

OCA Wall of Honour

Max Ballantyne (1925-1985)



A commemorative plaque recognizing Max Ballantyne and his contribution as one of the City's leading project managers was installed at the Ottawa Construction Association in 1986 prior to the official creation of an OCA Wall of Fame.

The original plaque wording below was brief and to the point and OCA archives sadly do not have greater biographical detail on Max Ballantyne.

"Max came from Mont Brydges, Ontario and completed his technical schooling in London, Ontario. During his career in the Ottawa area he was a project manager on many of the largest construction projects and as such was instrumental in changing the skyline of the national capital area.

His contribution to the construction industry as a builder will not be forgotten."

The 1986 OCA Board of Directors meeting minutes do record the following considerations for recognizing Max:

- It was desirable to honour those builders who had contributed in a significant way to the Ottawa building program and the industry's development.
- Project managers and superintendents were often the "unsung heroes" in this regard, they are responsible for the on-site execution of the projects, but many plaques usually only name the owner, designers and contractor.

- Company presidents can obtain recognition in many ways - e.g. by heading up the OCA and thereafter having their pictures hung permanently in the Association's offices.
- Max constituted an excellent example for the CET students at Algonquin College in that he demonstrated how someone could rise in the industry to positions of responsibility after graduating from a course such as their's.