

Speaker Profiles



John Avdoulos is President & CEO of Essex Power, where he leads a team that is committed to innovation, technology and strong performance management. Through innovative technologies the Essex Power Group of Companies has successfully built the foundation to establish a diverse set of energy products and services that provide value to its customers. Essex Power is a dynamic energy company that continues to build solutions for the future. Previously John, was the Chief Operating Officer for Essex Power Corporation. John joined the energy industry in 2006 and has been able to transfer valuable lessons learned from his previous experience in the manufacturing sector. John's past experience provides a unique view to the energy industry as John has already experienced many of the changes that the energy world is currently seeing. John holds a Board of Directors position at the Electricity Distributors Association and The GridSmartCity Cooperative. John holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Windsor, a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Lawrence Technological University, a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Windsor and a McLaughlin Masters Certificate in Project Management. John obtained the Chartered Director (C.Dir.) designation from The Directors College (2022).



Chris Benedetti is a Managing Partner with Sussex Strategy Group. Since 1999 he has led client efforts related to energy and environment-related policy, regulatory and procurement matters. He has helped clients not only better understand the policy and political imperatives that are the basis for decisions surrounding system planning and procurement but has also assisted in working with government and its agencies to amend policies where and when warranted, in assisting stakeholder compliance with various rules and requirements, and in liaising with affected local stakeholders and communities. Mr. Benedetti serves as a Board Director of the Association of Power Producers of Ontario, the Toronto ZooShare Biogas Cooperative, the Empire Club of Canada, and Outward Bound Canada. He is a member of the Energy Policy Council of the C.D. Howe Institute. He also previously served as Chair of the Recycling Council of Ontario, Director of the Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy, President of the Public Affairs Association of Canada, and Senior Advisor to the Canada-Europe Roundtable for Business. Prior to joining Sussex, Mr. Benedetti was Vice President and Government Relations Practice Leader for a global public affairs and communications company. He has held several positions in the federal government with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and as a political advisor within the House of Commons and the Senate of Canada. Mr. Benedetti holds a BA in law and a BA (High Hons.) in political science from Carleton University, and an MA in political science (International Relations) from McMaster University and the University of Bath, England.



Robert Brant is the Managing Partner of McCarthy Tétrault's London, England office where he has been based since 1998. He is an experienced corporate/commercial lawyer, focusing his practice on transatlantic M&A and capital markets work. Rob regularly advises a wide range of Canadian and international companies in connection with European M&A and corporate finance transactions (including new stock exchange listings) as well as significant commercial contracts. Mr. Brant's experience extends to a number of different sectors with a focus on all forms of energy and natural resources. Clients which Mr. Brant has recently represented include Asanko Gold, CGI, CIBC, Duke Royalty, Enbridge, First Quantum Minerals, Helios Investors, Heritage Oil, Mercuria Energy Trading, National Bank, Sundial Growers, TD Bank and Vitol. Rob received his LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto and his BA (Economics) from the University of Western Ontario. He is the past President of the Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce and the Chair of the Maple Leaf Trust which supports Canadian veterans and students living in the United Kingdom.



Tabatha Bull is Anishinaabe, a proud member of Nipissing First Nation. As CCAB's president and CEO, she is committed to help rebuild and strengthen the path towards reconciliation and a prosperous Indigenous economy to benefit all Canadians. Serving the Indigenous community through CCAB's commitment to support the Indigenous economy, Tabatha is an appointee of CN's inaugural Indigenous Advisory Council. The Council is comprised of accomplished and respected representatives of Canada's First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities of every province and territory. An electrical engineer, Tabatha informs Canada's energy sector by participating on many boards including Ontario's electricity system operator IESO, and the Positive Energy Advisory Council, the MARS Energy Advisory Council, and the C.D. Howe Institute's Energy Policy program. Tabatha is dedicated to diversity and removing systematic barriers to improve opportunities and business competitiveness across all industry sectors.



