



CTC Source Protection Committee Member - Biography

Douglas Wright

Chair

Douglas Wright's career spans over forty years in sustainable development and environmental policy and management. He has worked internationally and domestically in the public and private sectors, interacting with stakeholders in government, academia, business and NGOs.

Doug is currently advising the Cambodian Ministry of the Environment, through the United Nations Development Program, on addressing the pressures of rapid development and climate change. At the Council of Canadian Academies in Ottawa he managed an expert panel assessment of the environmental implications of shale gas development for Canada. Prior to this, he was the Director of the Environmental Innovations Branch of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. He has also served as the Managing Director of the Environment Centre at the Ontario Centres of Excellence, as Director of Policy and Planning with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization, and as Director of Programs for the Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America. This follows years as a founding and managing partner of RFI, an environmental policy consulting firm through which he led many domestic assignments as well as overseas projects in Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Pakistan, Cambodia and Jamaica. His early career included positions with the federal government and the private sector.

All these experiences, mixed with his lifelong passion for Georgian Bay, led Doug to founding GREATNESS The Great Lakes Project as a way to share and expand appreciation for the wondrous Great Lakes.

Doug holds a Bachelor and a Master's of environmental studies/geography from the University of Toronto.