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The Alton Mill receives national awards for heritage preservation!

The Alton Mill has been honoured with the **Heritage Canada Foundation National Achievement Award** for the rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of the Alton Mill into a mixed-use, arts and heritage complex. The Award was presented jointly to the Alton Mill by the Heritage Canada Foundation and Heritage Caledon (who were represented by Mike Starr and Mayor Marolyn Morrison).

In a Gala Awards Ceremony on September 25th, owners Jeremy and Jordan Grant were recognized by Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Mr. David Onley, for their extraordinary tenacity and vision in taking the building from a state of dereliction into an active place for the development of creative capital, once again making the mill and integral part of the economic and social life of the community. The Alton Mill has now become a hub for the well-established and growing arts community in the Hills of Headwaters tourism area.

As part of Heritage Canada Foundation's annual conference, "The Heritage Imperative: Old Buildings in an Age of Environmental Crisis", it seems fitting that that the **Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals** would present architect **Catherine Nasmith** and landscape architect **Owen Scott** with an **Award of Merit** for their work on the restoration of the Alton Mill. Catherine Nasmith & Owen Scott received the award for Adaptive Reuse Project, which recognizes exceptional projects that integrate new uses into a heritage building or complex. The Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals was founded in 1987 to represent the interests of professional practitioners in many related fields of heritage conservation.

The restoration of the Alton Mill was the result of collaboration between a number of parties in both the public and private sectors, including ownership by the Seaton Group (Jeremy and Jordan Grant), with assistance from the federal and provincial governments (Ontario's Rural Economic Development program and the since discontinued federal Commercial Heritage Properties Incentive Fund). The lead architect on the project was Catherine Nasmith, President of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, with construction management from J.D. Strachan Construction Limited of King City.

The Alton Mill is listed on the Canadian Registry of Historic Places.

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