

FAC Tribunal Members - Biographies – as at October 1, 2008

ALAN ANDISON, CHAIR

Alan Andison obtained a B.A. in History in 1974 from Simon Fraser University and a LL.B. in 1985 from UVIC. Mr. Andison was called to the Bar in 1986. Mr. Andison has experience in the areas of administrative, environmental, forestry and natural resources law. He has held a variety of positions with the BC public service including terms with the Office of the Ombudsman, the Human Rights Council and the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks. Mr. Andison was appointed Executive Director and General Counsel to the Environmental Appeal Board and the Forest Appeals Commission in 1995. He was appointed Chair of the Board and the Commission on July 27, 2000.

SEAN BROPHY

Sean Brophy is the President and CEO of Dayton & Knight Ltd., a multi-disciplinary Canadian consulting firm based in British Columbia providing engineering and environmental consulting services to both private and public clients. Mr. Brophy holds a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the University of Natal, South Africa. He is a member of the American Waterworks Association, the BC Water and Waste Association and he is a Registered Professional Engineer. Mr. Brophy is a published author and has presented at various conferences throughout British Columbia.

ROBERT CAMERON

A member of the Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of BC. Obtained a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering in 1970. Has extensive experience in municipal solid wastes including: landfill operation, remediation and closure, landfill design and evaluation, collection and disposal alternatives and incineration. Also has experience with hazardous waste and environmental assessment and wood waste. He has published 31 papers, reports and journal proceedings, most dealing with various aspects of solid waste and sludge treatment and disposal. He currently works as an independent consulting engineer.

MONICA DANON-SCHAFFER

Monica Danon-Schaffer specializes in environmental site assessments throughout the American continent, including due diligence audits, compliance and waste audits, impact assessments, and site remediation. She is currently a Partner, Vice President of Research at 36ZeroWaste Group Inc. Ms. Danon-Schaffer is a frequent lecturer on environmental forensic topics at the British Columbia Institute of Technology and has published and presented case studies in environmental forensics and performs investigations in the environmental forensics field. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the Universidad Iberomericana in Mexico City and a Master of Engineering in Civil/Environmental Engineering from the University of British Columbia. After practicing engineering for many years, Ms. Danon-Schaffer has returned to university to work on her PhD. in Chemical and Biological Engineering at the University of British Columbia.

BRUCE DEVITT

Bruce has been a member of the Provincial Forest Appeals Commission since 1996 and the Environmental Appeal Board since 2003.

He graduated from the University of BC with a B.Sc. Degree in Forestry in 1957. Following graduation he practiced as a professional forester with the BC Forest Service in reforestation and in 1972 he joined Pacific Logging Ltd. After 18 years of industrial forest management Mr. Devitt retired in 1991 as Chief Forester for Canadian Pacific Forest Products Limited to become executive vice-president of the BC Professional Foresters Association. He retired from that position in 1995 to join private practice. He co-authored "Forest Practice, Policy and the Profession", a 50 year history of professional forestry in BC in 1998.

He was made a life member of his professional association in 2004 after 47 years of practice. Also after serving 15 years he retired as a director of the Pacific Regeneration Technologies Management Inc. in 2002.

Over the years he has been active in his profession and community affairs. He has been a chair of the local school board, chair of a Regional District a member of a hospital board and served on many National and Provincial professional committees. He was president of the Canadian Institute of Forestry in 1982 and received recognition from his fellow foresters in 1983 when he received the Distinguished Foresters Award. He is also holder of the Western Forestry Lifetime Achievement Award (1991) and the Canadian Forestry Achievement Award (1995).

Between 1999 and 2005 he was a Parks and Recreation commissioner and vice-chair of that organization for Esquimalt. In that capacity he championed and chaired the various committees charged with the revitalization of Esquimalt's Recreation Centre for which he received "The 2005 Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Award of Merit."

MARGARET ERIKSSON

Margaret Eriksson has been a member of the Law Society of BC since 1989. She practiced environmental, administrative and international trade law for several years at Blake, Cassels & Graydon in Vancouver and Toronto, Thomas & Davis and independently. She also served as Senior Advisor, Environmental and Regulatory Affairs and In-house Counsel at Dillon Consulting Limited. Ms. Eriksson was an Adjunct Professor of Law at UBC and has taught environmental law at the U of A, BCIT and other institutions. She served on the Environmental Legislation and Law Reform Committee of the National Canadian Bar Association and on the Executive of the Environmental law Section of the Canadian Bar Association (BC Branch). She is a frequent speaker on environmental and other legal issues and has made presentations to a diverse range of groups in BC and internationally. She is also a trained mediator.

