2016 Award of Merit Recipient - BRYAN PETER

Bryan has dedicated his professional life to Parks & Recreation. In 1975, Bryan graduated from Fanshawe College with a Recreation's Leadership Diploma and was hired that same year as Director of Recreation for the Town of Wiarton. He spent the next 10 years with Wiarton and the Town of Seaforth before making the big move east to join the Town of Midland.

Bryan was the Director of Parks & Recreation for the Town of Midland for 30 years and during this time, his many accomplishments shaped the Town to what it is today, including;

- Project Coordinator for the development of the North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre
- Developed Staff/Council Committee for Communities in Bloom program
- Participated in the development of the Boys & Girls Club, Huronia Gymnastic Club, Skateboard Park, and the Midland Soccer fields, to name a few

Anything that had to do with Parks & Recreation in Midland over the last 30 years, Bryan had a hand in developing.

Bryan was always looking at ways to improve, not only himself, but on how Parks & Recreation was delivered. After 25 years on the job, studying many nights and weekends, Bryan was able to obtain his Bachelor of Recreation & Leisure from Brock University in 2000, which was an amazing accomplishment.

Bryan also volunteered his personal time to 20+ organizations, including the Midland Sports Hall of Fame, Askennonia Seniors Centre, Midland Silver Stick, Tall Ship and Airport Committee.

Recently, the Town of Midland, along with our partners, the Town of Penetanguishene, the Township of Tiny and the Township of Tay, welcomed approximately 1,300 visitors (both participants and non-participants) to our area August 9 to 11, 2016, for the 2016 Ontario 55+ Summer Games. Bryan's leadership as Games Manager was crucial in order for our area to successfully host an event of this magnitude. The Games were a huge success!

Bryan is a true leader in the Midland Community and we are honoured to present him with the Town of Midland Award of Merit.