



SOIL CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF CANADA CONSEIL CANADIEN DE CONSERVATION DES SOLS

*The face and voice of soil conservation in Canada
Le visage et la voix de la conservation des sols au Canada*

Soil Care Awards

Recognizing long-standing commitment and advocacy for soil conservation

The Soil Conservation Council of Canada (SCCC), as the face and voice of soil conservation in Canada, understand the importance of profiling important soil care activities. The Council brings focus to good work through two awards.

NATIONAL

Canadian Conservation Hall of Fame

The Canadian Conservation Hall of Fame provides recognition of individuals who have had a national impact as they furthered the conservation ethic and have made an outstanding contribution to the care of soil and the water, air and environment that it affects. The Hall of Fame was established by Soil Conservation Canada in 1990 and now has 28 inductees – the most recent being Dr. David Lobb, a research scientist at the University of Manitoba. Others have included agricultural extension specialists, soil care leaders from university, government and supportive organizations. Nominees may also be individuals who have campaigned for soil conservation and demonstrated that soil protection and care contributes to sustainable, reliable and profitable crop production.

The home of the Hall of Fame portraits has been in Ottawa and located

in Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) facilities. A move is underway for the "Hall" to be located with a soil exhibit at the Canadian Agricultural and Food Museum, also in Ottawa. Here, the "Hall" will change to a digital format featuring pictures and stories of inductees. This will also be available on the SCCC website. With wide and easy access to the "Hall", the achievements of inductees can more effectively influence soil care interest and activity.

REGIONAL

L.B. Thompson Conservation Award

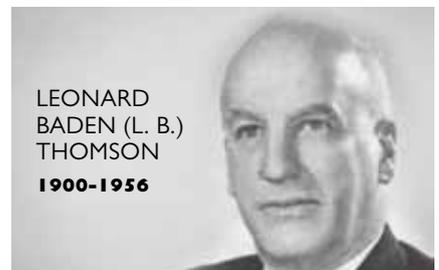
The L.B. Thompson Conservation Award was introduced in 1988 by the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) Alumni. Until 2010, all recipients were from the Canadian Prairies. When the PFRA was rolled into the Agri-Environmental Services Branch of AAFC all Canadians became eligible to win this award. In 2016, it has been entrusted to the SCCC and will recognize soil care achievements, adoption and advocacy by individuals or groups that have had a strong regional impact anywhere in Canada.

For information and details on these annual awards, contact Jim Tokarchuk, Executive Director, SCCC.



SENATOR
HERBERT O.
SPARROW
1930-2012

Senator Herbert O. Sparrow was a rancher from North Battleford, Saskatchewan. As a Senator, he led an investigation into the state of Canada's soil, "The Soil at Risk" report that brought focus to the need for national soil conservation action. The Senator's enthusiasm and commitment to that "action" brought real improvement.



LEONARD
BADEN (L. B.)
THOMSON
1900-1956

Leonard Baden (L. B.) Thomson was a member of the original group of agrologists that developed methods in the 1930s to stop the devastating soil erosion. He campaigned across the Prairies for this cause with a missionary's zeal. He was Director General of PFRA from 1948-56.

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