



Biography: Mr. Stephen Dempsey, OERA

Stephen Dempsey is the Executive Director of the Offshore Energy Research Association of Nova Scotia which is the preeminent energy research organization in Canada focused on leading edge research to enable the responsible development of Nova Scotia's offshore energy resources.

In this role, Stephen is helping to identify and respond to the key research questions impacting the development of the world's largest tidal energy resource located in Nova Scotia, as well as developing research and investment strategies to attract exploration commitments for the Nova Scotia offshore petroleum sector, which has received the largest ever financial commitments as a result of the OERA's research efforts.

In his prior role as CEO of the largest economic development partnership in the region, Stephen has led various major transformative projects in the areas of energy and medical research, both in Atlantic Canada and globally.

He is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences on the subject of energy research and economic growth. Stephen has served on many boards including the Halifax International Airport Authority and the Partners in Care Association of Capital Health. He received his Bachelor of Commerce from Saint Mary's University and his MBA from the University of Ottawa. Stephen, an avid sailor, sea kayaker and biker, lives in beautiful Ketch Harbour, Nova Scotia.