Association of Professional Engineers

of the Province of Manitoba

Merit Award

to

WALTER SALTZBERG

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Walter Saltzberg was born in Poland and came to Manitoba as a refugee after World War II. He graduated from the University of Manitoba in Civil Engineering in 1957. He has practised engineering in Manitoba throughout his career.

Mr. Saltzberg rose quickly in the Department of Highways and became Chief Bridge Construction Engineer in 1960. In that position for 24 years he has been instrumental in the successful implementation of engineering works on more than 1000 structures on the Manitoba Highway system. Among those engineering works were major structures over the Lake Manitoba Narrows, the Saskatchewan River at The Pas, First Street at the Assiniboine River in Brandon, many crossings of the Winnipeg floodway, and highway interchange structures.

Mr. Saltzberg has also performed emergency and special works ranging from the protection of river structures against ice damage through the removal of ice floes with explosives, to repair of damaged and dangerous structures. He has displayed ingenuity, skill and dedication beyond the call of duty in this work.

The most recent dramatic example of emergency engineering work was the successful, safe and timely repair to the Trans Canada Highway Bridge over the Symington Railway Yards after the structure was severely damaged by a train collision. Mr. Saltzberg demonstrated the abilities he has developed over the years, his technical understanding, his marshalling of other engineering expertise and his total commitment of time and energy in extremely difficult weather and working conditions.

Mr. Saltzberg's career is a superb example and an inspiration to engineers working in the field of operations and construction. His works will long remain as a tribute to his engineering skills.

For his outstanding contribution in the erection of many highway structures and in particular for his part in the repairs to the Symington Railway Overpass, the Association's Merit Award is conferred on Walter Saltzberg.