

Pension Review Panel Biographies

Hon. David Gruchy, Q.C.

Hon. David Gruchy, Q.C., Member of the Nova Scotia Bar since 1958, appointed judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in 1990 and retired from that position in 2007. He is presently a member of the Criminal Code Review Board of Nova Scotia and of the Nova Scotia Securities Commission. He was a founding partner of the firm of Burchell MacDougall of Truro and was the solicitor of the Town of Truro for fifteen years until his appointment to the bench. He served on various committees of the Nova Scotia Barristers Society and several professional and community organizations.

Mr. John A. Morash

John A. Morash was born in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, obtaining his B Comm. from Dalhousie University. He is a Chartered Accountant, a Chartered Business Valuator, and is a Fellow Certified Management Accountant. He is a former Managing Partner of Collins Borrow, Chartered Accountants, and a former Co-Managing Partner of the Halifax Office of Coopers & Lybrand. He was the Co-ordinator with respect to the amalgamation of Queens County and the Town of Liverpool. He later served as Chair of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, and is currently a part-time Member of the Nova Scotia Securities Commission. Mr. Morash is a former President of the Halifax Board of Trade, the Halifax Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Society of Management Accountants of Nova Scotia. He is a former Director of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Atlantic Provinces Chamber of Commerce, and has served as Treasurer and Member of the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia International Tattoo Society. He is former Chair of the Executive Committee of Rockingham United Church, a former Member of the Halifax Industrial Commission, and is currently assisting with special projects at the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank.

Mr. Ron Smith

Ronald E. Smith, a native of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, has an extensive background in the financial, telecommunications and energy sectors. A former Chief Financial Officer with Aliant Telecom Inc. and its predecessor, Maritime Telephone & Telegraph Ltd., he later served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Emera Inc. and its major subsidiary, Nova Scotia Power Inc. Mr. Smith has recently completed terms as Chair of the Nova Scotia Voluntary Planning Board and the Acadia University Board of Governors and continues to serve on the latter board. He is currently a member of the boards of directors of Gammon Gold Inc. and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and serves as a trustee of the Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations pension fund. Mr. Smith also serves as a member of the Canadian Accounting Standards Oversight Council. He is a former National President of the Canadian Association for Community Living and former Chair of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council.