

COUN. WAYNE THOMSON AWARDED SERVICE AWARD

Coun. Wayne Thomson is the recipient of a 25-year Long-standing Service Award.

Thomson was one of three municipally-elected officials recognized for long-standing service at the 2009 Central Ontario Municipal Symposium in Vaughan.

Long-standing service awards are given to municipally-elected officials with at least 25 years of service. The program was introduced by the Ontario government in 2004. Since, those with 50 years of service have also been recognized.

Thomson has nearly 30 years of municipal experience in Niagara Falls, 17 of them as mayor, the longest in the city's history. As mayor, he spearheaded changes in tourism and development that led to the city's declaration as the "provincial leader in economic growth" by the Conference Board of Canada. Currently serving as councillor, Thomson is the president of Niagara Falls Tourism.

Long-standing service recipients are currently serving on council and service does not have to be consecutive or with the same municipality.