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CCRE Annual Energy Leaders Roundtable

Hockley Valley Resort, Orangeville, Ontario

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Michael Rencheck

Michael W. Rencheck is Executive Vice-Chair of Bruce Power, serving as a senior advisor to Bruce Power and the industry following his tenure as President and Chief Executive Officer of Bruce Power from 2016-2024.

Mike has served in various senior roles over his 40+ year career. Prior to joining Bruce Power in 2016, he served as the Deputy Chief Operating Officer for AREVA Group, overseeing its extensive global capital portfolio of nuclear and renewable projects; and as President and CEO of North American. Previously he had served in several senior roles at American Electric Power including Senior Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer.

In 2020, he was named the CEO of the Year by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce as part of the Ontario Business Achievement Awards and in 2022 named Leader of the Year by Electricity Human Resources Canada. In 2025, he received the "Trail Blazer" award from the US Nuclear Industry Council. He also has demonstrated commitment to many organizations that make a difference in people's lives, including Habitat for Humanity and United Way.

Mike has been recognized by the National Safety Council for his leadership demonstrating a personal commitment to worker health and safety and was designated by the US Department of Energy as a STEM ambassador.

Mike is a Professional Engineer and certified senior reactor operator and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Hydro One, TSSA, Framatome (US) Inc., the Ontario Tech Governing Board, and as an International Advisor for the Japan Nuclear Safety Institute and the Nuclear Advisory Board for Mirion Technologies.



James Scongack

James Scongack is the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President at Bruce Power. In this role James leads a wide-range of operational and capital project execution services at one of the World's largest operating nuclear facilities and Canada's largest private-sector electricity infrastructure project in addition to enterprise transformation, strategy, procurement and business development.

During his over 22 years of service at Bruce Power, he's served in a number of diverse leadership and operational roles including as an Executive Vice-President since 2018, the Vice-President of the Bruce B Generating Station where he was responsible for the day-to-day safe, reliable operations and project integration at the facility consisting of four large-scale CANDU nuclear reactors and as the company's Vice-President of Environment & Corporate Affairs.

James has provided leadership in a number of large-scale commercial transactions and agreements including the 2015 agreement with the Province of Ontario, Bruce Power's (Owners OMERS Pension Plan, TC Energy, Power Workers' Union & Society of United Professionals) extending the life of the facility to 2064 through a \$20 Billion investment program.

James serves as Chair of the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO), Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council and the Nuclear Innovation Institute. He also serves as a Provincial appointee as a Director on the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO). He's previously served on the Board of Life Labs, Canada's Largest community lab service provider and on the Boards of the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and Easter Seals Ontario.

James has been recognized by the Globe and Mail Report on Business Best Executive Awards and awarded both the King Charles III Coronation Medal and Platinum Jubilee Award in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 70th Anniversary on the Throne for his leadership. He's also a recipient of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 by Caldwell/Bloomberg. James has an Executive MBA from London's Ivey Business School and a Chartered Director through McMaster's DeGroote Business School. James holds a Master's Degree from the University of Guelph College of Management and Economics in Leadership and a BA (Hons) and has completed Master's-level Project Management certification through York University's Schulich Business School. He is also a graduate of the US-based Institute of Nuclear Power Operations Senior Plant Management Program.



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Anthony Haines

Anthony Haines is an experienced Director and veteran CEO in the energy sector. He currently serves in Canada as Director of Ontario Power Generation

and Chairman of Elexicon Corporation. In addition to these boards, he also serves in the USA as Director of AlphaGen Group and Advanced Power Group and Advisor to ArcLight Capital.

From 2009-2024, Anthony was President & CEO at Toronto Hydro Corporation and from 2005-2009 served as the company's Chief Administrative Officer and President of the utility. From 2003-2005, Anthony served as Chief Operating Officer at Hydro Ottawa, and prior to that was President & CEO at Enlogix Inc. (a subsidiary of Westcoast Energy).

