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Joe Princiotta is our 2016 Person of the Year

By July, there will be a new crown jewel in historic Dickinson Square, as Manotick's Remembrance Park will become a reality. The new park will honour veterans who have served our country in a beautiful park adjacent to Watson's Mill, and backing onto the Rideau River.

One of the men responsible for making it happen is our 2016 Manotick Messenger Al Corace Person of the Year, Joe Princiotta.

In addition to a large donation to make the project possible, Princiotta made resources available from his company to get the project off the ground and lay the groundwork for the legacy project which will become a cornerstone landmark in Manotick and for the area.

"I can't think of anyone more deserving than Joe to be our Person of the Year," said Manotick Messenger Publisher Jeff Morris. "His work as a philanthropist in the community may be highlighted by the Remembrance Park, but it extends far beyond that. He has consistently been the one man to step to the plate when it comes to not only preserving Manotick's culture and heritage, but in creating and implementing projects to take our commitment to heritage to the next level."

Morris added that Prin-

ciotta was instrumental in preserving Dickinson Square and ensuring that the historic core of the village remained intact.

Councillor Scott Moffatt praised Princiotta for his work in the village.

"The Remembrance Park is going to be enjoyed by generations of local residents, and it would not happen without Joe Princiotta," he said.

Moffatt also said that Princiotta did an outstanding job when he took over the building of the seniors residence, Orchard View on the Rideau, on Bridge Street. Princiotta took over the project from Junicon in the early phases of the residence's development.

"People don't realize what a great job he and his company did with that project," said Moffatt. "The original plans put forward by Junicon called for a building that would have looked far more institutional. Joe made sure that the design and touches to the building added to Manotick's heritage flavour."

While Princiotta has been a big driver of local projects, he is usually behind the scenes, shying away from attention. Morris said that despite Princiotta's involvement in so many projects, the Messenger's photo library has very few images



Manotick businessman and philanthropist Joe Princiotta is the 2016 Manotick Messenger Person of the Year.

with Princiotta in them.

"Joe is a humble and selfless person who does things for the community for the right reason," said Morris. "He is a Manotick guy who grew up in the commun-

ity, and he wants to make it better for the generations that follow him. He learned those values from his father. We're all fortunate to have him as part of our community in Manotick."

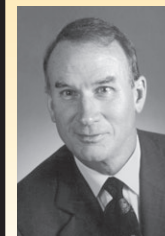


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