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## **Media Release – 2021 Project – Book by Jennifer McKendry**

### ***‘Kingston, the Limestone City: Stone Buildings in the Kingston Region’***

The Frontenac Heritage Foundation is pleased to announce it has received a \$12,000 grant from the **City of Kingston** and the **Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries and Historic Sites** towards the printing costs of a new book by Jennifer McKendry, a well-known architectural historian and an authority on regional architecture.

Dr. McKendry has written numerous articles and books including ones on brick and wooden buildings – this one examines stone structures from 1790 to 1930 in the Kingston region. The title, *Kingston, the Limestone City*, reflects the city’s self-characterization via the motto “the limestone city” from the 1870s to the present day.

The book includes aspects of quarrying, construction methods and features an extensive illustrated chronology of buildings ranging from simple to complex. McKendry notes that one of the subjects of particular interest is carving ornamental elements – an aspect not previously explored in publications. Included also in the book are stone landscaping details of sites that are important to the historic ambience of properties. Over 300 pages are in colour.

The book sets out a chronological sequence of buildings from 1790 to 1930 and explains why Kingston’s building industry relied on the stone forming its bedrock during the 19th century. Topics also explored in the book are quarries, kilns, tools, fences, wall construction and carvings.

Jennifer McKendry is a local Kingston architectural historian, a photographer and an author of such books as *Architects in the Kingston Area*, *Woodwork in Historic Buildings of the Kingston Region*, *Bricks in 19th-Century Architecture of the Kingston Area*, *Modern Architecture in Kingston*, and *With Our Past before Us: 19th-Century Architecture in the Kingston Area*.

The Frontenac Heritage Foundation advocates for heritage preservation in a broad geographical area centered on Kingston. President, Shirley Bailey, comments that this book will help focus attention on the importance of built heritage from the earliest stone examples through to the beginnings of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. She notes that because of the pandemic restrictions, the launch date has not been scheduled.

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