Indrani Butany-DeSouza is the President and Chief Executive Officer, Elexicon Energy Inc. Indrani leads at the intersectionality of diversity and innovation. Originally from New Delhi, India, Indrani is the President and CEO of Elexicon Energy, Ontario's fourth largest municipally owned local distribution company. Raised in Toronto, she is the first female South-Asian to be appointed as the President and CEO of a utility in Ontario. Indrani has used her deep industry, regulatory and policy knowledge, diverse perspective, and foresight capabilities to advance the energy industry in Ontario making her a sought-after leader on energy transformation, the transition to a net-zero, regulatory innovation, as well equity, diversity, and inclusion. Indrani is active on several industry association Boards of Directors, including the Ontario Energy Association ("OEA") and Electricity Distributors Association and Electricity Canada. Committed to the community, Indrani has served as a Board Member at Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation and currently serves on the Board of the Mainstage Theatre Company, a not-for-profit organization for youth musical theatre education. She holds a Master of Business Administration in Finance and an Honours Bachelor of Science in Psychology from McMaster University.



Nicolle Butcher is Ontario Power Generation's Chief Operations Officer. Nicolle is responsible for all of OPG's generating fleet with a capacity of over 15,600 MW consisting of 10 nuclear units, 66 hydro stations, two thermal stations and a solar facility. She is also responsible for the engineering function, integrated fleet management and the energy-related commercial business functions including energy trading, commercial contracting, and market affairs at OPG. In addition, Nicolle is the Chair of the Board of both Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, OPG's US hydro subsidiary and Atura Power, OPG's fleet of combined cycle gas plants. In her previous role as Senior Vice President, Renewable Generation and Power Marketing, Nicolle was accountable for the operation of hydroelectric and thermal generation in Ontario. In her 22 years with OPG, Nicolle held a wide range of roles in OPG, including OPG's Corporate Business Development and Strategy team, focusing on implementing OPG's long-term strategic plan, including executing on \$5B of acquisitions, building an electrification strategy and driving an innovation culture at OPG. She also worked with Canadian Nuclear Partners (now Laurentis Energy Partners), leading a corporate-wide business transformation and developing the Portlands Energy Centre in Toronto. In 2021, Nicolle was named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women and named Women of the Year by WIRE (Women in Renewable Energy) and APPRO (Association of Power Producers of Ontario). She sits on the Board of Directors of WaterPower Canada and the MaRS-Advanced Energy Centre Advisory Board of Directors. 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.



John Casola is the Chief Investment Officer at the Canada Infrastructure Bank, where he leads the Investments team and is responsible for implementing the CIB's investment and advisory strategies, including transaction advice to public sponsors, transaction structuring, capital deployment and asset management. John and his team work with project sponsors from across Canada to develop project priorities and opportunities for partnerships with private and institutional investors. John is a recognized leader in the Canadian infrastructure sector. He has more than 20 years of experience in lending, structuring and advising on project finance and public private partnership (P3) transactions across a variety of infrastructure asset classes. John has extensive experience advising both public and private sector organizations active in the infrastructure sector and was instrumental in advising on many "first of kind" P3 projects in Canada. John started his career practicing law at Canadian law firm Torys LLP. His previous experience also includes being Managing Partner of PwC's Infrastructure and Government Services team in Canada and founding and managing Investec Bank's Project and Infrastructure Finance presence in North America. John holds a BA in Political Science from Carleton University and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Windsor. He has also completed Executive Development programs at Harvard University and at the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University.



Derek Evans was appointed as the President and Chief Executive Officer, and a Director in August 2018. He is a veteran oil and gas industry executive with over 40 years of experience. From May 2009 to March 2018, he served as the President, CEO and Director of Pengrowth Energy, where he led the Company through a major transformation, streamlining its asset base from 35 properties to two growth assets, with over \$9 billion of development opportunities. Prior to joining Pengrowth, Derek was the President, CEO and Director of Focus Energy Trust, a dividend paying royalty trust company. During his tenure at Focus, Derek was successful in increasing the market valuation approximately five times, while distributing more than \$400 million to unitholders. Mr. Evans holds a Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering from Queen's University and is a registered professional engineer in Alberta.



Chuck Farmer is the Vice-President, Planning, Conservation and Resource Adequacy at the Independent Electric System Operator. In this role, 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.