Anthony served as past Chair of both Electricity Canada and the Ontario Energy Association. He has won numerous awards including Canadian Energy Person of the Year (Energy Council of Canada), Leader of the Year (Ontario Energy Association), the first Canadian to win the North American Sustainability Leader of the Year (Corporate Responsibility Association), Leadership on Sustainability (Electricity Canada), and recently Lifetime Achievement (Ontario Energy Association).

In addition to his commitment to the energy sector, Anthony has been actively involved in philanthropic activities. He is most proud of his fundraising efforts for the Ross Tilley Burn Center at Sunnybrook Hospital, overseeing fundraising of millions of dollars for dollars for electrical injury rehabilitation research.



Greg Lyle

Greg Lyle is the Founder and President of Innovative Research Group Inc. (INNOVATIVE), a national public opinion research and consultation firm with offices in Toronto and Vancouver. As a

former Principal Secretary to Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon, Greg has built a career at the intersection of public opinion, communications and public policy.

Much of Greg's current work has focused on social permission. On issues ranging from toll roads to higher electricity rates to wind farms and transmission lines, INNOVATIVE has delivered strategic and communications research as well as running research-based public consultations.

Greg's polls have been highlighted in such media as the Economist, the Wall Street Journal and most Canadian news outlets. In 2016, Greg received the Public Affairs Association of Canada Award of Distinction. He also holds the Certified Analytics and Insights Profession (CAIP) designation.

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Andrew Alley

Andrew Alley is Managing Director and Global Head of Infrastructure Investments at the Public Sector Pension Investment Board (PSP Investments). In this role, he leads PSP's global infrastructure platform spanning essential services including utilities, transport, telecommunications, and energy.

Andrew has a strong track record of sourcing, executing, and managing complex, multi-regional infrastructure portfolios on behalf of large institutional investors. Over a nearly two-decade career at CPP Investments, he progressed through a series of senior leadership roles spanning Hong Kong, Sydney, London, and Toronto, most recently serving as Managing Director and Head of Infrastructure for North America and Australasia. His experience across developed and emerging markets has deepened his expertise in deploying capital across a wide range of regulatory environments and asset types. Before entering institutional investment management, he worked in the Energy Investment Banking group at RBC Capital Markets in Calgary, Alberta, and in the Business Development group at Pengrowth Energy Trust.

Andrew also brings extensive board experience, having served on numerous boards globally across the infrastructure space throughout his career.

Andrew holds a Bachelor of Arts in Finance from Michigan State University and an MBA from the Ivey Business School at Western University. He is a CFA charterholder.

Marc Brouillette

Marc Brouillette is the principal consultant at Strategic Policy Economics focusing on the strategic and economic implications of climate and energy policies in Canada with a specific focus on Ontario's electricity sector. Areas of expertise include decarbonization of the economy, the role of renewables, nuclear generation, transmission interties, and the hydrogen

economy. Marc's published works include the implementation challenges, options, and costs of reducing emissions, an analysis of the opportunities for a National Energy Vision for Canada, an outlook on the demand for nuclear energy in Canada, and several *CCRE Commentaries*.

Nicolle Butcher

Nicolle Butcher was appointed OPG's President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in January 2025.

Among her priorities as President and CEO, Nicolle is focused on ensuring the safe, on-time, on-budget completion of the Darlington Refurbishment, executing the development of the continent's first fleet of Small Modular Reactors, advancing the Pickering Refurbishment and fleet-wide program of hydroelectric refurbishments, and advancing opportunities for new generation development to meet the province's quickly growing demand for electricity. Nicolle is a champion for Indigenous economic Reconciliation and working with Indigenous communities, companies, and businesses to achieve OPG's Reconciliation Action Plan commitments.

Previously, as OPG's Chief Operations Officer, Nicolle was responsible for overseeing one of the largest, most diverse generating portfolios in North America. Over her 25-plus years with OPG, she has held a range of roles throughout the company as well as senior level positions in Corporate Business Development and Strategy, Renewable Generation, and the energy-related commercial business functions such as energy trading, commercial contracting, and market affairs.

