

# Maple Leaf Award

## Previous Recipients

2024 – Phil Pavey  
2023 – Eric Batty  
2022 – Philip van Wassenaeer  
2021 – Cathy Bentley  
2019 – Sandy Smith  
2018 – John Bellehumeur  
2017 – Mark Graves  
2016 – Dwayne Neustaeter  
2015 – Alastair Fyfe  
2014 – Mike Greer  
2013 – Joe Outram & Warren Hoselton  
2012 – Mike Hayes  
2011 – Shayne Plowman  
2010 – Jack Radecki  
2009 – Ruurd Van de Ven  
2008 – J. Wilson  
2007 – iAN Bruce  
2006 – Del Cressman  
2005 – B. Sayers  
2004 – Ruurd Van de Ven  
2003 – A. Kenney  
2002 – L. Burrridge  
2001 – O. Goltz  
2000 – Jim Deitch  
1998 – J. Northwood  
1996 – V. Plowman  
1992 – Glen Lumis

*Awarded to individuals who have provided exceptional energy, leadership and commitment to promoting and improving arboriculture and urban forestry for more than 10 years.*

*Note: This award cannot be re-awarded to the same individual more than once in a ten-year period. To receive it a second time, the qualifying period in which the criteria is examined must be in at least a 10 year period after the initial award received.*

## Criteria

**1. Leadership.** Leadership is meant as the exercise of influencing others, usually in a broad manner, through various means. Leadership is characterized by evidence that others (usually many others) will follow. In other words, “leadership” will involve influencing others in a positive way towards excellence and/or improvement in arboriculture and urban forestry.

*Describe the person’s exceptional leadership towards promoting and improving arboriculture and urban forestry over a 10-year period. This should include specific details of formal leadership (such as chairing a committee) and/or informal leadership (the person is recognized by many as exerting positive influence informally).*

*The details must include the role the person played and over what period of time, for at least a 10-year period. It should include any relevant projects, activities, etc. that were involved over that period of time. The description should include information that will demonstrate that the person’s leadership was “exceptional.” In other words, it must be clear that this person influenced others broadly – that many were influenced to adopt improvements to arboriculture and urban forestry, for example.*

**2. Energy.** Describe the person’s exceptional output of energy towards promoting and improving arboriculture and urban forestry. This should include specific details of actual activity and participation towards promoting and improving arboriculture and urban forestry. The details must include the role the person played and what activities were involved over what period of time for at least a 10-year period. It should include any relevant projects, activities, etc. that were involved over that period of time. The description should clearly outline the volume of effective activity so as to demonstrate that the energy level was “exceptional.”

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**3. Commitment.** Describe the person's exceptional commitment towards promoting and improving arboriculture and urban forestry. This should include specific details of actual sustained activity and participation towards promoting and improving arboriculture and urban forestry over an at least 10-year period. The details must include the role the person played and what activities were involved over what period of time. The description should clearly outline the volume of effective activity with an emphasis on how it was sustained so as to demonstrate that the commitment level was "exceptional."

**4. Promotion of Arboriculture.** Promotion is meant as "to further the growth, development, establishment, progress or public knowledge and opinion of." For more than 10 years. Describe this person's activities "to further the growth, development, establishment, progress or public knowledge and opinion of" the ideas of arboriculture and urban forestry.

This should include a listing and description on this person's achievements – on how they "promoted" arboriculture and urban forestry in Ontario over a 10-year period and what their achievements were. It is noted that the influence of promotion is hard to measure; and therefore, an emphasis on the promotional activities themselves is considered acceptable.

**5. Improving Arboriculture for more than 10 years.** By "improve" it is meant as to enhance the quality or effectiveness of something. Provide a listing and description on this person's achievements – on how they "improved" arboriculture and urban forestry in Ontario over a 10-year period and what their achievements were. A listing of others who could validate/confirm these achievements should be provided. Endorsements by others should be submitted as additional evidence of the worthiness of the nominee. A diversity of endorsement including but not limited to community contacts (residents, businesses, elected officials) and that of accepted experts (public and educational institution representatives, landscape architects; arborists, environmental experts, etc.) will strengthen applications.