Penny Favel is Vice President, Indigenous Relations at Hydro One. Penny's role at Hydro One is integral to the execution of all aspects of their corporate strategy and in particular to becoming a Trusted Partner. Under Penny's leadership, Hydro One developed its strategic approach to Indigenous Relations, based on vision, principles, excelling at engagement, and acting to address meaningful Reconciliation. She collaborated with Supply Chain, Projects and Operations to set public procurement targets for Indigenous businesses. Penny also led the development of the company's strategic direction on offering Indigenous Equity Partnership for new major Transmission Projects. Prior to joining Hydro One, Penny was the Vice-President of Environment, Land and Indigenous Relations (Canada and US) for TC Energy. Penny was raised in Saskatchewan and attended the University of Saskatchewan for both her undergraduate and law degrees. She has enjoyed a 20-year career in law primarily serving as a commercial construction lawyer before moving into Stakeholder and Indigenous Relations.



Josée Guibord is the Chief Executive Officer of Evolgen. Named CEO in 2018, Josée is accountable for leading Evolgen and advancing its strategic growth within Canada. She draws on her extensive experience as General Counsel and Senior Vice-President (SVP), Legal Services for Brookfield Renewable's North American platform. Since joining in 2011, she has acted in a strategic advisory role during periods of significant expansion and transformation, contributing to the success of several large-scale organizational transitions, such as the creation of Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P. in 2011. Becoming SVP in 2015, she led her legal team on all aspects of the business, including financing, litigation and acquisition among other corporate and commercial matters. Josée is the Second Vice-Chair of the board of directors of the Electricity Canada Association and Vice Chair of WaterPower Canada. In addition, she is currently Vice Chair of Dress for Success – Ottawa, empowering women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and development tools to help them thrive. Prior to joining the Brookfield Renewable family, Josée acted as an in-house lawyer for a multi-national mining company. She began her career in a prominent Toronto law firm, where she provided counsel on corporate and public securities matters.



Justin Hannah is Senior Director, Nuclear, at Natural Resources Canada. Previous to this appointment, Justin was the Business Development Director for Cavendish Nuclear Canada. He has over 15 years of experience leading dynamic teams and programs focused on business development, strategy and engagement with utilities, vendors, and government departments. Justin began his career in the nuclear industry in 2005 with Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's Commercial Reactor division as part of the international business development team. After transitioning to SNC-Lavalin in 2011, he became part of the senior leadership team has taken on various roles in Small Modular Reactors, Nuclear Decommissioning, International Business Development, Government Relations and Corporate Affairs. Justin has served on the Board of Directors for the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries and the Canadian Nuclear Association Public Affairs Advisory Committee. He holds an MBA from the Rogers School of Management and is a 2010 Fellow of the World Nuclear University, Summer Institute at Oxford.



Michele Harradence is President, Enbridge Gas Inc. Michele is responsible for the overall leadership and operations of Ontario-based Enbridge Gas Inc., as well as Gazifère, which serves the Gatineau region of Quebec. Prior to assuming her current role, Michele was the Chief Operations Officer for Enbridge's Gas Transmission & Midstream (GTM) business unit, based in Houston, Texas. She is a principled safety leader and has been integral to Enbridge's safety performance journey in her time with the company. Michele has 25 years' experience in the energy value creation chain including the upstream, midstream, downstream, retail and oil and gas services sectors. Before joining Enbridge in 2014, Michele worked for Shell for 16 years in roles of increasing responsibility, including General Manager of Shell's Sarnia Manufacturing Centre in Ontario. Michele has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario and a law degree from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. In 2020, she was recognized as one of the Top 50 Most Powerful Women in Oil & Gas by the National Diversity Council (US).



Hon. Mike Holland was reappointed as the New Brunswick Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development following the 2020 election. In his first venture into provincial politics, the Honourable **Mike Holland** was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick in September 2018 for the riding of **Albert** and was re-elected in 2020 for a second term. Born in Chatham (now Miramichi), New Brunswick in 1970, Mr. Holland is the son of Phil and Brenda Holland. Farm raised in rural New Brunswick, Mr. Holland has been an avid outdoorsperson his entire life. He is co-founder of the Canadian Wild Turkey Federation, a non-profit organization that is quickly becoming the new face of conservation in Canada. Mr. Holland has been a local entrepreneur who sold outdoor gear which he invented. As the founder of Resourceful Redneck Inc., he successfully secured a funding partnership on the CBC TV show Dragon's Den. Over the years, Mr. Holland has been active with many outdoors and conservation groups, serving in various capacities from volunteer to board member. Mr. Holland began gaining political experience in 2010, working as an executive assistant with cabinet ministers in five different provincial government departments. In his spare time, Mr. Holland enjoys exploring the outdoors with his three adult children and his partner Alison.



