



GEOFFREY T. G. SCOTT MEMORIAL AWARD

In Recognition of Outstanding Leadership and Inspiration in the Water Environment Industry

The Geoffrey T. G. Scott Memorial Award was established in 2009 by the Board of Directors of the Water Environment Association of Ontario to recognize and honour a member of the water environment industry in Canada for his/her outstanding example of leadership and inspiration in championing a worthwhile endeavour and thereby advancing the mission of the water environment industry.

Geoffrey T. G. Scott, P.Eng. was born in London, England and attended Prep School at Ely Cathedral. In 1940, Geoff went to City & Guilds where he studied Civil Engineering amidst the chaos of World War II. Upon graduation, he joined the Royal Engineers and served in East Africa, India and Burma. In 1946, Geoff returned to City & Guilds to work on his Masters Degree. He subsequently joined the firm of Sandford, Fawcett and Partners.

In 1952, Geoff was asked to come to Canada to establish the firm called Canadian-British Consultants Limited. He arrived at Union Station in Toronto on February 24, 1953 from New York City where he had landed after crossing the Atlantic Ocean on the Queen Mary.

Geoff was involved with many engineering groups and received many commendations for his work. He was a long-time member of and volunteer in the Canadian Institute on Pollution Control and the Pollution Control Association of Ontario; forerunners of the Water Environment Association of Ontario. In 1975-76, Geoff served as President of the Association.

In 1975, Geoffrey was awarded the Arthur Sidney Bedell Award by the Water Pollution Control Federation (now Water Environment Federation) for outstanding service in the sewerage and wastewater treatment works field, as related particularly to the problems and activities of the Member Associations.

In 1979-80, Geoffrey served as President of the Water Environment Federation, taking pride in being only the second non-American President of the Federation.

In 1983, Geoffrey, with a small group of senior members of the Water Pollution Control Association of Ontario, established the Ontario Chapter of the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovellers (5S). Members of the 5S were privileged to wear a small gold shovel in honour of their outstanding contributions of time, effort and energy in the service of the Association.

Geoffrey presided over future induction ceremonies with all the pomp and circumstance that a person of his background could muster. Each inductee was presented with a certificate signed by 5S members as various numbers on the pH scale. Geoff's signature was always required on each certificate in the position of the honourable pH7.

Geoff was an international ambassador for the 5S, travelling widely to attend 5S meetings in many Associations as evidenced by the multitude of shovels adorning his tie and lapels when he was in full regalia. Geoff was instrumental in establishing 5S Chapters across Canada and the United States as well as the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands and Sweden.

It is hoped that Geoffrey's outstanding leadership and inspiration in serving the Association, the Federation and, in particular, spreading the 5S movement will serve as an example to others.



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Award Title: Geoffrey T. G. Scott Memorial Award

Purpose: To recognize a member of the water environment industry in Canada for his/her outstanding example of leadership and inspiration in championing a worthwhile endeavour and thereby advancing the mission of the water environment industry.

The Award: A personalized plaque

Frequency: The award may be presented annually or less frequently, if a worthy recipient cannot be identified on an annual basis. Only one Award shall be conferred in a calendar year.

Eligibility: The nominee must have demonstrated exceptional or extraordinary leadership and inspirational qualities in championing a worthwhile endeavour within the water environment industry. The leadership and inspiration must be demonstrated to have been above and beyond the expected standard, so as to be deemed to be outstanding.

Nomination Requirements: Nominations for the Award shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Administrator of the WEAO for consideration by the Award Committee. The written nomination shall include: the nominee's name, contact information (including e-mail if possible), affiliations (both working and volunteer), a short but clear description of the reasons for which the candidate is being nominated (1/2-page to 1-page), and the nominator's name and contact information (including e-mail address). The submitted information will be used by the Award Committee to begin the consideration of the nominee for the Award. Additional information will be obtained by the Award Committee as necessary.

Nomination Procedures: Anyone may make a formal nomination for the Award.

Deadlines: The written nomination shall be received in by the Executive Administrator of the WEAO no later than January 31 of the year in which the Award is to be bestowed. Late submissions may be considered in the following year. Each submission shall be acknowledged in writing by the WEAO.

Award Committee Membership: The Award Committee shall consist of the President of the WEAO or the Vice-President of the WEAO, if designated by the President, and least 3 other members as selected by the Board of Directors of the WEAO. The Committee members need not be members of the Board of Directors of the WEAO.

Selection Process: Each year that nominations are received, the Award Committee should be constituted and assess the nominees for the Award. The Committee shall review the submitted information and conduct any other inquiries necessary to satisfy themselves that the nominees have demonstrated leadership and inspirational qualities over and above those efforts normally expected, so as to be considered outstanding and exceptional. The selection of the recipient shall require a unanimous vote of the Committee; otherwise, the Award shall not be conferred.

Award Presentation: The plaque will be presented at the WEAO Annual Conference.

Publicity: An article concerning the award and the recipient shall appear in the issue of *Influents* following the WEAO Annual Conference.