



“Stretching from Land to Sea”

Biography: Dr. David Wheeler, Cape Breton University

David Wheeler is President and Vice-Chancellor of Cape Breton University. Professionally, Dr Wheeler is an internationally experienced academic and business person with more than two decades of senior executive level involvement in change management and sustainable business practice, research and teaching. Throughout his career David has been requested to provide support to senior management teams in pursuing strategic change. He has particular expertise in service industries and energy and extractive industries. In the last five years, David has focused much of his advisory work in the fields of energy conservation and renewable energy policy in Canada and the UK. He continues to pursue his interests in the role of the private sector in international development which has been built on major projects undertaken for the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Canadian International Development Research Centre and the UK Department for International Development.

David Wheeler’s most recent academic posts were Pro Vice-Chancellor (Sustainability) and Executive Dean of Business at the University of Plymouth, UK (2010-2013), Dean of Management, Dalhousie University, Canada (2006-2009) and Director and Erivan K Haub Professor in Business and Sustainability at the Schulich School of Business, York University, Canada (1999-2006).

David has published more than 80 articles and book chapters in a wide variety of academic journals, books, parliamentary inquiries and popular journals, and has delivered speeches to numerous conferences and events.