Richard Horrobin is Vice President, Business Development & Energy Innovation at Bruce Power. Richard brings more than 25 years of electricity industry experience to this role and has worked in deregulated markets in England, Canada and the United States. Prior to joining Bruce Power, Richard worked in various capacities with British Energy before moving to North America to support British Energy's overseas acquisitions. He has led a number of functions at Bruce Power including: Vice President Power Trading; Vice President Information Technology; and, Vice President & Managing Director, Supply Chain. In his current role as VP Business Development, Richard is responsible for a portfolio that includes Bruce Power NextGen activities, Bruce Power NetZero, Isotope production and Energy Dispatch. An MBA graduate from the University of Warwick in the UK, Richard enjoys skiing, soccer and golf in his spare time.



Armin Jahangiri is Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at ARC, where he is responsible for ARC's capital operations and production activities, ensuring the Company's ongoing commitment to operational excellence. In addition, he has accountability for ARC's environmental performance, health and safety, regulatory, government relations and Indigenous relations functions. Mr. Jahangiri has more than 20 years of domestic and international experience in the energy industry with a focus in major project planning, development, and execution. He joined ARC in 2014 and has held increasingly senior roles with an operations and engineering focus. Prior to his appointment as COO, he served as Vice President, Operations from 2017 – 2021. Prior to ARC, he held development, operations, and production engineering positions with a major Canadian oil and gas producer, as well as field engineering and operations management positions both onshore and offshore for a global oilfield services company. Currently, he serves as a director on the board of the University of Calgary Alumni Association. Mr. Jahangiri is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) and British Columbia (EGBC). He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the Sharif University of Technology, and a Master of Engineering in Chemical and Petroleum Engineering with specialization in Reservoir Characterization from the University of Calgary.



Margaret Kenequanash has been CEO of Wataynikaneyap Power since August 2017: an Indigenous-led licensed transmission entity bringing grid connection to remote First Nation communities in northern Ontario currently powered by diesel generators. Margaret has a vast wealth of knowledge gleaned from over 20 years in various high-level positions, including being on the Sioux Lookout Municipal Council from 1990-1994 and Executive Director of the Shibogama First Nations Council from 2005-2017. Margaret carries the distinction of being the first female Chief in her community at North Caribou Lake First Nation when she was elected in 1996. She is well known and respected throughout First Nation communities and government for her work in promoting opportunities and better quality of life for First Nation peoples.



Jason Langrish is the Founder & President of The Energy Roundtable, a c-level conference series that he founded in 2004 to help to define the role of the Canadian energy sector in domestic affairs and international energy markets. Jason also serves as the Executive Director of the Canada Europe Roundtable for Business, which led private sector engagement on the development of the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). Jason has previously worked at the Canadian Mission to the European Union in Brussels and in the City of London. For eight seasons he led a Helitack firefighting crew for the British Columbia Ministry of Forests. Educated at the University of Victoria, University of Western Ontario and the London School of Economics, Jason was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Government to Canada in 2012.



David Lebeter is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Hydro One Networks Inc., a role he assumed in January 2020. Mr. Lebeter is responsible for transmission and distribution at the utility including construction, maintenance, vegetation management as well as system operations, asset planning and engineering. He is also responsible for Hydro One Remote Communities Inc., which serves remote communities in Ontario's far north. Before joining the organization, he held executive positions at BC Hydro from 2010 to 2019, including Senior Vice President of Safety and Vice President of Transmission & Distribution Field Operations. Mr. Lebeter spent 23 years in the forest industry prior to joining the utility sector, working in leadership positions responsible for operations. He has previously served as an Executive Board Member for Smart Grid Northwest, as an Operations Board Member for Western Energy Institute, and as the Chairman of the Distribution Council with the Canadian Electricity Association. He holds his ICD.D from the Institute of Corporate Directors. Mr. Lebeter holds a Bachelor's degree in Forestry from the University of British Columbia, and is a registered professional forester. In addition, Mr. Lebeter holds an Executive Masters of Business Administration from Simon Fraser University.



