CCRE Annual Energy Leaders Roundtable

Keynote Speakers



David D. Hay

Mr. Hay joined CIBC in 2010 as Managing Director and Vice Chairman of CIBC World Markets Inc. In his role, Mr. Hay focuses on senior relationships for CIBC with particular attention to power and utility clients. Among other assignments, Mr. Hay has led transactions for the sale by Borealis of its stake in Express Pipelines, for GDF Suez in the selldown last year of its Canadian Renewables business, and for Cameco in its recent sale of its interest in the Bruce B Nuclear Power Station to Borealis.

Mr. Hay was the CEO of New Brunswick Power Corporation for six years ending January 2010. Mr. Hay and his team, using various private sector management techniques executed a turnaround of the corporation. He was appointed by a Conservative government and renewed by a subsequent Liberal government. Focus was on operations, HR and financial performance. A ten percent reduction in headcount, introduction of Balanced Scorecard methodology and other techniques turned four years of losses (\$156 million) into five profitable years (\$285 million). A failed fuel deal with Venezuela was rehabilitated through a \$338 million settlement with the Chavez government. HR focus on "people at their best" resulted in a Top 100 Employer designation for the past three years and a zero lost time accident record over a 12 month period.

Prior to NB Power, Mr. Hay ran his own consulting company, Delgatie Incorporated which orchestrated the IPO financing for Star Choice Communications, and the TSX public takeover of Champion Road Machinery by Volvo. From 1984 to 1996 Mr. Hay worked for Merrill Lynch in Toronto and London England with the bulk of his career spent in European Mergers and Acquisitions ending up as Managing Director. On his return to Canada, Mr. Hay was a Senior Vice President and Director responsible for Mergers and Acquisitions.

A lawyer by training, Mr. Hay started his career at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt in Toronto, was a Law Clerk at the Supreme Court of Ontario and taught part time at both the University of Toronto and University of New Brunswick.





Bob Rae is a senior partner at Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP. He works mostly with First Nations across Canada. Bob acts as Advisor to the Matawa Tribal Council respecting the potential development of the area in northern Ontario known as the Ring of Fire. He is Chairman of the First Nations Limited Partnership (FNLP) in British Columbia as well as providing legal and strategic advice.

Bob was elected eleven times to the House of Commons and Ontario Legislature between 1978 and 2013. He served as Ontario's 21st Premier from 1990 to 1995. While continuing as Member of Parliament for Toronto Centre, Bob also served as Interim Leader of the Federal Liberal Party and Foreign Affairs critic from 2011-2013.

Bob, a Rhodes Scholar, completed his studies at Oxford University in 1973 and graduated from University of Toronto Law School in 1977. He is a Member of ADR Chambers where he assists parties in expeditious and cost-effective dispute resolution.

Bob was chief negotiator for the Canadian Red Cross in its restructuring. He served as Chairman of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Conservatory of Music as well as on the Boards of a number of public companies, Arts and Sports organizations.

Bob has written four books, a provincial report on higher education ("Ontario: a Leader in Learning") and a federal report on the tragic 1985 Air India bombing ("Lessons to be Learned").

He has received numerous honorary Degrees and Awards including Officer of the Order of Canada and Order of Ontario. He is bilingual. Bob is married to Arlene Perly Rae and they have three daughters. Bob enjoys golf, tennis, music, reading and time with family and friends.













Roundtable Presenters

Colin Andersen

Colin Andersen is Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Power Authority (OPA), responsible for ensuring a reliable, sustainable, cost-effective supply of electricity for Ontario. He leads the organization in its efforts to coordinate province-wide conservation initiatives, plan the electricity system for the long term and procure clean supply resources.

Prior to joining the OPA in 2008, Mr. Andersen held a variety of senior financial and policy positions in the Ontario Public Service, including Deputy Minister of Finance, Revenue and Policy; Secretary of Treasury Board; Chair of the Ontario Financing Authority; and Chair of the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation.

Mr. Andersen has a Masters Degree in Economics from the University of Toronto and an Honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Calgary.

He is Chair of the Energy Council of Canada and a member of the National Advisory Committee of QUEST – Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow.

