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Murray Coolican, Deputy Minister of Energy

Biography

Murray Coolican has held leadership positions in the not-for-profit, government, political and the private sectors. His background includes time spent in the energy and natural resources sectors, financial services as well as work on environmental and aboriginal issues.

He has served as senior vice president at Maritime Life, and vice president at a number of companies including Nova Scotia Power, Corporate Communications Limited and National Sea Products. He has worked as Deputy Minister of Native Affairs in the Government of Ontario and Special Assistant to the Rt. Hon. Robert Stanfield. He was also executive director of the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, an environmental NGO, when it won the Governor General's Conservation Award.

As a volunteer, he has chaired the Halifax Metro United Way, the Halifax Chamber of Commerce and served as vice-chair of the Dalhousie University Board of Governors. He has also served as a director of the Canadian Geographic Society and the World Wildlife Fund (Canada).

He was appointed Deputy Minister of Energy for the Province of Nova Scotia, effective March 8, 2010.