



# Geoffrey T.G. Scott Award

## Call for Nominations

**Nomination deadline is February 27, 2026.**

**Nominations must be emailed to [awards@weao.org](mailto:awards@weao.org).**

This award recognizes a member of the water environment industry in Canada for demonstrating an outstanding example of leadership and inspiration in championing a worthwhile endeavour and thereby advancing the mission of the water environment industry. The award consists of a plaque suitably inscribed with the recipient's name.

### **Award History:**

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



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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, traveling 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.

#### **Criteria:**

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:**

- Nomination form (required)
- Any other supporting material that you feel would be helpful in the selection process (optional).