Steve Baker

Steve Baker is president of Union Gas, Spectra Energy's Ontario-based natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company. Mr. Baker brings a wealth of financial, business development, marketing and customer service experience to the role, which he assumed in January 2012. Prior to his current role, Mr. Baker served as vice president and treasurer of Spectra Energy Corp. He is a chartered professional accountant and a certified management accountant. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in honours chartered accountancy studies from the University of Waterloo in 1986 and his Master of Accounting from the University of Waterloo in 1987. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and The Society of Management Accountants of Ontario.

Darrell Bricker

Ipsos' Public Affairs has offices in 30+ countries and a staff of 600 research professionals. It is the world's leading social and corporate reputation research firm. Ipsos Public Affairs is part of Paris-based Ipsos which is the 3rd largest market research company in the world.

Prior to joining Ipsos in 1990, Dr. Bricker was Director of Research in the office of Canada's Prime Minister. He was also a research consultant with firms in Ottawa and Toronto.

Dr. Bricker holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Carleton University (where he was a Social Science and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellow), and a BA and MA from Wilfrid Laurier University. He has also been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by Wilfrid Laurier University, which named him one of their top 100 graduates in the last 100 years.

Darrell is a prolific author. He's written five national bestselling books, Searching for Certainty: Inside the New Canadian Mindset (with Ed Greenspon - Doubleday, 2002), What Canadians Think About Almost Everything (with John Wright – Doubleday, 2005), We Know What You're Thinking (with John Wright - Harper Collins, 2009), Canuckology (with John Wright - Harper Collins, 2011), and The Big Shift (with John Ibbitson – Harper Collins, 2013).

Dr. Bricker is a popular public speaker who regularly engages with audiences around the world. He is interviewed frequently in the media, appearing on CNN, the BBC, Bloomberg, and Al Jazeera, as well as on all of Canada's major television and radio networks. He's written articles for publications as diverse as Canada's Globe and Mail and France's Le Monde.

Darrell is a passionate supporter of Canada's men and women in uniform. He serves by appointment of the Minister of National Defence as the Honorary Colonel of the Queen's York Rangers, Canada's oldest army reserve regiment. For his volunteer work with the military he has received a commendation from the Commander of the Army, a commendation from the Admiral of the Navy, and has been awarded the Diamond Jubilee Medal by Canada's Governor General.

Darrell lives in Toronto with his wife Nina and daughter Emily.

Paul Boothe

Paul Boothe is Professor and Director of the Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management at the Richard Ivey School of Business, Western University. His work experience has included university research and teaching, acting as an independent consultant to Canadian and international organizations, and serving as a senior public servant in provincial and federal governments. At the provincial level, he served as Saskatchewan's Deputy Minister of Finance and Secretary to Treasury Board. At the federal level, his appointments include Associate Deputy Minister of Finance and G7 Deputy, Senior Associate Deputy Minister of Industry and, most recently, Deputy Minister of the Environment. He retired from the federal public service in July 2012.

Jan Carr

Jan Carr was the Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Power Authority from the time of its founding in January 2005 until September 2008. Prior to that, he was Vice Chair of the Ontario Energy Board during its transition from a government department to a self-funding independently operated tribunal.

Dr. Carr has 42 years of experience in the electricity sector as a professional engineer, holding senior positions in the design and planning of electricity transmission and distribution systems. He has worked on projects in many parts of the world and has been a consultant to utilities, governments and other stakeholders on the financial, business, strategic and policy aspects of the electric power industry.

He is a member of the boards of the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) and Guelph Hydro. AESO is responsible for long-range planning of the Alberta electricity system as well as its operation through a competitive wholesale electricity market. Guelph Hydro is owned by the City of Guelph providing electric utility service to the community and developing district energy, energy from waste and renewable energy projects. He is also an advisor to Gowlings, providing business advice to the firm's international law practice as well as to the executive and business unit leaders of consulting engineer Hatch Ltd.

Dr. Carr formerly served on the Board of Directors of TransAlta Power, a publicly traded generation company; Legend Power Systems, a publicly traded manufacturer of energy conservation equipment; and Macquarie Canadian Infrastructure Management, a privately held infrastructure investment fund. He was a member of the Advisory Committee on Competition in Ontario's Electricity System (the Macdonald Committee) and Chairman of the Electricity Task Force of the Toronto Board of Trade. He was Commissioner and Chairman of the municipal electric utility in Niagara-on-the-Lake and a board member and regional Chair of the Municipal Electric Association (today's Electricity Distributors Association) in Ontario.

