



# **MERCHANT NAVY COMMEMORATIVE THEME PROJECT (MNCTP)**



## **NEWS RELEASE**

**DWIGHT MACAULAY  
APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF  
HONORARY GOVERNORS OF THE MNCTP**

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**OTTAWA, TODAY** – Mr. Stéphane Ouellette, President and Chief Executive Officer, Merchant Navy Commemorative Theme Project (MNCTP), announced the appointment of Dwight MacAulay as Honorary Governor to the Board of Honorary Governors of the MNCTP.

MacAulay recently retired as Chief of Protocol for the Government of Manitoba, a role he held with distinction since 1998, and previously served as Chief of Protocol for the Government of South Australia. Over his distinguished career, he coordinated Royal visits, international trade missions, major commemorative events, and high-level diplomatic engagements with world leaders.

Among his many accomplishments, in collaboration with the MNCTP, he was instrumental in launching Manitoba's first Merchant Navy Day Proclamation in 2015, and celebrating the lifetime achievements of Sir William Stephenson. In addition, MacAulay will serve as the MNCTP's Regional Director for the Province of Manitoba. In this capacity, he will: coordinate provincial Merchant Navy Veterans' Day commemorations; and (as Past President of the Intrepid Society), honour the legacy of Sir William Stephenson.

His honours include the Queen's Golden, Diamond, and Platinum Jubilee Medals, and was appointed by Her Majesty The Queen as Lieutenant, and later as Commander of the Royal Victorian Order—the highest rank attainable in Canada within the Order.

Dwight MacAulay's public service legacy is matched by his exceptional volunteer leadership. He has served on the boards of numerous cultural, historical, and charitable organizations, including the Winnipeg Press Club, the Royal Commonwealth Society (Manitoba chapter), the Manitoba Historical Society, and the Fort Garry Horse Regiment Senate. His contributions span heritage preservation, arts promotion, and community service, reflecting a lifelong commitment to honouring history and fostering civic pride.

## Quotes

*“Dwight MacAulay’s unparalleled experience in diplomacy, protocol, and public service, combined with his deep commitment to remembrance, makes him an extraordinary addition to the MNCTP leadership. His role in securing Manitoba’s first Merchant Navy Day Proclamation, and honouring celebrating Sir William Stephenson reflects the very mission of our organization. We are privileged to have his leadership in Manitoba and on our Board of Honorary Governors.”*

— Stéphane Ouellette, President & CEO, Merchant Navy Commemorative Theme Project (MNCTP)

*“I am honoured to join the Merchant Navy Commemorative Theme Project as an Honorary Governor and Regional Director for Manitoba. The courage and sacrifice of our Merchant Navy veterans and the remarkable legacy of Sir William Stephenson deserve to be remembered and celebrated with dignity. I look forward to working with the MNCTP to ensure these stories continue to inspire future generations.”*

— Dwight MacAulay, Honorary Governor, MNCTP, and Regional Director for the Province of Manitoba

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