Nicolle specializes in creating an inclusive business culture—one that embraces safety, performance, and operational excellence, while fostering innovation. Under her leadership, OPG successfully delivered a strategic plan that included executing \$5 billion worth of acquisitions and building an electrification strategy.

In 2021, Nicolle was named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women and Women of the Year by WIRE (Women in Renewable Energy) and APPRO (Association of Power Producers of Ontario). She sits on the board of Interfor Corporation. Nicolle holds an MBA from McGill University, is a Chartered Business Valuator, and has earned an ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors.

David Dal Bello

David Dal Bello is a Managing Director and the Global Co-Head of Power, Utilities and Infrastructure at BMO Capital Markets. He has over 30 years of investment banking experience focused on power, utilities, infrastructure and energy transition. David's client relationships span a broad range of the largest utilities in Canada and the pension and infrastructure funds. David brings extensive expertise in strategic advisory across mergers and acquisition assignments as well as raising debt and equity capital for his clients across North America.

David was previously the Managing Director, Head of Canadian Power, Utilities and Infrastructure at RBC Capital Markets. David is responsible for many of RBC's key relationships in the Canadian Power & Utility sector providing these clients with corporate finance, M&A, equity and debt financing advice. He was also responsible for coordinating RBC's infrastructure relationships with the key Canadian pension and infrastructure funds.

David is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario's Business School holding an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (HBA) and also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Danielle Diaz

Danielle Diaz is the Executive Vice-President & Chief Financial Officer at Alctra Utilities, Canada's largest municipally owned electric utility. She previously served as Vice-President of Projects, Treasury and Taxation. Prior to the formation

of Alectra Utilities in 2017, Danielle served as VP Finance at Horizon Utilities.

Danielle has more than 20 years of experience as a strategic finance professional – and nearly a decade in the electricity sector. She is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA) and holds a Bachelor of Accounting degree from Brock University.

Aaron Engen

Mr. Engen has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) since August 2024. He first joined the AESO in 2020 as a member of its Board of Directors.

Prior to assuming his current role, Mr. Engen spent 25 years in investment banking, most recently as Vice Chair, Investment & Corporate Banking at BMO Capital Markets. He co-headed the firm's Power & Energy Infrastructure group, focusing on energy infrastructure transactions across North America, including power generation, transmission and distribution, natural gas midstream, and energy storage. He also co-led BMO's Energy Transition group, focusing on emerging sectors such as hydrogen, carbon capture and sequestration, low-carbon fuels, critical minerals, renewable power, and sustainable finance.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Engen was a partner at McCarthy Tétrault, where he practiced corporate and securities law largely in the energy and utilities sectors.

Chuck Farmer

Chuck Farmer is the Executive Vice-President of Power Systems Planning at the IESO. Mr. Farmer leads the planning of Ontario's electricity system to ensure it is reliable, resilient and cost-efficient in the years ahead. This includes assessing the future adequacy of Ontario's electricity supply and the transmission system, identifying system needs, and securing the resources needed to meet system needs, including through the advancement of conservation efforts.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Farmer has held a variety of senior roles at the IESO and Ontario Power Authority in the areas of Power System Planning, Conservation, and Corporate Relations. His career began with Union Gas where he focused on the residential and commercial markets and was Director for Market Knowledge and Demand Side Management.

Mr. Farmer is a graduate of the Richard Ivey School of Business at The University of Western Ontario.

Jim Hogan

Jim Hogan has recently retired from Entegrus after holding the position of Chief Executive Officer and previously the Chief Financial and Regulatory Officer with more than four decades of leadership experience in the utilities sector. Throughout his career, he was recognized for driving operational excellence, advancing grid modernization initiatives, and building high-performing teams focused on safety, reliability, and customer service.

While at Entegrus Jim led the team in rationalizing the Local Distribution Company (LDC) sector in Southwestern Ontario with a few purchases and merger of other LDCs. Entegrus was also one of the first LDCs in Ontario to successfully negotiate and bring on a non-municipal shareholder to provide additional governance skills and financial support for the future rationalization of the sector. The non-municipal shareholder's majority shareholder is a large pension fund in Canada.