In 2007 he was awarded a medal for Management by the Ontario Professional Engineers. He received an honourary degree from the University of Waterloo in 2010 and was inducted as a Fellow into the Canadian Academy of Engineering in 2012. In 2013, the Association of Power Producers of Ontario awarded him its Hedley Palmer Award.

Richard (Dick) J. Carryer

Richard Carryer has spent his career associated with electrical power industry. During his 40 years in the industry, Dick has lead the Canadian business operations of several major multinational firms engaged in generation, transmission and energy utilization fields. He has also directly guided

smaller, leading edge technology-based companies in the energy sector. He has lived in most regions of Canada, and has contributed in various capacities to many distinctive power generation and transmission projects, both in Canada and abroad

An electrical engineering graduate of Sir George Wiliams University in Montreal (now Concordia), Dick presently serves on the Board of the Energy Council of Canada. Earlier in his career, he has served on the boards of the Canadian Nuclear Association, ElectroFederation Canada, as well as representing the electrical manufacturing sector within the Canadian Electrical Association. He was a founding member of the National Electricity Roundtable, which for many years has provided an electrical industry focus for federal government ministries.

Dick is Global Director of Hatch's Transmission and Distribution business, based in Mississauga. In this role since 2008, he oversees Hatch's T & D activities in Canada and the US, as well as South America and Africa. He is a resident of Oakville, Ontario.

Cara Clairman

Cara Clairman is President and CEO of Plug'n Drive, a non-profit that is accelerating the deployment of EVs to maximize their environmental and economic benefits. Cara has 20 years of experience working in the environmental and sustainability fields, including 12 years working at Ontario Power Generation, initially as OPG's environmental lawyer and later in the role Vice President of Sustainable Development. As VP of SD, she was responsible for oversight of OPG's environmental performance and the development and implementation of OPG's sustainable development policies and programs. Prior to joining OPG, Cara spent five years practicing environmental law with the Torys law firm.

Cara holds a Bachelor of Laws from Osgoode Hall and a Masters in Environmental Studies from York University, as well as an Honours Bachelor of Science degree from Queen's University. Cara is currently driving the 100% electric Nissan Leaf as her personal car and the 100% electric Mitsubishi i-Miev for business.

Sean Conway

Sean Conway is a public policy adviser in Gowlings' Toronto office, working with clients in the energy and natural resources sector. With his extensive experience in the public sector, Sean is available to advise Gowlings' clients on a broad range of business and public policy issues.

Before joining Gowlings, Sean served in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for 28 years, from 1975 to 2003. He served in the cabinet of Premier David Peterson (1985-90), holding the positions of Minister of Education, Minister of Colleges and Universities, Minister of Mines and Government House Leader. He is a former energy critic for the Official Opposition and served on two Ontario Select Committees on Nuclear Affairs as well as serving on several legislative committees examining health care and constitutional reform.

Sean acted as vice-principal (advancement) of Queen's University from January 1 to December 31, 2009. He was also the special adviser for external relations to the Principal of Queen's University from August 2006 until October 2010. Prior to becoming special adviser, he was the director of Queen's Institute of Intergovernmental Relations.

In addition to his work at Gowlings, Sean is a Visiting Fellow at the Ryerson University Center for Urban Energy and a regular panellist on radio and television. He also served as the chair of the board of directors of the Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE).

Donald N. Dewees

Donald Dewees is a Professor Emeritus of Economics and of Law at the University of Toronto. He holds an engineering degree from Swarthmore College, an LLB from Harvard and a PhD in Economics from Harvard. He served as Director of Research for the Ontario Royal Commission on Asbestos and Vice-Chair of the Ontario Market Design Committee, which

advised the government on the introduction of competition into the electricity market. He has been Vice-Dean and Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science of the U of T, Interim Chair of Economics and has held other middle management positions. His research is in the areas of environmental economics including emissions trading, law and economics, and energy policy including electricity pricing. Recent publications deal with the environmental effects of electricity generation, electricity prices and renewable power, consumer response to prices and incentives.

