



## MACDONALD, Norman D. (1928 – 2007)

Active in the Niagara Peninsula for nearly 50 years, Norman Macdonald was born in St. Catharines in June 1928 and received his early education there. He graduated from the School of Architecture at the University of Toronto with Honors in 1952, and began his work experience with Wilson Salter (1913-1995) in St. Catharines, later joining the Ontario Association of Architects in 1954.

In 1959 both he and Michael Zuberec purchased the architectural practice of Thomas Wiley (1907-1959) and opened their own office of Macdonald & Zuberec Architects later that year. Together they operated a successful professional office serving the Niagara Peninsula, specializing in institutional, commercial, educational and residential commissions as well as offering expertise in heritage restoration and renovation.

Macdonald made an important contribution to the design of several landmarks in the region including Denis Morris High School (1958-60), the St. Catharines YMCA Building [with Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners] (1992-94), the restoration of the Niagara District Courthouse at Niagara-on-the-Lake (built 1846-47 and restored 1983-84), and the restoration of the Rainbow Bridge Plaza, Niagara Falls, Ont. (1995-2000)

He was an early and articulate advocate for heritage conservation in the Niagara Peninsula, and a founding member of the St. Catharines LACAC Committee, in which he was active for nearly thirty years. He also served as President of the St. Catharines Historical Society in 1961-63. He was a founding member of the Niagara Chapter of the Ontario Association of Architects in 1962, and was elected to the College of Fellows of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada in 1994. His passion for the profession of architecture helped to advance an awareness of the built environment and the rich architectural history of the Niagara region.