of tremendous value to our communities.

Please find enclosed program brochures outlining the nomination criteria and awards information. **The nomination deadline for all programs this year is September 30.** Further information and nomination forms can be found on the Trust's recognition program webpage at www.heritagetrust.on.ca/recognition.

I encourage you to work with staff and volunteers in your community to help in the identification of citizens who are making, or who have made, exceptional contributions to heritage conservation. If you have any questions, please contact Dawson Bridger, Community Programs Officer at 416-314-4907 or dawson.bridger@heritagetrust.on.ca.

I hope that your council will participate in these programs and celebrate the work being done to preserve and promote Ontario's heritage.

With appreciation and good wishes.

Sincerely,

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