A.J. Goulding

In his role as President of London Economics International LLC, A.J. Goulding manages a growing international consulting firm focused on finance, economic, and strategic consulting to the energy and infrastructure industries. Based in Toronto, A.J. has over 15 years of detailed Ontario market experience. In addition to serving as a sector expert in electricity and gas markets, his responsibilities include project management, marketing, budget and financial control, and recruiting. A.J. also serves as an adjunct professor at Columbia University, where he teaches a course on electricity market design and regulatory economics.

With over twenty years of experience in evolving electricity and natural gas markets, A.J.'s diverse background enables him to work effectively in both emerging markets and OECD countries. A.J. has worked extensively on evolving electricity, natural gas, water and wastewater markets throughout the world. Recently, A.J. led an evaluation of potential future electricity market designs in Ontario. In Ontario he has also led engagements assessing Ontario Power Generation's salient risk factors and performance-based ratemaking for Ontario electricity and gas LDCs. He helped to develop Saudi Arabia's national renewable energy strategy, worked in Jordan on assessing the cost of capital for the regulated electricity distribution companies, and has advised stakeholders in Alberta regarding market design and power purchase agreements.

A.J. began his career performing natural gas market analysis for a leading energy consulting firm. Later, he lived in New Delhi, India, advising the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on electric power sector restructuring in India. A.J. also served as business development associate for Citizens Power LLC, a top ten US wholesale power marketer, before moving to London Economics International, where he has held roles of progressively increasing responsibility.

Anthony Heyes

Anthony Heyes has been Full Professor and Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Environmental Economics at the University of Ottawa since 2011. He was previously Full Professor at University of London and a Fellow of the Universities of Oxford and Amsterdam. He has extensive research and advisory experience in the design and impact of environmental regulations in Europe and internationally.

Guy Holburn

Guy Holburn is the Suncor Chair in Energy Policy and an Associate Professor of Business, Economics and Public Policy at the Ivey Business School, University of Western Ontario. He is also the founder and Director of the Ivey Energy Policy and Management Centre.

Dr. Holburn joined Ivey in 2001 and teaches both degree and executive development programs. He holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley, and a B.A. Hons. in Economics from Cambridge University. Prior to his academic career, he worked as a management consultant with Bain and Company in London, England, and was a founding member of the Bain South Africa office.

Dr. Holburn's area of expertise is in the intersection of business strategy and public policy. Most of his research is applied to strategy and policy issues in the energy and utilities sector. He is currently leading a multi-year research program on energy regulation in Canada. He has been awarded a number of research grants, including those from the Canada Foundation for Innovation, Hydro One, the Olin Foundation, the University of California Energy Institute, California Public Utilities Commission, Ontario Centres of Excellence and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Dr. Holburn is a board member of the Council for Clean and Reliable Electricity, and a member of the Advisory Roundtable for the Chair of the Ontario Energy Board.

Michael Keenan

Michael Keenan was appointed Associate Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Canada on January 14, 2013.

Mr. Keenan has extensive experience in economic analysis and policy development in the Government of Canada. He comes to Natural Resources Canada from Environment Canada, where he served as the Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, since 2009, responsible for strategic policy planning, economic analysis of environmental policy issues, coordination of federal/provincial relations, regional issues and the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy.

Prior to that position, he served as the Vice-President of Organizational Leadership at the Canada School of Public Service and as the Director General of Economic Analysis at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, where he also served as the chair of the OECD Committee of Agriculture.

Earlier in his public service career, Mr. Keenan worked in central agencies, in the Priorities and Planning Secretariat at the Privy Council Office, in various positions at Finance Canada and at the British Columbia Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Keenan holds a B.A. (Honours) from Saint Francis Xavier University and an M.A. in economics from Queen's University.

David McFadden

David McFadden is a Partner at Gowlings and Chair of the firm's International Practice. His clients include corporations, municipalities and utilities involved in the generation, distribution, marketing, transmission and financing of energy and in the development, renewal and operation of infrastructure such as toll highways and tunnels, light rail systems and health care facilities.

He has a B.A. from the University of Toronto, an LL.B. degree from Osgoode Law School and was called to the Bar in Ontario in 1972. In 2011 he was awarded an honorary doctorate from York University.

He is currently Co-Chair of Collus PowerStream Corporation, a board member of the Energy Council of Canada and a member of the Council for Clean & Reliable Electricity. He chairs the Board of Directors of 407 International Inc. which operates and manages Highway 407. Previously, he served for six years as Board Chair of the Detroit-Canada Tunnel Corporation.

