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News Release

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Dr. Roberta Bondar Receives Key to the City

Sault Ste. Marie, ON (2017 06 30) – The City of Sault Ste. Marie bestowed a very special honour today on Dr. Roberta Bondar who was presented the Key to the City to recognize her outstanding contributions to Sault Ste. Marie and worldwide. As the City’s honorary Canada 150 Ambassador, Dr. Bondar will be co-hosting Canada Day 150 on July 1st with Mayor Provenzano.

“The pride our City feels about Dr. Bondar’s accomplishments is undeniable,” states Mayor Provenzano, Sault Ste. Marie. “The citizens of Sault Ste. Marie remember welcoming you home on February 20, 1992 shortly after your Space flight and today, in a most deserving way, we welcome you home again as our hometown hero. Thank you for all you have done for our community and our country and congratulations on your silver anniversary.”

The key to the City was presented to Dr. Bondar following an announcement by the Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation that the roadway off of the City’s Airport Road leading to the terminal building will be named Dr. Roberta Bondar Parkway. As Canada’s first woman in Space and the world’s first neurologist in Space, Saultite Dr. Bondar celebrates her 25th anniversary of the unique moment in Canadian history in the year of Canada’s 150.

Celebrated Canadian and local hero, Dr. Bondar will preside over Canada Day ceremonies with Mayor Provenzano at Roberta Bondar Park on July 1, 2017. A full listing of events and activities are on the City’s Canada 150 community calendar at www.saultstemarie.ca/canada150calendar. The community is encouraged to add their event to the calendar and to join in this historic celebration.

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