



Krakow Record of Longest Serving Mayor is Beaten!

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The 1st July 2016 was prof. Jacek Majchrowski's 4973rd day in office as Mayor of Krakow and thus equals the time spent in service by Juliusz Leo, up till now considered to be the longest serving Mayor in the city's history.

A brilliant writer, Tadeusz Boy-Żeleński wrote about Leo that "he gave the city a framework for the future 100 years of development" Living in the years 1861-1918, Juliusz Franciszek Leo was a Galician politician, lawyer, economist and Mayor of our city since 1904. The election of Juliusz Leo to the office of Mayor of the City of Krakow was approved by emperor Franz Joseph himself. Leo served three consecutive terms, until his death. Winning the last election in 1916 he got 86 out of 88 votes of Council members.

The largest achievements of Mayor Juliusz Leo were: completing, in 1905, the buyout from the Austrians of the Wawel Royal Castle and starting intensive works on its revitalization.; creating, between 1907-1915, the so called " Greater Krakow", that is incorporating 14 new districts and thus extending the city area from 7 to 47 square kilometers; management of the Vistula banks and change of the Rudawa River course; development of sewage and water supply systems and extension of transport network by adding new tram lines; sorting out the city's financial economy and increasing its income, building the 3rd bridge on the Vistula, the city power plant, and opening, in 1913, of the new cargo terminal

Juliusz Leo is buried in the Krakow's Rakowicki Cemetery in the tomb funded by the Krakow City Council. One of the streets in the Krowdrza District (the Czarna Wieś Settlement) and the biggest glade in the Wolski Forest have been named after him.

Professor Jacek Majchrowski has been in office as Mayor of the City of Krakow since 2002.

On 30th November 2014 he was elected for his fourth term.

[Biography of Jacek Majchrowski the Mayor of Krakow](#)