David serves as Chair of the Advisory Boards of LPF Infrastructure Fund, OE Infrastructure Fund, TCPP Infrastructure Fund and Fengate Greenfield Infrastructure Fund, which have invested in hospitals, court houses, detention facilities and power generation.

He has been a member of the board of directors of the Canadian Council for Public- Private Partnerships since 2001 and was the Chair of the Ontario Centres of Excellence from 2004-2010 as well as a member of the Ontario Research and Innovation Council from 2006 to 2008.

David McFadden has played a key role in a number of initiatives relating to the power industry. He served as Chair of the Stakeholders Alliance for Electricity Competition and Customer Choice, a broad coalition of business and energy-related organizations including the Association of Major Power Consumers, Association of Exporters and Manufacturers, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, the Electricity Distributors Association of Ontario, the Ontario Energy Association and the Association of Power Producers of Ontario.

He was appointed by the Government of Canada to the Joint Canada-U.S. Task Force investigating the August 2003 power blackout that hit Ontario and the northeastern United States. David was also appointed to the Ontario Government's Electricity Conservation and Supply Task Force whose January 2004 report provided the strategy that was subsequently adopted to meet the future energy needs of the province. At the request of the Government of Jamaica, he also co-led an investigation into a July 15th, 2006 blackout of the entire island.

David is a member of the IESO Smart Grid Forum whose February 2009 recommendations are embodied in the Green Energy Act. In April 2012, David was appointed by the Minister of Energy to serve on the Ontario Distribution Sector Review Panel, which has been mandated to review Ontario's Electricity Distribution Sector and to make recommendations on restructuring the sector to achieve key economic and environmental outcomes. The Panel submitted its report to the Minister of Energy in December 2012.

Don MacKinnon

Don began his career at Ontario Hydro in 1971 and is a lineman by trade. His union activism began over 30 years ago and included 11 years as PWU Vice President before becoming the PWU President in 2000.

In 1990, he achieved a major milestone in his goal to improve workplace safety when he led the successful PWU thrust to establish the unilateral right to stop unsafe work in all Ontario Hydro workplaces as a substantive method of reducing accident and injury.

Don has a reputation as a skilled and innovative negotiator who uses mutual gains approaches to achieve settlements that address business needs while fully respecting the rights and values of employees.

He is recognized as an authority on Ontario's electricity system. Previous government appointments included participation on the Ontario Ministry of Energy Electricity Transition Committee and the Ontario Government Electricity Conservation and Supply Task Force.

Don's current responsibilities consist of President, Power Workers' Union; President and Chair, Board of Directors, Power Workers' Union Training Inc.; Member, Board of Directors, and Chair, Board of Directors' Health, Safety and Environment Committee Hydro One; Co-chair, Corporate Health and Safety Advisory Committee, Ontario Power Generation; Co-chair, Corporate Health and Safety Policy Committee, Bruce Power; Member, Advisory Committee, Centre for Labour Management Relations at Ryerson University; Member, Board of Directors, Plug'nDrive Ontario; Member, Board Advisory Council, Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Energy (WISE), University of Waterloo; Member, the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy from 2007 to 2012, Government of Canada; and, Member, Ministry of the Environment Sustainable Development Advisory Council, Government of Canada.

Accommodations Don has received consist of the Order of Ontario, the Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Don MacKinnon was also Executive Producer on The Veterans: A Documentary Series.

Ian Mondrow

Ian Mondrow is a partner in Gowlings' Toronto office, practising with the Business Law Group in the area of energy regulation and policy.

Ian has represented electricity generators, transmitters, energy retailers, energy services providers, electrical contractors, and natural gas and electricity consumers before the Ontario Energy Board, the Canadian National Energy Board and other Canadian regulatory forums. Ian advises clients on a variety of matters in the natural gas and electricity sectors, including energy policy, regulatory policy and processes, rates and tariff matters, and compliance and licensing issues.

Prior to joining Gowlings, Ian practised at a prominent national firm, served as special advisor to the chair of the Ontario Energy Board, and was vice-president, government and regulatory affairs with a major integrated energy retail and solutions company.

