

T. Harry W. Baker - nominated by the Canadian Geotechnical Society

Harry Baker is an Evaluation Officer with the Canadian Infrastructure Assessment Centre at the National Research Council of Canada. One might call Harry a "company" man although in his case, a dedicated civil servant because his main professional career since university has been spent with the NRC.

Harry helped develop an international reputation in permafrost engineering by developing laboratory test procedures and information to assist in the design of engineering structures in permafrost and for the use of artificial ground freezing to stabilize soil structures. Much of that fieldwork was conducted in northern Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

He then focused on the rehabilitation and repair of Canada's deteriorating urban infrastructure and served as a Project Manager to successfully direct many aspects of this important work and in the process, provide an invaluable service to municipalities across the country.

More recently, as Evaluation Officer, he helped establish the Canadian Infrastructure Assessment Centre and provided an evaluation service for the technical assessment of new infrastructure projects and technologies using developed criteria and processes.

Harry Baker is an active member of eleven professional and technical societies and committees including the Canadian Geotechnical Society and the Engineering Institute of Canada, and is the recipient of two NRC awards. We are pleased this evening to honour Harry's achievements with a Fellowship.

Ladies & gentlemen and Madam President, please welcome Harry Baker as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.