

## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sculpture

When the city was looking for a way to commemorate 175 Years as a city in Dodge County, Wisconsin the idea of a sculpture emerged with having a focal point in downtown so everyone who visits can see one of the many highlights of our great city and our downtown. The sculpture had to be consistent with our past and present community and uniqueness for the area. Over the last three years the Community Development Authority Committee, Planning Committee, Mayville City Council, Parks Department, Department of Public Works, Engineering and Main Street Mayville discussed and worked on the logistics of the sculpture. The location on Horicon and Main Street was chosen for its downtown location and visibility along with utilization of the green space that has DNR restriction on the piece of land due to past contamination. And then it came to light! We wanted to design a sculpture similar to the "Toronto" sign and we could build it as "Mayville". Big and bold! The city looked at several sign designers to build this sculpture and the city decided on a local designer "ROTECH". The steel represents the founding of Mayville and its history known for the discovery of iron ore and the smelting plant hence the rustic color of the sign. The 3D effect with spacing represents the industry we have in this city and all the manufacturers with thousands of jobs here in Mayville. The building of the sculpture took over a year to design and build with precise measurements, this also included the rustic color that was used. The city used a local mason Hechimovich Masonry to build the footings and raise each letter in place. Each letter weighs around 600 pounds and stands 6.5 feet high. The length of the sculpture is 32 feet long. To finish the sculpture, it was welded in place and structurally secured.

This sculpture is a gift from the city to the city and a symbol of our existence, hard work and dedication to one another throughout 175 years. I would like to give a special thanks to Rotech and Hechimovich Masonry for their time, efforts and donation on achieving this great accomplishment. I would also like to thank Main Street Mayville past and present members for their support with this project. I also want to thank the many past and present members of the CDA, City Council and Planning Committee members for their insight with this project and seeing it through. I also want to thank the Parks Department, DPW and the City Staff for the many hours and hard work on this project as well.

Thank you everyone as we wish Mayville a Happy Sequential!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mayor Rob