He played a key role in strengthening partnerships with municipalities, regulators, and industry stakeholders, ensuring sustainable growth and long-term value for customers and shareholders. Jim was awarded the Chair's Citation from the Electricity Distributors Association in March 2026 in recognition of his long-time dedication and service to the Ontario distribution sector.

Guy Holburn

Guy Holburn is a Professor of Business, Economics, and Public Policy at the Ivey Business School, University of Western Ontario. His expertise includes corporate governance, regulation, and business strategy, particularly in the energy and utilities sectors. He has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals and authored numerous reports on energy policies.

Dr. Holburn founded and directed the Ivey Energy Policy

and Management Centre, and serves as a director of London Hydro, a board member of the Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability, and a member of the Council for Clean and Reliable Energy. He has consulted for corporations and governments in Canada and the U.S., providing advice on governance, regulation, competition policy, merger strategy, economic impact, and more.

Dr. Holburn holds a PhD and MA from the University of California, Berkeley, and a BA (Hons.) from Cambridge University. He previously worked as a management consultant for Bain and Company and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Sharan Kaur

Sharan Kaur is a seasoned communications expert and Principal in Navigator's Toronto office, bringing 20 years of comprehensive experience in government, crisis management, media relations, and strategic communications across the political, media and private sectors.

Sharan's government experience includes serving as Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Operations to Canada's Minister of Finance for five years, where she gained profound expertise in global geopolitical issues and international economic policy. In this capacity, she served as the political liaison for the G20 and G7 within Canada's Department of Finance, managing sensitive international relations and contributing to high-level diplomatic initiatives including NAFTA negotiations with the Trump administration. Sharan also played a pivotal role in Canada's federal COVID-19 response, helping develop historic government support programs such as CERB during the evolving pandemic landscape.

In the energy sector, Sharan has contributed to significant infrastructure projects across North America, including the Energy East and Keystone XL pipelines. Most recently, she led the crisis communications and issues management department at Saudi Aramco, one of the world's largest and most profitable energy companies. At Aramco, she was instrumental in enhancing organizational transparency and developing response strategies amid a rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape in the Middle East.

As a recognized media commentator, Sharan is a CTV News political analyst and is regularly featured on national and international news networks and radio syndicates, providing expert analysis on domestic and global affairs. Through her media presence and work as a frequent columnist covering political and global developments, she has established herself as a trusted voice in the public sphere.

Throughout her career, Sharan has demonstrated exceptional ability to navigate complex, high-stakes situations with poise and clarity. She has advised CEOs, politicians, and world leaders on international relations, crisis management, and policy development. Her extensive experience encompasses managing global geopolitical crises, leading strategic campaigns, and advising on reputational risks, making her an invaluable asset in dynamic and challenging environments across government and private sector organizations.

Tim Laronde

Tim Laronde, a member of the Nipissing First Nation in the Robinson Huron Treaty territory, brings more than 25 years of experience in the business services sector. His background includes business development, negotiation, and building capacity through strong, respectful partnerships with Indigenous communities. Much of his career was spent in financial services, where he focused on investments, commercial lending, and serving as a corporate trustee for Indigenous Trusts.

In 2021, Tim shifted into the construction industry to help advance economic prosperity and support Indigenous Nations in their pursuit of self-determination. As the National Director of Indigenous Strategies at Chandos Construction, he works to strengthen Indigenous capacity by expanding procurement opportunities and developing talent within Indigenous communities. In 2025, he also became a Senior Advisor, Project Development with the First Nations Major Projects Coalition, an organization that supports member

Nations in advancing economic, environmental, and public policy interests in a non political, business-focused way. Tim additionally contributes his expertise as a member of the City of Toronto's Indigenous Procurement Committee, helping shape a policy that will open doors for Indigenous businesses seeking to work with the city.