Olivia MacAngus is the President and CEO of Colliers Project Leaders, an industry-leading Canadian capital project solutions company. She is also part of the Colliers Canada senior leadership team. Olivia is committed to providing an inclusive, equitable and diverse workplace, and to increasing strategies that promote meaningful Indigenous inclusion in major developments. Colliers Project Leaders is PAR-committed and a proud First Nations Major Projects Coalition Sustaining Partner. In previous roles, Olivia has built a broad base of experience in the Canadian infrastructure sector, working with owner, developer, investor, advisor and political stakeholder teams. She has 20 years of experience in business, infrastructure, procurement and government, and is a regular contributor to expert panels on infrastructure topics. She is the Founding Chair of the industry think-tank Future of Infrastructure Group and was named one of the Globe and Mail's 2022 Best Executives in Canada.



Joe McBrearty is the President & CEO of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, Joe brings significant experience to CNL as a leader in the nuclear industry and in the implementation of transformational change across numerous organizations. For more than 36 years, Joe served in highly technical and leadership positions that cover nearly all fields of nuclear operations, including nuclear reactor and high hazard nuclear facility operations, maintenance, training and oversight with complex nuclear organizations. Most recently, Joe held the position of Chief Operating Officer at CNL (2019/20) prior to which he served as Deputy Director for Field Operations with the Office of Science, in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). In this role he worked to achieve excellence in nuclear operations, with responsibility for all operations, including, safety, security, nuclear and hazardous material operations, procurement, and financial actions for the majority of DOE's national laboratory complex, all of which operate under the same management and operations model as CNL.



Shawn McCarthy is an independent writer and senior counsel for Sussex Strategy Group, focusing on energy & climate change issues. Until September 2019, Shawn was the global energy correspondent for The Globe and Mail. Working from its parliamentary bureau in Ottawa, he covered a wide range of energy issues, including Canada's pipeline battles, the rapidly changing electricity sector and the risks and opportunities posed by climate change and the transition to a low-carbon future. Prior to working the energy beat, Shawn served as The Globe's New York correspondent for three years, was its parliamentary bureau chief from 2000 to 2003, and covered finance and economic policy. Shawn serves as volunteer vice-president for the World Press Freedom Canada, an Ottawa-based advocacy group.



John Mikkelsen is a Director in the Power & Energy Solutions team at TC Energy. His decades-long career in power engineering and business development began as project engineer on two of the original non-utility generation projects in 1989. After two years in the Czech Republic in the mid-nineties, John returned to Canada and held development engineering roles at Calpine, TransAlta and Northland Power before joining TC Energy (then TransCanada) in 2003. Based in TC Energy's Toronto office, John has been Development Project Manager on the TransCanada Halton Hills Generating Station and Napanee Generating Station, and Development Engineering Manager on Coolidge Generating Station in Arizona. Since 2016, John has been leading development of TC's important Ontario Pumped Storage Project in Meaford, Ontario. An avid cyclist, John has recruited colleagues, friends and family to join him to ride, volunteer and/or donate to Wounded Warriors Canada's Ride for Mental Health, which brings awareness to the unique mental health needs of veterans, first responders and their families. John holds an M.A.Sc. and B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Waterloo and is a member of the Professional Engineers of Ontario.



Lance Mortlock is the managing partner for the EY energy market segment, where his responsibilities include oil and gas, power and utilities and mining sectors across Canada. As a strategy practitioner working with the c-suite Lance has provided management consulting services on 157 projects to +60 clients in 11 countries. He brings a broad set of strategic skills and experiences, helping clients solve some of their most complex strategic problems. Lance has authored 32 points of view on various essential business topics as a strategist. Lance is also an expert in energy trends and market dynamics in Canada with over 100 citing's across multiple industry publications, national and international newspapers, and featured on BNN several times. Lance is also an opinion columnist and external advisory board member for CEOWORLD magazine. Lance has an undergraduate degree from Exeter University, an MBA from Cardiff Business School is a Certified Management Consultant, a Certified Change Management Professional, a Certified Six Sigma Black Belt and a Project Management Professional. Lance completed a LEAD certificate in Corporate Innovation at Stanford GSB, advanced strategy at INSEAD, and an AI certificate from MIT. Lance is a Visiting Professor at the University of Calgary Haskayne School of Business and also serves on the Board of the Canadian Energy and Climate Nexus, a non-governmental, non-profit organization to help Canadians develop energy systems in balance with climate change constraints.



