



GREG WATSON

Manager, North Nova
Forest Owners Co-op Ltd.

Greg is the current Manager for North Nova Forest Owners Co-op Ltd. He has spent his entire career working in the forestry sector in various positions. His breadth of experience includes woodlands operations, harvesting, silviculture, and carpentry. Greg has been integral in cultivating efforts to support the Minister of Lands and Forestry's Provincial Advisory Committee for Forest Ecology.

Greg resides in Colchester County with his wife and two children. When he is not working he enjoys being a father and friend to his children; hanging out in their family woodlot, taking them hiking, fishing and hunting. He is very passionate about the forest sector and keen to learn how to work with our forests to produce truly sustainable forest products. He believes in supporting as many families as possible from this great Nova Scotian resource.



DEBBIE REEVES

Chair, Large Private Non-
Industrial Landowners of
Nova Scotia

Growing up in New Ross, Debbie Reeves learned from a young age the importance of managing forests and harvesting, growing up on a small family farm with a father who worked in forestry and Christmas trees and a grandfather who was a barrel maker and woodsman. Debbie's father taught her that you can manage the forests to cut some every year or cut all of a woodlot once in your lifetime. She was also taught that you should work to leave the forests better than you found them. Debbie reflects these responsible, sustainable values in her approach to working with government and woodlot owner colleagues across the Province.

Debbie has a Bachelor of Commerce in Business and Accounting from Saint Mary's University. She is a Chartered Accountant who has worked in several locations in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Debbie is currently President and operating manager of her family business, Murray Reeves Forestry. She operated a sawmill until 2008. She has many credentials related to forestry practices, science based forestry and forest management. She is currently the chair of Large Private Non Industrial Landowners of Nova Scotia, First Vice President of Forest Nova Scotia, and a member of the Minister's Forestry Advisory Committee (for implementing Forest Practice Review on crown land). She is an active volunteer in her community, serving on the New Ross Regional Development Society and the New Ross District Fire Commission. She has held numerous positions on various forestry and community development boards at regional and provincial levels.





DOUG LEDWIDGE

President and CEO,
Ledwidge Lumber Co. Ltd.

Doug is the President of Ledwidge Lumber Co. Ltd. Joining the family businesses, he has held various positions for over forty years within the company and is part of the 3rd generation of working family members. Doug has also been an integral board member for Atlantic Lumber Board, the Maritime Lumber Bureau and Westfor Management.

Doug grew up and lives in the Enfield area of Nova Scotia, a growing bedroom community to HRM. He is married with three children presently living at home. He enjoys water sports, skiing, snowmobiling and all things regarding getting in the woods. Travelling for pleasure or business has been a passion. Many trips to investigate markets, technology and different ways to practice forestry have been made over the years with a keen focus on Sweden and Finland.



DON BUREAUX

President & CEO, Nova
Scotia Community College

Don Bureaux has been president of Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) since 2011. Don's commitment to adult education spans over two decades working with adult learners at colleges and universities as well as professional designation granting organizations across Canada and internationally. At NSCC, he works to bring the college's vision – transforming Nova Scotia one learner at a time – to life.

Before becoming president of NSCC, Don served as vice-president, academic and vice president, people and planning at the college, and has served in many academic leadership roles throughout his career. His work has allowed him to collaborate with educational leaders across North America, Europe and Asia in creating entrepreneurial learning environments that are connecting to communities and industries.

Don holds a certificate in Adult Education and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Acadia University and an MBA from Heriot-Watt University in Scotland. Don is a Chartered Professional Accountant, Certified General Accountant and holds an international designation as a Certified Business Counsellor through the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). He's been granted his Fellow Chartered Professional Accountant (FCPA) designation by CPA Canada and his Fellow Certified General Accountant (FCGA) designation by CGA Canada.

Don has been recognized as one of The Top 50 CEOs by Atlantic Business Magazine for five consecutive years (2015-2019) and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2019. Don serves on the boards of many not-for-profit organizations in Nova Scotia





JEFF BISHOP

Executive Director,
Forest Nova Scotia

Jeff Bishop is the Executive Director of Forest Nova Scotia. Jeff has more than 20 years of experience in communications, public relations and operational council to a variety of not-for-profit organizations and associations. In also sits on the boards of the Forestry Safety Society of Nova Scotia, Association for Sustainable Forestry, as well as the Minister's Roundtable on Environment and Sustainable Prosperity. Jeff is the managing director of Nova Scotia Forestry Association, Nova Scotia Forestry Human Resources Sector Council, and serves as General Manager of Atlantic Lumber Board.