Tim is deeply committed to sharing Indigenous history, values, and perspectives. He regularly leads cultural awareness sessions, presentations, and discussions focused on fostering respectful and effective engagement with Indigenous communities. His community involvement includes serving as Secretary Treasurer for the Anishnawbe Health Foundation in Toronto and holding a board position with the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business. From 2013 to 2019, he also served as a Community Trustee for the Nipissing 2013 Boundary Claim Trust.

A lifelong learner, Tim completed the AFOA–Harvard Business School program Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities, and he continues to share the knowledge gained through this experience with Indigenous communities. His advocacy centers on creating wealth and building capacity for Indigenous peoples, as well as supporting Indigenous women in leadership and skilled trades. At the heart of his work is a sustained commitment to giving back, empowering communities, and mentoring the next generation of Indigenous leaders.

Michael Law

Michael Law is the Head of Power System Integration at Energy Alberta. He is an accomplished energy executive with over 25 years of experience navigating the complexities of the North American electricity industry. As the former President and CEO of the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), Michael provided the strategic vision necessary to maintain the reliability of Alberta's power system during a period of unprecedented transformation.

Michael's 15-year tenure at the AESO was defined by a steady progression through the organization's most critical leadership functions. He joined the AESO in 2009, serving in various Vice President roles across Operations, Market Services, and Renewables Development. He later transitioned to Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, where he held direct oversight of the provincial bulk power system before being appointed President and CEO in 2019. Under his leadership, the AESO navigated the complexities of market reform, decarbonization, the phase-out of coal-fired generation, and the integration of large-scale renewable energy.

Prior to his time at the AESO, Michael spent a decade in commercial and commodity trading roles. As Vice President of North American Power at Direct Energy Marketing Limited, he was responsible for the commercial management of its wholesale electricity portfolios and Canadian commodity trading operations.

Currently, through MGL Advisory Services Ltd., Michael leverages this dual perspective - system operator and market participant - to advise clients across the electricity, private equity and venture capital areas. Michael holds an MBA in Finance and an M.A.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of British Columbia, and a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Cape Town.

Rob Lister

Rob Lister is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Oakville Enterprises Corporation (OEC). Under Rob's leadership, OEC and its group of companies have grown to become a leading energy and infrastructure services organization in Ontario and beyond. Through its many operating brands, OEC operates a dynamic portfolio of synergistic businesses specializing in infrastructure, energy, renewable generation and electricity, telecommunications, and gas distribution.

Through a variety of roles, Rob has served and provided leadership in the energy and infrastructure sectors. Previous roles at Toronto Hydro, Earth Energy (GeoExchange), OZZ Energy Solutions, Horizon Utilities, and in management consulting have contributed to Rob's broad range of expertise in leading and growing organizations.

Rob is on the Board of Directors of OEC, Board of Directors for Electricity Canada, and Chair of Electricity Canada's Board Committee on Sustainability. He is Past-Chair of the

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GridSmartCity Cooperative, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Energy Association. Rob also sits on the Hygge Energy Advisory Board and is Board Chair of OEC's competitive businesses. He previously sat on the Board of Directors for the United Way Oakville and was the 2015 Chair for the United Way Oakville Campaign Cabinet. He is a long-standing Director with the Oliphant Campers' Association (one of the oldest cottage associations in Canada), as well as the Harbourmaster liaison to Fisheries and Oceans Canada for the Oliphant Harbour. Rob was recognized with the 2018 Leader of the Year Award by Electricity Human Resources Canada (EHRC) and the Ontario Energy Association Leader of the Year for 2023.

Rob is a designated professional engineer. He holds a bachelor's degree in Engineering and Management, as well as a Master of Business Administration, both from McMaster University.

John Mauti

John Mauti is a CA and CPA professional with extensive experience in the utilities and electricity industry. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors at Oshawa Power & Utilities and a senior consultant with Modus Strategic Solutions.

John spent over 30 years with Ontario Power Generation helping steer the company to financial strength and prosperity through key transformations and evolutions, retiring as their CFO in 2022. He also currently serves on the board of Moltex Energy Canada, a company developing leading edge Small Modular Reactors and spent nuclear fuel recycling technologies in the nuclear generation field.

