

Ken Weber to get stone on Caledon's Walk of Fame

Local author, educator and historian Ken Weber is about to receive some special recognition in the community.

He's about to get a stone unveiled on Caledon's Walk of Fame.

Weber, father of four, is a member of the Bruce Trail Conservancy, and he and his wife Cecile were named 'benefactors' by the Conservancy. In addition, he created an endowment fund for the preservation of the Niagara Escarpment.

Weber has served on the Caledon Library Board for 12 years and has been a featured speaker at many Caledon organizations. He has served on the Board of the Caledon Heritage Foundation and writes regular Historic Hills articles for In The Hills magazine. He edited the first comprehensive book on the history of Caledon East, entitled Settling the Hills. He was presented with an Ontario Heritage Award for his work on that book. He also wrote the introductions to For Those Who Served, a tribute to those from Caledon who fought in First and Second World Wars.

He began his career as a high school teacher in 1960. He later became a Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Toronto, where he was the founder and First Chair of Special Education Studies at that faculty. He won many awards while there and retired as the youngest Professor Emeritus from that University.

'I am proud to add Mr. Weber to our prestigious Walk of Fame,' Mayor Allan Thompson said. 'He is a remarkable man.'

The Caledon Walk of Fame Ceremony will be Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. on the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion Park.

Weber's stone will be joining those of past honourees like sports entrepreneur Conn Smythe, art collectors Robert and Signe McMichael, writer Farley Mowat and film director Norman Jewison.

The Trans Canada Trail Pavilion Park is in Caledon East on the Caledon Trailway, west side of Airport Road, just south of Emma Street and Old Church Road. Parking is available on Airport Road, Emma Street, and east on Old Church Road at Town Hall and Caledon Community Complex - a five-minute walk along the Caledon Trailway.