



2023 Prestige Award Recipient



Chris Wray, AMCT

Chief Administrative Officer, Township of Black River-Matheson

The Prestige Award is presented to an AMCTO member, past or present, who has been nominated by his or her peers. This award recognizes the individual's commitment to the ideals of the Association and the contribution made to both the Association and the profession. Leading by example, the Prestige Award recipient is someone who has given freely of their time and expertise and who, through their efforts, has enriched the AMCTO and the municipal profession. Over the years, the Association has recognized many individuals, through the Prestige Award, for their dedication to their profession, to their community and to AMCTO.

This year's recipient is someone who has demonstrated his commitment to fostering and sustaining excellence in the Association and within the larger municipal sector by staying true to his values and principals and always putting his integrity and professionalism first.

When you hear the name "Chris Wray" you think of resilience, hard-working, loyal, professional, tenacious, humble, dedicated, focused, driven; characteristics that form and embody a true municipal leader.

Chris Wray respects and believes in the ethics and values of the association. He has shown dedication to the association by being an AMCTO Board Member from 2008 to 2017, AMCTO President from 2015 to 2016 and currently the Vice-President of the Zone 8 executive. Not only has he demonstrated his beliefs and commitments as a board member, but he has also provided his expertise with new professionals as an AMCTO marker with the Municipal Administration Program and helped reviewed course outlines within the AMCTO curriculum.

Chris is best described as being "a beacon of hope in a dark room." AMCTO members face many trials and tribulations that come with being a public servant - Chris Wray understands this challenge better than most. Throughout his career, he has experienced the good, bad and ugly and provides wisdom, professional and sound advice without judgement. He exudes the AMCTO Code of Ethics and Values, and always keeps these values in mind when carrying out his duties as a valued AMCTO member and local government professional.

Congratulations and thank you Chris!