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# 2019 Bill Thake Memorial Award For Economic Development Leadership

## **Overview:**

The Bill Thake Award for Economic Development Leadership was introduced in 2011. This annual award, also called the Warden's Award, recognizes and celebrates a volunteer who has shown outstanding commitment and leadership resulting in the growth and vitality of the Leeds Grenville economy. Individual leaders, not groups or committees, can be nominated. Following the passing of Mr. Thake in 2013, this is now a Memorial Award in his honour.

## **Award namesake:**

During his extraordinary lifetime, William (Bill) Thake was recognized as being the longest-serving mayor in Canada. Mr. Thake was first elected a councillor in 1961 and was elected reeve/mayor in 1969, a position he held for the next 44 years. His municipal experience spanned more than half a century with 52 years of service within the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. Mr. Thake was Counties Warden for four terms.

Known for his warmth and extensive knowledge of Leeds Grenville, Mr. Thake is remembered as an outstanding mentor who worked hard to improve the economic vitality in his village of Westport and in communities across the United Counties. Mr. Thake received the Long-Standing Service Award at the Ontario East Municipal Conference in 2011. He was also recognized that same year at Queen's Park and on Parliament Hill for his unmatched half-century of leadership. Mr. Thake earned the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his outstanding contributions to his community in 2012.

**Deadline for nominations:** Friday, September 27, 2019

## **Scope:**

The citizens of Leeds Grenville are our ambassadors throughout the world. It is important we celebrate and recognize the many achievements that build and sustain our communities through their work in economic development.

The individual you choose to nominate may be involved with local municipal Economic Development committees and boards, Community Futures Development Corporations, Chambers of Commerce, Industry Associations or other economic development organizations.

where lifestyle  
grows good business

synonyme de qualité de vie  
et de réussite en affaires

**Nomination process:**

Nominations may be made by individuals, organizations, business leaders, elected officials, counties and municipal staff. The award will be presented at the Economic Development Summit being held on November 22, 2019. All nominees will be honoured for their achievements.

**Eligibility:**

- A Leeds Grenville citizen
- A person living in the Townships of Athens, Augusta, Edwardsburgh Cardinal, Elizabethtown-Kitley, Front of Yonge, Leeds and the Thousand Islands, Rideau Lakes, the villages of Merrickville-Wolford or Westport, and the Municipality of North Grenville.
- This award is for an individual leader. The nominee may be a committee chair or a group leader but an entire committee or group cannot be nominated.
- A person who has demonstrated leadership and involvement in economic development within their respective community or area over a period of years in a volunteer capacity.
- Practicing Economic Development professionals and current elected officials would be exempt from the award.

**Information required:**

A detailed profile of the nominee with a list of his or her contributions to economic development is requested. Please include contact information for the nominee and any additional reference persons (including an email address and phone number). A letter of support from the municipality is encouraged. A nomination form is attached. All applications should be submitted to:

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**Nomination Form**  
**2019 Bill Thake Memorial Award**  
**For Economic Development Leadership**

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years of Service to the community:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Profile of nominee:** (2-3 paragraphs / 250 words – feel free to attach a profile if you need more space)

**If the nominee has participated in a number of projects, and/or events, please list them in the sections below, indicating the nominee's role and how the project affected the community.**

**1 - Nominee's Role:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accomplishment:**



**Economic Development Impact:**

**2 - Nominee's Role:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accomplishment:**

**Economic Development Impact:**

**3 - Nominee's Role:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accomplishment:**

**Economic Development Impact:**

**Letter of support from the municipality:** Yes ☐ No ☐

**Have you confirmed your submission with the nominee?** Yes ☐ No ☐

**Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**References: (please include contact information – telephone and email)**

**Thank you for helping us honour your community's champion.**  
**Leeds Grenville Economic Development Office**