Jon Norman is President of Hydrostor. Jon is a professional engineer with over 20 years of experience in the power industry, management consulting and government. Jon currently oversees Hydrostor's strategic growth as President and was previously Chief Operating Officer. Prior to Hydrostor he held senior roles at Brookfield Asset Management, including leading commercial development, regulatory policy and government relations across North America and Europe for the power and utilities business. In earlier roles he served as project manager for environmental infrastructure and held senior roles in government, where he led grid and networks policy development in Ontario as well as interjurisdictional negotiations. Jon holds an interdisciplinary master's degree in engineering and economics from the University of Toronto.



Kelly J. Ogle is the Chief Executive Officer of the CGAI. He also manages the Energy Security Forum and is the host of Energy Security Cubed, a weekly podcast discussing all facets of energy security. Mr. Ogle is a serial entrepreneur, scholar, and published author. He has served as a board member of several companies, public, private and not for profit, including the board of the Humboldt Broncos hockey club, where is a proud alumnus. Mr. Ogle received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Saskatchewan, a Master of Strategic Studies from the University of Calgary and holds the ICD.D designation from the Institute of Canadian Directors.



Bruce Orloff is a Partner in IBM Consulting Canada's Energy, Environment & Utilities practice with over 30 years of experience in the energy, utilities and telecommunications industries. He has extensive knowledge and experience managing, developing, selling and implementing advanced solutions in electricity and telecommunications regulated and de-regulated markets in North America, Sweden and Australia. Bruce was also one of the founding members and past board member of SmartGrid Canada, a national organization dedicated to promoting a more modern and efficient electricity grid for the benefit of all Canadians through education, collaboration, promotion, and action. He has also been representing IBM as a CEA Corporate Partner for the last 10 years. Bruce is recognized as a Subject Matter Expert in the area of Smart Grid, Sustainability, Customer Engagement, Cognitive and Analytics solutions for utilities and Renewables and has also published articles and presented at key industry conferences.



Patrick J. O'Rourke is the Managing Director, Institutional Equity Research - Large Cap Exploration & Production and Oil Sands at ATB Capital Markets. He covers Integrated Oil Sands and Large Cap Exploration & Production companies, as well as provides key commodity macro and policy analysis for the firm and its clients. Prior to joining ATB Capital Markets, Patrick was an Associate Analyst covering Junior and Intermediate Canadian E&P companies at Stifel Nicolaus, a U.S. mid-Major investment bank, from 2011 to 2013. Previously, Patrick held an Associate role at Bissett Investment Management (a subsidiary of Franklin Templeton Investments) from 2007 to 2011, where he worked in the Bissett Institutional Balanced group which focused on global macro analysis and tactical asset allocation for institutional investors, as well as on the Bissett Multinational Growth Fund, a global dividend growth mandate. Patrick holds a Bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Economics & Statistics at McMaster University and is a CFA Charterholder.



Madeleine Redfern is Chief Operating Officer of CanArctic Inuit Network, President of the Ajungi Consulting Group, Chair of the Nunavut Legal Services Board, Advisor to the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, a Trudeau Foundation Board Member, Co-Chair with the Gordon Munk Arctic Security Program, and a Board member of Maliiganik Legal Aid. Madeleine is the former Mayor of Iqaluit, Nunavut (2015 - 2019), a position she also held from 2010 to 2012. A native of Iqaluit, Ms. Redfern holds Law degrees from Akitsiraq Law School and the University of Victoria. She was the first Inuit to work as a law clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada. In Iqaluit, she is a businessperson and a strong social advocate for transformative initiatives. Madeleine has a great deal of governance and volunteer experience with Aboriginal and Inuit organizations, including, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Inuit Non-Profit Housing Corporation, President of the Tungasuvvingat Inuit Community Centre, founding Board Member of Ottawa Inuit Headstart, and founding member of the Wabano Aboriginal Health Centre. She was also Executive Director of the Qikiqtani Truth Commission, which reviewed the “effects of federal government policies on Eastern Arctic Inuit” between the 1950s and 1980s. Her advocacy, professional, and governance work has shown her dedication and passion toward the development and delivery of programs assisting Aboriginal, Inuit, northerners and Canadians that reflect community values, needs, and priorities.



