



C. Stephen Cheasley

A graduate of McGill University, C. Stephen Cheasley is a member of the Bar of Québec and was a lawyer with Fasken Martineau from 1963 until his retirement in 2010. The focus of his professional practice has been financing and commercial real estate.

Mr. Cheasley became involved with John Abbott College shortly after its creation in 1970, when he was called upon to negotiate a lease of an industrial building to be used as classrooms on a temporary basis. This successful contribution became the foundation of a relationship, which has spanned nearly five decades.

The search for a permanent home for the College in the West Island led Mr. Cheasley to play a prominent role in the purchase of land by the College next to Fairview Shopping Centre in Pointe-Claire.

When it was decided later to locate the College on the campus of Macdonald College, Mr. Cheasley was involved with the negotiation of a twenty-five, year emphyteutic lease between the College and McGill University. He subsequently participated in the purchase of the Macdonald campus from McGill at the end of the emphyteutic lease, as well as the sale of the surplus Pointe-Claire land.

Mr. Cheasley, at the suggestion of Director General Keith Henderson, formed the John Abbott College Foundation in 1999 and was its Chair for thirteen years during which time the Foundation raised money to help students and ran a successful capital campaign to raise funds for the new science building.

PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Canadian Railroad Historical Association, President
- Exporail, the Canadian Railway Museum, President
- Montreal Board of Trade, President and Chairman
- Public Hearings on McGill College Avenue, 1984 Co-Chair
- Public Hearings on the Old Port, 1987 Co-Chair
- Advisory Committee City of Montreal on Public Hearings, 2000, Member
- *Tourisme Montréal*, Director
- Montreal International, Director
- Lakeshore General Hospital, President
- Task Force on Greater Montreal and Regions, Member
- *Fond d'investissements de Montréal*, Director
- *Quartier international de Montréal*, President
- John Abbott College Foundation, Chairman
- Canadian Railroad Historical Association Foundation, President
- Canadian Railway Hall of Fame Selection Committee, Member