ROBERT GERATH

Mr. Gerath is an engineering geologist and the owner of Qcd Geotechnics in North Vancouver. He holds a M.Sc. in geomorphology from McGill University and has over 30 years of professional experience in western and northern Canada. His work involves geologic site assessments for engineering projects, geologic hazard mapping and hazard and risk evaluations for land owners and permitting agencies. His publications deal with glacial geology, landslides, public perceptions of geologic hazards and BC professional practice issues. He was the 2003 recipient of the C.J. Westerman Memorial Presidential Award in geoscience presented by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC.

R.A. (AL) GORLEY

Al Gorley is a Registered Professional Forester and President of Triangle Resources Incorporated, a small consulting firm based in Victoria, BC. Born in Burns Lake, BC, Mr. Gorley lived in small communities throughout Northern BC, including Queen Charlotte City, Kitwanga, Terrace, Prince Rupert, Lower Post, Ootsa Lake and Smithers. During 26 years with the BC Forest Service, his duties included being the District Manager at Houston (Morice District), Regional Manager at Prince George, and Assistant Deputy Minister. Mr. Gorley also worked with Forest Renewal BC for three years, and was the Chief Operating Officer there from 2000 to 2002. Mr. Gorley has served as Chair of the Northwest Community College Board of Directors, and as President of the Association of BC Professional Foresters.

LES GYUG

Les Gyug is a self-employed biologist with Okanagan Wildlife Consulting. Previously, he was a wildlife technician and biologist with Keystone Wildlife Research and a seasonal park interpreter with Parks Canada. He is currently a Director with the BC Field Ornithologists. Mr. Gyug holds his Bachelor of Science in Biology (Honours) from Carleton University and his Master of Science in Zoology from the University of Western Ontario.

JAMES HACKETT

Mr. Hackett holds a B.Sc. in Forestry (1978) and a M.Sc. in Forest Economics (1989), from the University of British Columbia. He has been a registered professional forester (BC) since 1981. In 1996, Mr. Hackett became a consulting forester, and has worked for D.R. Systems and the Sterling Wood Group. He now operates his own practice, specializing in forestry economics and policy issues, timber pricing and timber supply analysis. Previously, Mr. Hackett worked for two major BC coastal forest product firms in various analytical and managerial positions. He is currently president of the Interior Lumber Manufacturers' Association.

R.G. (BOB) HOLTBY

Bob Holtby is Principal of Regency Consultants Ltd., a private company providing land use management studies, reclamation plans, policy analysis, and expert witness advice in litigation. Previously, he was an instructor at the University of Northern British Columbia, the College of New Caledonia, and City University. Mr. Holtby is a former President of the Prince George Chamber of Commerce and the Salmon Arm Nature Enhancement Society. He holds his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree majoring in Farm Management and his Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of British Columbia.

LYNNE HUESTIS

Lynne Huestis is employed by the Federal Department of Justice as Counsel in the Federal Treaty Negotiation Office. Her area of practice includes aboriginal law and environmental and natural resource law. She has served as a consultant for the BC provincial government and the federal government. She has acted as tribunal counsel for the Ministry of Attorney General and the Ministry of Environment, Land and Parks. Ms. Huestis is a published author in the area of environmental law and has received a number of awards for her work in the Department of Justice. Ms. Huestis holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Victoria and a Bachelor of Law from the University of Ottawa.

GABRIELLA LANG

Gabriella Lang is a lawyer who has practiced in the public and private sectors in Canada and the U.S. Her areas of practice included extensive work in natural resources and regulatory law, administrative law, criminal and civil litigation. She also has been involved in environmental and economic policy development. In the private sector her experience includes negotiation complex contracts for an international design-build company, as well as, partnership in a general practice. Ms. Lang has been a speaker at numerous continuous education seminars and public workshops.

KATHERINE LEWIS

Associate Professor and Chair of Ecosystem Science Management at the University of Northern British Columbia. B.S.F. degree from UBC in 1983, M.Sc. in Forest Pathology from Virginia Polytech in 1985, and PhD in Forest Pathology from Oregon State University in 1990. Kathy has been a RPF since 1988 and currently serves on the Board of Examiners of the Association of Professional Foresters. She was awarded Forester-of-the-Year in 1996. She is on the Board of Directors for the John Prince Research Forest, jointly managed between UNBC and the Tl'azt'en Nation. Her past work experience includes three years with a forestry consulting company, and two years as Regional Pathologist for the Ministry of Forests.

KEN LONG

Ken Long is the owner and Principal of Forest Policy Services Ltd. which specializes in the development, management and implementation of natural resource management legislation, policy and programs. Prior to this, he was the Senior Operations Officer, Regional Forest Practices Code Coordinator, and Regional Range Officer for the BC Ministry of Forests, Prince George Forest Region. Mr. Long is a past President of the British Columbia Institute of Agrologists. He holds his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from the University of British Columbia.