David McFadden

David is the Chair of the Board of Directors of 407 International Inc., PCI Geomatics Inc., and Makwa Development Corporation. He completed an eight-year term as Chair of the Board of Toronto Hydro Inc. at the end of 2024. David is a member of the Boards of Enlightened Building Technologies Inc. and WPC Infrastructure Fund LP.

David is a member of the MaRS Energy Board and a member of the Council for Clean and Reliable Energy. He served previously as the Chair of the Energy Transformation Network of Ontario and Chair of the Board of the Ontario Energy Association.

David was a partner at Gowling WLG for over 30 years where he acted for corporations, municipalities and utilities involved in the generation, distribution, transmission, marketing and financing of energy projects. He served on the Gowling WLG Executive Committee and Board of Trustees and was Chair of the firm's Energy and Infrastructure Industry Group and International Management Committee.

David serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Yonge Street Mission and as a board member of Theatre Collingwood. He served on the Board of Governors of York University from 2013 to 2020. David received an Honorary Doctorate from York University in 2012.

David previously served as Chair of the Toronto Region Board of Trade. As Chair, David launched the Board of Trade's focus on energy and infrastructure development and renewal in the Greater Toronto Area.

David was the Chair of the Board of the Ontario Centres of Excellence Inc. (2004-2010) and in that position led the creation of the Centre of Excellence for Energy which has supported energy innovation across Ontario.

David has also served as Chair of the Stakeholders' Alliance for Electricity Competition and Customer Choice, was a member of the Canada-US Electric System Working Group which investigated the massive blackout in August 2003, co-led an investigation team into the 2006 nationwide blackout in Jamaica, was a Member of the Ontario Ministry of Energy's Electricity Conservation and Supply Task Force (2003-2004) and served on the Ontario Distribution Sector Review Panel (2012).

David was named the Leader of the Year by the Ontario Energy Association in 2013.

Michael Powell

Michael Powell is Vice President, Government Relations for Electricity Canada. Michael provides strategic advice to Electricity Canada's member electricity companies on how to advance the sector's interests with government stakeholders. This includes advocacy efforts in Canada and the United States on issues such as energy security, electrification, and climate policy.

Before joining Electricity Canada, Michael provided strategic, public affairs and communications advice for Canadian and international clients with a leading boutique consultancy. He has led communications and advocacy campaigns in all provinces and across the North.

Daniel Rossetti

Daniel Rossetti is the Senior Managing Director and Head of Americas Infrastructure at the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. Mr. Rossetti joined the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan in 2009 and leads infrastructure investing and asset management across the Americas. He has played a lead role in acquisitions including the Chicago Skyway toll road, Enwave Energy Corporation, and Diamond Communications.

Mr. Rossetti currently serves on the boards of Grupo SAESA and Diamond Communications and has previously served as a director of the Sydney Desalination Plant, GCT Global Container Terminals, and Enwave Energy Corporation. Prior to joining Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, he worked in investment banking at National Bank Financial.

Camilo Serna

Camilo Serna serves as senior vice president of Strategy and External Engagement. In this role, he oversees NERC's external engagement and communications activities, including outreach to and engagement with federal, state, and provincial agencies and associations in the United States and Canada, NERC's Member Representatives Committee, and the broader industry stakeholder community. He also leads the Reliability Analysis and Performance Analysis program area. Finally, Mr. Serna leads the development of multi-year strategies—working with the NERC Board of Trustees, chief executive officer, and the Executive team—to ensure NERC meets its reliability and security vision and mission.

Prior to joining NERC in 2024, Mr. Serna served as vice president of Rates and Regulatory Affairs for FirstEnergy, leading the development and implementation of federal and state regulatory strategies across the company's five-state footprint. Prior to that, Mr. Serna worked for DTE Energy, first as vice president of Corporate Strategy and then as vice president of Regulatory Affairs. Before DTE, he also worked at Eversource Energy as vice president of Strategy and Policy. In his prior roles, he led the development and implementation of strategic, corporate development, and energy policy initiatives.

