

MacDonald, Larry

CAS honours executive director MacDonald for 25 years service

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The board of directors for the Hastings County Children's Aid Society honoured its executive director Thursday night for 25 years service in the field of child protection.

Larry MacDonald was given a gift and plaque by board chairman Peter Tinsley at the beginning of the board meeting and said he has been "constantly

impressed" by MacDonald's performance throughout the years. MacDonald, he added, has been a "centre point" for an agency that works under "incredible stress and pressure."

MacDonald is a native of Belleville whose first job was as a journalist for the radio station CJBQ in 1961-62.

He subsequently worked in the children's aid field in Edmonton and Vancouver before becoming head of the children's services



CAS board chairman Peter Tinsley presents executive director Larry MacDonald an honorary plaque.

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department in Belleville April 29, 1974.

He became executive director for the agency April 29, 1980.

Several board members praised MacDonald for his work and personal attributes.

Board member Ted Belyea recalled an incident in 1992 when he was in the intensive care unit of a hospital, where only family members are allowed to visit.

However MacDonald visited him wearing an unusual collar

and only later did Belyea learn MacDonald had passed himself off as a member of the clergy.

"To me, that was always special, because it showed what kind of human side there is to Larry."

Board member Ernie Parsons, who has been associated with the CAS for 22 years, said, "it has been a pleasure to be associated with you."

For his part, MacDonald said, "it's been a privilege to serve this board."

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