PAUL E. LOVE

Mr. Love is the sole practitioner of Paul E. Love, Arbitrator, Mediator, Trial Lawyer Law Corporation. He is trained in mediation, commercial, labour and international commercial arbitration. He is a member of the Law Society of British Columbia, International Law and Labour Law Subsection of the Canadian Bar Association (B.C. Branch), Arbitrators Association of British Columbia, International Bar Association, London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK). He also acts as a trial lawyer in civil litigation matters. Mr. Love holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Victoria. He is a Governor for the Law Foundation of BC and past President of the Nanaimo County Bar Association and the past Chair of the Downtown Campbell River Business Improvement Area.

DAVID ORMEROD

David Ormerod obtained B.S.F and M.F. degrees from the University of British Columbia, and has extensive experience as a professional forester in BC and abroad. Since 1985 he has managed an independent consulting practice, with principal focus on land appraisal and forestry information systems. He is a past director and president of the Society of Consulting Foresters of BC, and is a past director of the Association of BC Professional Foresters. He has been a member of the Forest Appeals Commission since 1996 and a member of the Environmental Appeal Board since 2002.

GARY ROBINSON

Mr. Robinson is a natural resource economist, holding a B.A. from the University of Washington and a Master of Arts in Economics from UBC. He has been operating a consulting practice in Victoria for the past 25 years. Over this time, he has completed assignments related to all of BC's major industrial sectors, including forestry, mining, oil and gas, hydroelectric, aquaculture and tourism. In the public sector, the company has completed economic studies supporting regional and land use planning, transportation and highway planning, resource tenure policy and First Nations matters. He has worked internationally, in Asia and Africa, on projects related to forest policy and rural development, mineral policy and oil and gas development. He has been a member of the Forest Appeals Commission and Environmental Appeal Board since 2003. Mr. Robinson is married with two grown children.

DAVID SEARLE, C.M., Q.C.

Now retired from the practice of law, David H. Searle joined Fasken Martineau as a partner in 2001 where he assumed a leading role in the firm's environmental and mining practices until 2006. Mr. Searle practised law in Yellowknife from 1962 until 1981. He was a Crown attorney until 1967 and then was elected Speaker of the Assembly. From 1981 to 2001, Mr. Searle practiced mainly mining and environmental law with Davis & Company in Vancouver. He has extensive experience in environmental assessment and permitting of major projects, most recently related to the Ekati Mine, Canada's first diamond mine and hydro-electric facilities. He also worked in the area of mine closure and reclamation. He regularly appeared before the Boards in all three territories that conduct environmental assessments and issue water licenses and land use permits and has extensive experience in British Columbia before administrative tribunals. He was Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law, 1991 to June 30, 1996 and from July 1, 1997 to 2004. Mr. Searle is the founding President of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories. He is a recipient of the Long Service Medal, the Medal of Merit and the Silver Acorn and the Silver Wolf from Scouts Canada and is a Member of the Order of Canada.

DAVID J. THOMAS

David Thomas is the President and Chairman of the AXYS Group of Companies. The AXYS Group of companies specializes in advanced technology products and services. The Axys Group includes the following companies; AXYS Environmental Consulting, AXYS Analytical Services, AXYS Technologies Inc. and Seastar Chemicals Inc. Mr. Thomas is a Member of the Chemical Institute of Canada and he holds a Master of Science from the University of BC.

ROBERT WICKETT, VICE CHAIR

Robert Wickett is the managing partner of Mackenzie Fujisawa LLP. He is a litigation lawyer practicing primarily in the field of environmental and administrative law. He is the author of and continuing editor of the waste management chapter of the due diligence desk book published by the Continuing Legal Education Society. Mr. Wickett holds both Bachelor of Commerce and Law from the University of BC.

STEPHEN V.H. WILLETT

Mr. Willett is a retired professional forester. He has served in various positions in the forest and resource management industry including the government and private positions. He held positions with MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Limited as well as the Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks. Mr. Willett holds a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of BC. He is a Member of the Association of BC Professional Foresters, now retired.

PHILLIP WONG

Obtained a B.A.Sc. in Civil Engineering in 1977 and a M.A.Sc. in Environmental Engineering in 1980, both degrees from UBC. Registered Professional Engineer in the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC and is past president of the Board of the BC Water and Waste Association. Presently employed by Environment Canada as Senior Environmental Assessment Engineer, primarily on major natural resource projects.

J.A. (ALEX) WOOD

Alex Wood is a Principal at Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd. The company provides consulting engineering services in infrastructure and resource management to government, industry and First Nations. Mr. Wood holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering from the University of BC. He has over 30 years experience as an engineer in private and government positions. Mr. Wood is a Member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC, the American Water Works Association and he is Past President of the BC Water and Waste Association.