Hon. Todd Smith (Bay of Quinte) is Ontario’s Minister of Energy. For over 25 years, Todd Smith has been a trusted voice in the Quinte region. A graduate of Loyalist College, he embarked on a 16-year career in radio broadcasting, serving as the voice of Belleville Bulls hockey and rising to News Director at Quinte Broadcasting. Todd was first elected in 2011 in the riding of Prince Edward—Hastings. While in Opposition, he served as the PC Critic for several portfolios including the energy file. In 2022, he was re-elected in the Bay of Quinte riding as part of the Doug Ford government and he was reappointed to serve as Minister of Energy – a file he has held since 2021. Previously, he has served as Government House Leader, Minister of Government and Consumer Services, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade, and Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. Born and raised in Riverview, N.B., Todd has lived in the Belleville area since the early 1990s. He lives there with his wife Tawnya and daughters Payton and Reagan.



Victor Swishchuk is a portfolio manager at Letko Brosseau & Associates, a global investment manager based in Montreal. Mr. Swishchuk joined the firm in 2013 and has been the specialist on the Energy, Utilities and Renewables sectors. Prior to his current role, Mr. Swishchuk was a VP on the money market desk at a leading Canadian bank. Mr. Swishchuk holds an MBA from the Schulich School of Business and is a CFA charterholder.



Brian Vaasjo is the President and CEO of Capital Power and has been since the company’s initial public offering in July 2009. Under his leadership, Capital Power has become Alberta’s leading developer of new power generation and has successfully acquired and developed new renewable power projects in B.C., Ontario, and the United States. Brian possesses over 40 years of industry experience, which includes time as Executive Vice President of EPCOR and as President of EPCOR’s Energy Division. At EPCOR, he was responsible for regional power generation (including clean coal initiatives), water operations and the growth of EPCOR’s competitive power and water businesses across North America, as well as development and acquisition. He also was with the Enbridge Group of Companies for 19 years, during which time he played a substantial role in acquisitions, developments, and public offerings. Brian holds an MBA from the University of Alberta, where he also received his undergraduate degree. He attended the University of Western Ontario Executive Program and is a Fellow of the Society of the Chartered Professional Accountants. Brian and his wife Dawn live in Edmonton and have three adult children.



Aron Willis is the Executive Vice President of Growth at TransAlta. Aron leads TransAlta’s customer origination, contracting greenfield and brownfield projects in TransAlta’s core markets. He oversees the TransAlta’s project development, construction and investment analysis activities and is accountable for new technologies, including TransAlta’s conversion to gas and repowering strategies. Since joining TransAlta in 1999, Aron has worked throughout the business in increasing levels of responsibility, with roles in Finance, Commercial, Operations and Maintenance. Based in Perth, he oversaw a significant expansion of the business comprising an investment of just under \$1 billion in new contracted assets. This includes the development, contracting and construction of the \$570 million South Hedland Power Station. Prior to his current role, Aron led TransAlta’s fleet of Gas and Renewables assets and the company’s Commercial team. He oversaw the safe, reliable, and low-cost operations of the company’s various joint-venture partnerships and commercial activities. Aron is part of the management team of TransAlta Renewables Inc. Aron has a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance, University of Calgary.



Arne Wohlschlegel was appointed as the Managing Director of Siemens Energy Canada Limited on March 1, 2020. In this role, Arne is responsible for the overall strategic management, direction, and leadership of the Siemens Energy business in Canada, which provides a broad portfolio of products, solutions and services to our Canadian Energy customers. Arne began his career with Siemens as a Mechanical Engineer in 2000. He has held various technical and commercial roles in the Power Generation business in Germany, USA and Canada. Arne holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Fachhochschule Stralsund, a university in Stralsund, Germany. Arne is also a board member of the Energy Council of Canada.