Mr. Serna began his career in management consulting firms—primarily with Oliver Wyman—where he helped utilities and energy companies in Europe, Latin America, and North America with the development of strategic and operational initiatives. He earned a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Los Andes University (Bogotá, Colombia) and a master's degree in Business Administration from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Laryssa Waler

Laryssa Waler, Founder & CEO of Henley Strategies, brings nearly two decades of leadership in strategic communications, public affairs, and media relations. Known for her tailored, results-driven approach, Laryssa designs bespoke strategies for every client—recognizing the unique goals and challenges of each organization and individual she supports.

Laryssa has held senior roles at the highest levels of government, including serving as Executive Director of Communications to Ontario Premier Doug Ford. In the private sector, she has advised a wide range of clients—from Fortune 500 companies and high-growth startups to non-profits and advocacy organizations—helping them shape public narratives, engage policymakers, and build lasting influence. She is a

frequent political commentator on Canadian TV and radio, where she offers insight into current affairs, public policy, and campaign strategy.

In 2022, Laryssa led media operations for the Canadian, Indigenous and international press during the historic visit of Pope Francis, coordinating coverage for more than 800 accredited journalists and serving as a spokesperson on matters related to Indigenous reconciliation.

A committed advocate for Ukraine, Laryssa continues to lend her voice and expertise to support the international response to Russia's war of aggression.

She holds a degree from the University of Toronto, and a graduate certificate in Public Relations from Humber College. She is fluent in English, Ukrainian and French.

Saga Williams

Saga Williams, LL.B. is the principal and owner of AS Williams Consulting, is a Senior Advisor to the First Nations Major Projects Coalition on Critical Mineral Development and supports a number of exploration and mining companies in their Indigenous Relations outreach. She is a band member and resident of Curve Lake First Nation. Through her maternal relations, she is also a member of the Namekosing Anishinabeg community of Lac Seul First Nation, located in the Treaty #3 area. After graduating with an Indigenous Studies (Hons.) degree from Trent University and a law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School, Saga was called to the Ontario Bar in 2000.

With over 20 years of experience, Saga has been involved in the successful implementation of a number of high-profile initiatives, including energy, mining, economic and policy development projects and land claims settlements.

Saga was an elected Councillor for her community and served a three-year term, holding three portfolios and chaired a number of community-based committees. Over her years working with First Nations governments, and holding a leadership position, Saga has gained an expertise in governance structures, policies and processes. Saga has also advised Cabinet Ministers and Indigenous leaders on Indigenous and Government Relations. Saga teaches as an Osgoode Hall Law School Adjunct Professor, introducing law students to issues of Indigenous rights, reconciliation and negotiation, was the Chair of a national, non-profit youth services board and currently sits as a Director on a number of publicly traded mining boards. Saga is currently working with the First Nations Major Projects Coalition as a Senior Advisor, leading the Critical Mineral development file, as well as supporting equity ownership in mining infrastructure, mines and the value chain supporting mineral development.

Glen Wright

Glen Wright is the Chair of the Council for Clean and Reliable Energy, a federally incorporated non-profit volunteer organization that provides a platform for open dialogue and a solutions-oriented approach to the challenges of the energy sector. He is the former Chairman of Hydro One Inc. and Waterloo North Hydro.

Mr. Wright is the former Chairman of LeanCor Canada Inc. and LeanCor LLC, a global supply chain company which has been acquired by Uber Freight enterprise.

Mr. Wright has served as the Chair of the Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and was a Member of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, part of the North American Free Trade Agreement, where he served as the Chair of the Joint Public Advisory Committee.

Glen's private sector career has focused primarily on the insurance and pension fields. He has served on the Board of a wide range of corporations in the insurance, environmental, technology and manufacturing sectors and participated in a variety of charitable and not-for-profit Boards including the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Wilfrid Laurier University. Early on in his career he served as a Member of Waterloo City Council and Waterloo Regional Council and has acted as a senior advisor to several Prime Ministers and Premiers.