Jeff holds a BA in Political Science from St. F.X. University, and an Advanced Diploma in Public Relations from Nova Scotia Community College and he lives just outside of Truro with his wife and their two children.



AVA CZAPALAY

Associate Deputy Minister,
Nova Scotia Department of
Labour and Advanced
Education

Ava Czapalay is the Associate Deputy Minister of the Department of Labour and Advanced Education which provides fairness, safety and prosperity for all Nova Scotians by helping them live, learn and work to their highest potential. She served as the founding President and CEO of EduNova, a co-operative organization focused on the marketing and promotion of Nova Scotia's education and training sector in global markets. She has thirty years in post-secondary learning and innovation with highlights that include establishing EduNova, setting up the post-secondary sandbox program, creating Research Nova Scotia Trust and Research Nova Scotia, and co-chairing the Sexual Violence Prevention Committee.

Ava is an educator at heart, through training and passion. She recently completed a Masters Certificate program in Workplace Innovation. Most importantly, she has a lifelong love of Nova Scotia and has dedicated her career to supporting this province and its people, knowing the potential for both to succeed





KELLIANN DEAN

Deputy Minister,
Nova Scotia Department
of Intergovernmental
Affairs

Chief Executive Officer,
Nova Scotia Office of
Immigration

Kelliann's career spans 33 years in public and private sector leadership, strategic planning, business development, communications, board governance and business financing. She has successfully managed complex stakeholder relationships with a visionary leadership style characterized by a passion for building strong teams and partnerships to achieve results. As the longest serving Deputy Minister in Nova Scotia, she has provided strategic advice to Premiers and Ministers since 2004.

Kelliann became Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Immigration in June 2019. She served as Deputy Minister responsible for Municipal Affairs and Intergovernmental Affairs from 2016 to 2019 as well as Chair of the Municipal Finance Corporation. From 2013 to 2016 she was Deputy Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage as well as Chair of the Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries and Casino Corporation and, Chair of the Nova Scotia Museum Board of Governors. She was appointed Public Service Commissioner from 2010 to 2013 and Deputy Minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage from 2004 to 2010 during which time she served on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Tourism Commission. Before returning to Nova Scotia in 2001 as Vice President, Nova Scotia Business Inc., she held various positions at the Business Development Bank of Canada, in Montreal and Halifax.

Kelliann holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from St. Mary's University and a Public Relations Degree from Mount Saint Vincent University.



JULIE TOWERS

Deputy Minister, Nova Scotia
Department of Lands and
Forestry

Julie Towers became the Deputy Minister of the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources in December 2016.

Julie has extensive experience in natural resource management, applied research and consulting within government and with the private sector.

After beginning her career as a wildlife biologist in the private sector, Julie first joined government in 1992. She has since held various senior roles in the departments of Environment and Natural Resources, prior to becoming deputy minister at Aboriginal Affairs, Immigration, and Natural Resources – now known as Lands & Forestry.

Julie holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto and a Master of Science degree from University of New Brunswick in biology





SIMON D'ENTREMENT

Deputy Minister, Nova Scotia
Department of Energy and
Mines

Deputy Minister, Nova Scotia
Department of Seniors

Simon d'Entremont is the current Deputy Minister of the Department of Energy and Mines, and the Department of Seniors. Simon started working with the Government of Nova Scotia in 2012 as Deputy Minister of the Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism. Before joining the Government of Nova Scotia, Simon worked for the Government of Canada for 17 years. Simon began his career as a stockbroker with the investment firm Scotia MacLeod Inc. He has been a contributing board member to both Nova Scotia Business Inc (NSBI) and Innovacorp; focused on strategic orientation for stimulating wealth creation and innovation in the province.

Simon is married with two children. His hobbies include playing guitar, motorcycling, astronomy, and wildlife photography.

