

Community Development Award – Savoy’s Jewelers

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In 1998, City Council initiated a community development award program. The purpose of the award program is to:

- Recognize significant achievement in community development.
- Highlight successful development ideas that others can use.
- Inspire other projects to meet the standards set by successful projects.

On behalf of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and the Planning Advisory Committee, I would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2015 Community Development Award—Roger and Richard Rosset of Savoy’s Jewellers, located at 290 Queen Street.

Savoy's has been serving our community for more than sixty years. This award-winning business is a multi-generational success story. They have earned a strong reputation and customer loyalty through their superior quality, service and progressive business ventures.

Savoy's Queen Street location is in a building that was originally known as the 'Smale Block' when it was constructed in 1941. When Savoy's opened in the location in 1952, the building had become known as the Harper Block.

Originally, Savoy's shared space with two other businesses and apartments on the upstairs level of the building. Throughout the 1950's Savoy's expanded its operations, until it came to occupy the entire building in 1960, as it continues to do today.

The building has undergone continual upgrades over the years. Major renovations were completed in 1999 replacing the front façade and front doorway with marble and gold accents.

In 2011, the owners applied to the City's Downtown Improvement grant program and received a \$22,500 grant. Savoy's refaced the exterior of the store with new reflective windows, door panels, decorative cladding, silver accents and new signage, with a total investment of nearly \$250,000.

One of Sault Ste. Marie's marquee family businesses, today, Savoy's is continuing its traditions of commercial success and community involvement. Congratulations again to Roger and Richard Rosset and their team at Savoy's Jewellers, deserving recipients of the City of Sault Ste. Marie's 2015 Community Development Award.