

April 11th, 2006.

Outstanding leadership of John Anderson, Chairman of the Victoria Tall Ships Society, recognized at 23rd. C-FAX 1070 annual community awards ceremony.

John Anderson, Chair of the Victoria Tall ships Society, was presented with the C-FAX 1070 and Victoria News Group, "Community Leader of the Year Award" at a glittering ceremony attended by civic leaders, business, sports and professional volunteer organizations today at the Fairmont Hotel in Victoria.

John was recognized for his inspired leadership in bringing the world renowned tall ships to Victoria in 2005 for a never to be forgotten family festival, which attracted tens of thousands to the inner harbour of the BC Capital.

Receiving his award John paid tribute to the almost 1000 volunteers who helped make the four day festival an outstanding financial and cultural success. He expressed profound thanks to the many Tall Ships sponsors and supporters, without whom the vent could not have taken place, and he paid tribute to the foresight of the City of Victoria who was among the first to lend financial and physical support to the event.

Anderson announced that efforts were already underway by he and his Board of Directors to arrange for a return of the tall ships in 2008.