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BUTLER, Anthony (1932 – 2020)

Anthony Butler of Hamilton, Ont. was added to the OAA Honor Roll for his service to the profession, but more importantly, for his advocacy of the rich and diverse heritage of 19th and 20th C. architecture in that city. After graduating from the School of Architecture at the University of Toronto in 1954, he joined the Ontario Association of Architects in May 1956. On completing his training with other architects, he opened an office under his own name in Hamilton in 1960.

His major architectural projects in that region include the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Police Administration Building, 1977-78 (with McLaren Gerrie), the first buildings of Mohawk College of Applied Arts & Technology, and the new Hamilton Central Library & Farmer's Market, 1980 (with Brook Carruthers & Shaw of Toronto). He also made a major contribution to the preservation of the impressive industrial heritage of Hamilton, and not only gave

tours of North End landmarks, but also wrote two self-guided tours of the Made-In-Hamilton Industrial Trail that are still in use today.

He earned the respect of his professional colleagues who elected him as a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada in 1983, and as President of the Ontario Association of Architects in 1986. He would later receive the Order of da Vinci by the OAA in 1996 in acknowledgment of his contribution to raise awareness and appreciation of the remarkable legacy of early buildings in the city of Hamilton. He later died there on March 28, 2020.