Jatin Nathwani

Professor Nathwani is the founding Executive Director, Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Energy (WISE) which brings the knowledge and expertise of 95 plus faculty members to help shape the directions of energy research, drawing strength from all the faculties at the University of Waterloo. The vision of the Institute is simple: clean energy, accessible and affordable for all.

Dr. Nathwani holds the prestigious Ontario Research Chair in Public Policy for Sustainable Energy, established by the Ontario Council of Universities as part of a unique initiative by the Government to help make Ontario a leading innovation based economy.

He has worked in a leadership capacity in the Canadian energy sector focusing on corporate planning and strategy, sector policy developments, regulatory affairs, long term plans for the energy sector and the role of innovation and R&D in economic performance. He has served as Advisor to the Ontario Power Authority, the Ministry of Energy and appeared before the House of Commons Committees, Ontario Legislators and Cabinet Secretariat.

As the Executive Director, Professor Nathwani leads the Institute's R&TD efforts to foster the development of large-scale multi-disciplinary research projects involving strong collaboration with business, industry, government agencies and civil society groups. Energy research at WISE spans the full range of renewable energy technologies, energy storage, smart energy networks, sustainable mobility and ICT for micro-power and off grid access.

His current focus is on energy policy developments to enable the social and technological innovations required for the transition of the global energy system to a lower carbon energy economy for long term sustainability.

Prof. Nathwani serves on several Boards at the provincial and national levels and has appeared frequently in the media (print, TV, radio) and has over 100 publications related to energy and risk management, including seven books.

He holds a PhD in Engineering from the University of Toronto and is a Registered Professional Engineer in the Province of Ontario.

Simon Olivier

Simon Olivier is Vice-President Growth, Market Strategy and Business Development for GE Canada. In this role he is responsible for developing the company's market positioning and driving growth. Simon is also responsible for business development including acquisitions, JV and partnership opportunities that will expand GE's global capabilities. With over 15-years of experience with GE Canada, Simon has held a number of senior positions including General Manager – Renewables for Canada and the Northeast USA where he built a multi-billion dollar business, and senior assignments with GE Capital. Prior to joining GE Canada, Simon held positions with Air Canada.

Simon holds an Engineering Degree from École Polythechnique and an MBA in Finance from McGill University. He recently served on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Wind Energy Association and is a member of the McGill Global Strategy and Leadership Expert Panel. He also lectures and mentors students at McGill University. In 2009, Simon received the "Young Business Leader of Quebec" award.

An avid sports enthusiast, Simon has competed in triathlons and marathons for over 10-years, as well as coaching soccer. Simon and his family reside in Montreal.

Neetika Sathe

Neetika Sathe is the Vice President, Corporate Development at PowerStream Inc. Prior to joining PowerStream, Neetika was the Chief Marketing Manager for Nissan LEAF and Cross-Overs in Canada. She was responsible for sales and profitability for her portfolio of models, and for the launch of the Nissan LEAF in Canada. During her career, Neetika has held various positions in Corporate Development, Marketing, Supply Chain Management, Strategic Planning and Finance.

Neetika has a Masters degree in Physics, and an MBA from McMaster University.

Amir Shalaby

Amir Shalaby is the Vice President of the Power System Planning group at the Ontario Power Authority (OPA).

The Ontario Power Authority was established in 2005 to develop power system plans, and to implement them by entering into contracts for supply and conservation. The OPA Board of Directors is appointed by the Minister of Energy. The OPA is licensed by the Ontario Energy Board.

Mr. Shalaby holds degrees from the Universities of Waterloo and Toronto, and is a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering.

Matt Stevens

Matt Stevens is Co-Founder & CEO of CrossChasm Technologies, the company that created FleetCarma and MyCarma. He has been involved in the design of over 20 hybrid and electric vehicles, ranging from lunar rovers to stealth snowmobiles and now works on making personal fuel economy labels for fleets and individuals looking to pick the best green vehicle for them. Matt holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering, was named to Waterloo Regions Top 40 under 40, is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Waterloo, and is Past-Chairman of Electric Mobility Canada.

William (Bill) C. Taylor

As Executive Vice-President and President, Energy, Mr. Taylor is responsible for TransCanada Corporation's non-regulated businesses, including power and non-regulated gas storage, and partially owned non-regulated businesses, including Bruce Power.

