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**Summary Résumé**

**Education & Professional:**

1964 Masters Degree Geography. University of Edinburgh  
1966 Masters Degree Geography – Climatology and Hydrology  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC  
1969 Ph. D Geography. Water Resources Management  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC  
Ph. D. Topic "Efficiency of Irrigation in Okanagan Valley"  
1978/79 Courses in Economics, Urban Planning, Environmental Law  
University of London and London School of Economics

**Executive & Institutional:**

1983-85 Canadian Environmental Assessment Research Council  
1989-94 Canadian Council of Resource and Environmental Ministries (Secretariat)  
1997-2004 Fraser Basin Council  
2003 -2004 Member of FORREX Board  
2001-2004 Chair of Deputy Ministers Committee on Economy and Environment  
2004 -2006 Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra Board  
2005 Capital Regional District Round Table on the Environment  
2008 Director, Whistler Centre for Sustainability

**Experience:**

Current

President, Fidelis Resource Group Inc. Member of Fidelis Team in undertaking an Integrated Resource Management approach to water and waste management in communities in British Columbia with a more detailed example in the Capital Regional District.

2005 -

**Research Director, BC Pacific Salmon Forum.** The Forum was established by the Premier to advise on sustainable management of both wild and farmed salmon, and to use peer reviewed science to build public trust in the governance of salmon resources in the Province. The Forum will report in December 2008.

2004-

**Adjunct Professor, School of Community & Regional Planning, University of British Columbia**

- Presented courses in planning, sustainability and governance specializing on key sustainability issues including land use planning, urban sustainability and climate change and assessing the inadequacy of current government processes to deal with these challenges
- Advisor, Gaining Ground Sustainability Urban Development Summit. This summit brought professionals from across North America to assess the challenge of Whole City Change—considering how cities can operate as ecological systems, build their economies and address issues associated with climate change and development but keeping within nature's limits
- Advisor, POLIS Institute at the University of Victoria specializing in water and watershed governance with an interest in 'ecological governance' principles whereby governments would manage watersheds in accordance with eco-system based principles and whole systems thinking.
- Research Director to the BC Pacific Salmon Forum established by the Premier to build public trust in sustainable management of farmed and wild salmon in BC. The role has required strategic advice to the Forum on managing a two year multi million research project in the Broughton Archipelago and engaging all the leading scientists in industry, conservation groups and First Nations in a collaborative science agenda.

2001-2004

**Deputy Minister, Ministry of Sustainable resource Management.** Established ministry as a composite of nine different agencies responsible for:

- Completing Land and Resource Management Plans for Central Coast, North Coast, Queen Charlotte/Haida Gwaii; Morice; Sea-to-Sky and Lillooet.
- Implementing land use plans at sub-regional land in support of sustainable forestry; sustainable tourism; sustainable aquaculture and agriculture, oil and gas development in the Muskwa-Ketchika management area and mining access to mineral development lands

- Establishing Land Information BC as the basis for a single integrated system for all land resource information in the Province consisting of the following layers:
  - Base maps: Terrestrial Resource Information Maps (TRIM)
  - Integrated Registry for a sub-surface and surface tenures Crown lands
  - Integrated Cadastre for all roads and subdivisions on Crown and private lands
  - Integrated Data Warehouse for all resource information on Crown lands across the province, available by web access
  - Data Support- Special GIS information services for all resource agencies provided through Service Level Agreements
- Developing a Crown land Management Framework to determine the highest and best uses of Crown lands and potential compensation when single purpose land uses are supported such as Protected Areas and Treaty Settlement Lands
- Establishing an inventory and management regime for contaminated sites on Crown lands where the province has potential or actual liability for clean-up.
- Negotiating economic protocol agreements with many First Nations associated with land and resource management plans; economic opportunities in shellfish aquaculture, tourism and forestry or in wilderness tourism.
- Lead provincial government representative on the Fraser Basin Council, a not-for-profit Society with a charter to advance sustainability throughout the Fraser basin.

1994-2000

Assistant Deputy Minister Regional Operations, BC Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks

Responsible for administering seven regional offices and ministry policy for conservation and protection of environment. Led negotiations for the province in resolving the dispute at Apex Ski Resort with the Pentiction Indian Band. Also led negotiation for the remediation fund of \$30m to clean –up the Britannia site on Howe Sound.

1989-1994

Assistant Deputy Minister Environmental Policy, BC Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks

Responsible for administering Departments in water resources; waste management; pesticide control; fish and wildlife; air resources and contaminated sites. Introduced major legislation for waste management, recycling and integrated pesticide use and announced a comprehensive water policy for the Province.

1982-1988

Director, Policy, Planning and Environmental Assessment, BC Ministry of Environment

Responsible for corporate environmental policy, environmental input to Province's Environmental Assessment Process and land use planning.

1980-1982

Director, Strategic Planning, BC Ministry of Environment

Responsible for initiating and implementing watershed planning in British Columbia with pilot project in Nicola Valley, Fraser River and Kootenay Rivers.

1973-1978

Director, Resource Management, Environment and Land Use Secretariat, Province of British Columbia

In 1973, the provincial government established a professional secretariat to the Environment and Land Use Committee of Cabinet. The Committee was established under the Environment and Land Use Act in 1991 to provide advice and decisions to full cabinet on conflicting issues in land and resource management in British Columbia. As director, I initiated the Provincial Government's policy for Environmental Assessment of major projects and establish compensation agreements with BC Hydro associated with the creation of Peace and Columbia River hydro projects.

1969-1973

Water Resource Planner, Federal Department of Energy, Mines, and Resources, Ottawa and Vancouver

Federal Co-chair of Federal-Provincial Comprehensive Okanagan Basin Study, a four year study of water supply, water quality and governance of water resources for the Okanagan Valley. The program concluded with recommendations to increase water conservation; significantly reduce nutrient loading to Okanagan Lake; increase investment in sport fisheries and promote a single water authority across three regional districts for integrated basin management.