

2025 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Douglas Bell, P.Geo., FGC



Doug Bell, P.Geo., FGC, holds a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Geology from the University of Manitoba and an M.Sc. in Geology from the University of Alberta. With over 30 years of experience in geological, environmental, and hydrogeological work across Western Canada and the North, Doug has held roles in both private consulting and regulatory settings. He was a Partner with Dillon Consulting and worked with Manitoba Conservation as a Soil & Groundwater Specialist. He currently serves as Environmental Remediation Specialist and Manager of the Whiteshell Laboratories Site Restoration Division with Canadian Nuclear Laboratories in Pinawa, Manitoba.

Throughout his career, Doug has contributed significantly to the advancement of professional geoscience. He participated in the foundational work that led to the registration of geoscientists in Manitoba through the Subcommittee for the Professional Registration of Geoscientists in Manitoba Joint Committee and later served eight years on the Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba (EGM) Registration Committee. He also contributed to the Environment and Sustainable Development Committee, introducing best practices to address environmental issues, and twice served on the Nominating Committee to support the inclusion of geoscientists in Council.

In 2014, Doug was awarded the Fellow Geoscientists Canada designation in recognition of his professional contributions. He

was later elected to serve two terms on the EGM Council, during which he participated in the Ownership Linkage Committee and championed the issue of Lake Winnipeg water quality.

Doug has represented Manitoba on the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment Committee, contributing to national standards for environmental monitoring, and has helped develop technical guidance documents for Environment Canada. He has presented at conferences across Canada, sharing expertise on Arctic remediation and petroleum hydrocarbon assessment. In 2019, he received a Brownie Award from the Canadian Brownfield Network for his work on the redevelopment of Winnipeg's Park City Commons site.

Appointed as Manitoba's Director on the Geoscientists Canada board in 2019, Doug served on various committees, including the Securities Committee and Executive Committee, and was elected President in 2023-2024. During his tenure, he oversaw the hiring of a new CEO and the relocation of the organization's office from Vancouver to Ottawa to strengthen relationships with Engineers Canada and federal agencies. He is currently serving as Past President for 2024-2025.

Beyond technical leadership, Doug has mentored countless early-career professionals and promoted environmental awareness through talks at Red River College and the University of Manitoba. He has also supported the next generation of geoscientists by co-hosting Iron Ring ceremonies at the University of Manitoba year after year.

In recognition of his outstanding service to the profession, the Association, and the public, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba is proud to present the 2025 Outstanding Service Award to Douglas D. Bell, M.Sc., P.Geo., FGC.