Since joining TransCanada in 1996, Mr. Taylor has played a major role in the growth and building of TransCanada's power business. Mr. Taylor was directly involved in the restructuring and the continued evolution of power markets in New England, New York and Ontario.

Formerly a Board member of the Independent Market Operator in Ontario, he currently sits on the Board of the Portlands Energy Centre, the Canadian Electricity Association, and the Independent Power Producers of New York.

Mr. Taylor holds an Honours degree in Applied Science – Civil Engineering from the University of Waterloo and has attended Harvard Business School for Advanced Management training.

George Todd

George Todd, P.Eng. is President of George Todd Consulting and provides advisory services in strategy development and performance management, organizational reviews, service delivery and asset management.

Mr. Todd was the founding President and CEO of Barrie Hydro, and prior, he was General Manager of the Barrie Public Utilities Commission, responsible for the supply and delivery of water and electricity to the residents and businesses of Barrie.

He previously served in the dual senior management positions as Commissioner of Works, City of Vaughan and as Assistant General Manager – Operations, Vaughan Hydro.

Mr. Todd is a licensed Professional Engineer. He received his Bachelor of Applied Science (Civil Engineering) from the University of Waterloo and his Master of Engineering (Environmental Engineering) from the University of Western Ontario. He has also participated in continuing education programs at the Queen's School of Business and the University of Toronto Rotman School of Management.

Robert Warren

Robert Warren, a partner of WeirFoulds LLP, holds degrees from the University of Montreal, the University of Oxford, which he attended on a Rhodes Scholarship, and the University of Toronto.

He is senior counsel in the area of regulatory advocacy, most recently with a focus on the regulation of the energy sector. He has appeared as counsel in many proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board. He has been counsel in proceedings involving the two major natural gas utilities, the former Ontario Hydro, Hydro One Networks Inc., Ontario Power Generation Inc., and the larger electric distribution utilities.

Mr. Warren's practice includes advising clients on governance issues in the energy sector.

Mr. Warren has written papers on various aspects of the regulation of the energy sector, and has made presentations to several annual conferences of the Canadian Association of Members of Public Utility Tribunals.

Mr. Warren is recognized as a leading practitioner in electricity, oil and gas in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory, and was named 2013 Lawyer of the Year in energy regulatory law by Best Lawyers in Canada.

Don Wharton

Don Wharton, Vice President Policy and Sustainability, is responsible for leading both TransAlta's sustainability initiatives and its government relations activities. In the sustainability area his responsibilities include implementing TransAlta's strategic approach to environmental policy and climate change. He is also responsible for leading TransAlta's joint policy initiatives with governments, and for TransAlta's work with aboriginal communities across Canada.

Mr. Wharton is chairman of the Canadian Clean Power Coalition (CCPC) an organization focused on developing cleaner combustion technologies for power generation.

Mr. Wharton joined TransAlta in 1994 and has worked in the energy and environment field for almost 30 years. Prior to this role, Mr. Wharton worked in both the Sustainable Development and Energy Marketing Departments at TransAlta, and previously in both the public sector and as an environmental consultant. Don has a bachelor of science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Calgary.

Glen Wright

Glen Wright is the Chair of LeanCor LLC and LeanCor Canada Inc. (2008). Founded in 2005, LeanCor offers a unique combination of training and education, hands-on consulting and outsourced logistics services.

Glen was appointed to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, created as part of NAFTA and served as the Chair of the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) in 2010. JPAC is composed of 15 citizens, five from each country including Canada, the United States and Mexico.

He was appointed the Chair of Hydro One Inc. by Premier Ernie Eves in June 2002, with a mandate to reorganize its governance structure and management teams. From 1996 until his appointment at Hydro One Inc., Mr. Wright served as the Chair of Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (formerly the Workers' Compensation Board), where he led a major restructuring that resulted in significant improvements in the WSIB's financial position and customer service.

Mr. Wright has extensive experience in public policy and government, having been a key political advisor to a number of National and Provincial leaders. He also served as a Member and Co-Chair of the International Democratic Union, an organization representing political parties from 32 countries.

Glen's private sector career has focused primarily on the insurance and actuary fields where he founded and operated one of the top ten pension and benefit companies in Canada. In addition, he has served on the board of a wide range of corporations, charitable and not-for-profit organizations, among these, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the Council for Canadian Unity and the Waterloo North Hydro Holding Corporation.