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Mississauga developer Iggy Kaneff is shown holding the awards recently presented to him by the Ontario Historical Society for the refurbishing of the Formosa Brewery. *Red Bio.*

Iggy honored for renovation

The Ontario Historical Society has named the Algonquin Brewing Company Limited as the winner of its 1995 President's Award.

It is presented at the Society's discretion to a business that has made and outstanding contribution to the preservation of the history and heritage of Ontario.

Through the support of Mississauga developer, Iggy Kaneff, the 125-year-old brewing operation in Formosa, Ont. was revitalized and is now considered a leader in the growing craft brewing business.

The firm has its corporate offices in Mississauga.

Algonquin has developed a solid domestic following and more than 15 per cent of capacity is being exported to the United States.

It was also noted, that while other craft breweries have gone public, Algonquin remains as the only solely, privately-Canadian owned microbrewery.

Presentation of the award was made recently in the Algonquin Room of the Royal York Hotel. Accepting was brewery president, Evan Hayter.

"This is a significant honor for us, one that we can be extremely proud of," he said.

The citation presented by the OHS noted that not only had the old brewery been revitalized, but the company had collected the material culture related to the brewery, commissioned the writing of its history, and preserved the facade of the 19th century brewer's house.