

## **MR ROBERT MacISAAC**

### **Citation for the Conferral of Doctor of Arts (*honoris causa*)**

Robert MacIsaac was elected as Mayor of Burlington in November 1997 and acclaimed to his second term in 2000. On Monday, September 30, 2003, he was acclaimed for a third term. He heads a downsized Council of seven members.

Since elected, Mayor MacIsaac has been instrumental in planning issues in Burlington and beyond. He has brought progressive new ideas to growth management in Burlington and the GTA. As a member of the Ontario Smart Growth Panel, appointed by then Minister of Municipal Affairs Chris Hodgson, MacIsaac led the effort to develop a vision and recommendations for a Smart Growth strategy for Central Ontario. Subsequent to this work, Mayor MacIsaac chaired a provincial task force to make recommendations in aid of establishing a permanent Greenbelt for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Mayor MacIsaac has been involved in a variety of innovative initiatives, appointments and awards. His leadership ensured several environment programs in the City of Burlington, including the establishment of an environmental management strategy.

He hosted the first ever GTA Smart Growth Summit that brought together community leaders from across the GTA. He founded a Transit Caucus inviting the Mayors of four other GTA municipalities to create a more coordinated and integrated approach in service, fare collection and financing of local transit systems. He chaired a transit summit that brought together leaders from all three levels of government.

In May 2002, Mayor MacIsaac received a GTA Leadership Award from the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance. The GTA International Business Ambassador (Public Sector) recognizes the Mayor's promotion of economic development in the GTA.

Mayor MacIsaac has helped establish a community foundation and hosts a wonderfully successful annual charity gala in support of the foundation's work.

His annual triathlon event supports the work of Burlington's first hospice, where he serves as Honorary Chair. In June 2002, the Mayor received the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award from the Rotary Club of Burlington North for his work establishing the hospice.

MacIsaac was first elected to Municipal Council in November 1991. He served two terms on Council representing Ward 1 at City and Regional Council. Born in 1962, Rob MacIsaac is a lifetime resident of Burlington. He is married to Anne and has two children, Sarah and Catherine. The Mayor attended the University of Waterloo where he completed his undergraduate degree in Economics in 1984. In 1987, he completed his LLB degree at the University of Western Ontario, and was called to the Bar in 1989.

#### **Memberships**

- Greenbelt Task Force, Chair
- Burlington Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors
- Burlington Hydro Inc., Board of Directors
- Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance, Board of Directors

- Honorary Chair, Carpenter Hospice Board
- Honorary Chair, Capital Campaign Cabinet, Central Library Renewal Project
- Board of Directors, AMO, Large Urban Caucus Representative
- Chair, AMO Planning Reform Task Force
- Member, Halton-Peel District Health Council
- Board of Governors, Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital
- Board Member, Canadian Urban Institute

**Dated this Twenty Third Day of June Two Thousand and Six**