

2023 Award of Merit Recipient – Rick Leaney

Our first Award of Merit recipient is Rick Leaney. Rick was born and raised in Midland, Ontario. He attended Midland High School where he earned the Senior Boys Division Championship for Track & Field.

Rick worked as a dedicated employee for the Town of Midland for a total of 35 years. In his capacity as Harbour Master, he welcomed hundreds of people to the Midland shores from Boaters, Captains, and daily tourists to downtown.

While in my position as Mayor of Midland, I constantly received accolades about Rick's kindness, unselfishness, and his proud dedication to our town. Rick was an ambassador for Midland; always putting the tourist and ship captains needs or asks and interest at the fore-front of what he did on a daily basis; often giving lifts to boaters on his own time to get essentials in town or help with safety issues for their travels.

In September 2020, Council approved the renaming of the road between the Town Dock Office and the Boathouse Restaurant to be 'Rick Leaney Way' in recognition of Mr. Leaney's longstanding public service as the Town's Harbour Master.

This presentation is to the best ambassador the Town of Midland has known, well deserved recognition and honour to know Rick and dedication to the Town of Midland.

It is indeed a great pleasure to present the Award of Merit to Rick Leaney.