



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR PANEL MEMBERS

Council of the Federation Advisory Panel on Fiscal Imbalance

Robert Gagné (Co-Chair)

Robert Gagné is a professor at the Institute of Applied Economics with HEC Montréal and a member of the Centre for Research on Transportation. His fields of interest include applied microeconomics, econometrics, transportation and industrial organization. He holds a PhD in economics from the Université de Montréal. He also holds the CN Chair on Intermodal Transportation at the Université de Montréal and he is a Fellow at CIRANO (Center for Interuniversity Research and Analysis on Organizations).

Janice Gross Stein (Co-Chair)

Janice Gross Stein is Belzberg Professor of Conflict Management in the Department of Political Science and Director of the Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto. She is a fellow of the Royal Society and has recently been elected an Honorary Foreign Member of the American Academy of Arts and Science. She is a Fellow of the Trudeau Foundation and a winner of the Molson Prizes for an outstanding contribution by a social scientist. She currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Educational Advisory Board to the Minister of Defense and as a member of the Board of the Royal Military College. She is the author of more than eighty books and articles.

Peter Meekison

Peter Meekison is an independent expert on public policy with substantial experience in intergovernmental relations. He holds undergraduate degrees from the University of British Columbia, a master's from the University of Western Ontario, and a Ph.D. (Political Science) from Duke University. He is Professor Emeritus of Political Science with the University of Alberta, having retired from the university in 1996. From 1977 to 1984 he served as Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs in the province of Alberta under Premier Lougheed, and participated in the process that led to the patriation of the Constitution in 1982. After his time in government, he returned to the University of Alberta as Vice-President (Academic). Between 1993 and 1996, he was a Commissioner on the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. He currently teaches federalism courses at the University of Victoria, and conducts research on all aspects of federalism. Mr. Meekison is an Officer of the Order of Canada.

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Lowell Murray

Senator Murray holds an undergraduate degree from St. Francis Xavier University and an MA in Public Administration from Queen's University. From 1974 to 1976, he served as Deputy Minister to the Premier of New Brunswick. He was appointed to the Senate in 1979. He was sworn to the Queen's Privy Council in 1986 and served from that date as Leader of the Government in the Senate (until 1993) as Minister of State, Federal-Provincial Relations (until 1991) and as Minister responsible for Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (1987 to 1988). From 1980 to 1984, he served as Co-Chair of the Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons on Official Languages. From 1984 to 1986, he was Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce. From 1995 to 2004, he served as Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance. From 1997 to 1999, he was Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology.

John Todd

Mr. Todd has been a leader in the development of Northwest Territories and Nunavut for more than three decades and continues to remain involved today. His extensive background in both the private and public sectors provides him with a unique understanding of the economic and political forces that are shaping Canada's North. As a former Minister of Finance for the Government of the Northwest Territories, Mr. Todd is very familiar with Territorial Formula Financing and the challenges northern governments face in delivering programs and services in Canada's three territories. Mr. Todd also served as the Northwest Territories Minister of Economic Development, Minister of Transportation, and Minister of Mines, Energy and Resources. He chaired the Financial Management Board of the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Division Planning Commission, responsible for planning for the division of the Northwest Territories and the creation of the Nunavut Territory. As a northern businessperson and entrepreneur, Mr. Todd was a champion of joint ventures with Aboriginal peoples and built up a number of successful companies with interests in hotels, real estate, construction and retail services.

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