

Merit Award

Ernest Armitt, P.Eng.



Ernest Armitt graduated in 1963 from the R.C.A.T. (Sanford University in Structural/Civil Engineering) after completing a student training program gaining experience in a number of companies in the United Kingdom and Europe. Ernest immigrated to Canada and became a registered member of APEGM in 1988.

Ernest spent 31 years with INCO (now Vale), 11 of which were in Thompson, Manitoba where he carried out many roles in the engineering, maintenance, and exploration areas in Manitoba.

His final position was Manager, Engineering, Technical Services and Maintenance where he oversaw the capital budget for the division doing major expansion work. During this period, Ernest hired and mentored numerous engineering graduates. A significant number of these graduates were from the University of Manitoba, and many of them now hold senior positions within Vale.

In 1999, Ernest joined the Manitoba Provincial Government as Director of Mines, responsible for the administration of the Mines and Minerals Act as well as acting as a technical consultant to other agencies on mining related matters.

Shortly after joining the Department, a new program was initiated to remediate all Orphan and Abandoned Mine Sites in the Province which were the responsibility of the Crown. After initial assessment of the sites, a Budget of \$220 Million was established. Consultants have been retained to carry out this work, and the majority of High Risk/ Hazard sites will be completed by 2012.

Mr. Armitt also volunteers his time and engineering expertise freely. He has been a member of "Rotary" since 1990 and has served as President of the Thompson Rotary Club and the Winnipeg St. James Rotary Club. He provided leadership and design for the Pisew Falls Bridge over the Grassy River and in 1999, was awarded the Leadership Award by APEGM. Ernest has also worked closely with the local chapter of Canadian Society for Civil Engineering in the mentoring of graduates, and currently serves on the Board of the Friends of Engineering at the University of Manitoba.

Ernest is a Fellow of Canadian Civil Engineering Society, a member of the Institute for Structural Engineers (UK), a member of the Inter Provincial Territories and Federal group representing the Province, and a life member of the Canadian Institute of Mines and Metallurgy.

Ernest's efforts in maintaining high ethical and engineering standards in mentoring new graduate immigrant Engineers has resulted in career achievements for many, and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba is proud to award Mr. Ernest Armitt, P.Eng. the Merit award for his outstanding achievement, including the direct advancement of the engineering profession in Manitoba.