

Media Information

About John G. McAvity, C.M., D.Litt.

CMA's Executive Director & CEO



John G. McAvity has served as the Executive Director of the Canadian Museums Association since 1981. He was born in Saint John, N.B., is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick and a certified Association Executive.

In February 2016, he was inducted into the Order of Canada by The Governor General for his contributions to preserving Canada's cultural heritage. In 2007, he received an honorary doctorate of letters from the University of New Brunswick. He is also a recipient of the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee medals and in October 2016 was made a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

John has wide experience in the heritage sector including working at Kings Landing Historical Settlement, the New Brunswick Museum, the Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings, the Ontario Museum Association, and is a founder of the Association Museums New Brunswick. He is active with the International Council of Museums, and serves on Library and Archives Canada's National Stakeholder's Forum.

He loves gardening, collecting Canadian art, and odd antiques such as fire hydrants and hardware. He lives in a heritage home in Ottawa and another in Rothesay, N.B.

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