



## **PROFESSIONAL HISTORY - ROBERT JAMES WICKSON**

### **EDUCATION**

University of Victoria - B.A. (Double major in Economics and History); 1983

#### **AREAS OF ACADEMIC STUDY**

Macro and Micro Economics

Environmental Economics

Labour Economics

Canadian Business History

Canadian American Relations

Public Finance

Comparative Systems

The Canadian Economy

### **EXPERIENCE**

1984 - present: PRINCIPAL, DISCOVERY ECONOMIC CONSULTING

Litigation support, economic analysis and calculations for over three thousand files related to personal injury litigation, pension evaluation, and wrongful death claims. Work includes detailed valuations involving present lump sum values, estimates of earning values based on specific labour market data and examination of facts regarding career prospects, lump sum values of future care needs, family income compensation for wrongful death claims, and estimates of lump sum values of pension assets in both matrimonial and earn loss calculations. Provides expert testimony in the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Managing partner responsible for all human resource management, scheduling of firm resources, financial reporting, and office organization.

1979 - present: OWNER R. J. WICKSON JANITORIAL SERVICE  
Providing a clean sanitary environment for smaller offices in downtown Victoria

1977 - 1979: GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
- Ministry of Finance, Data Services

1969 - 1977: GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
- Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism  
- Northwest Territorial Legislature

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2006 - present: BC HYDRO ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE  
Member of Rates Working Group

1990 - present: GREATER VICTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
President of the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce (2000).  
Chair of the Environment and Transportation Committees.  
Appointed Governor (2006)

2001 - 2007: BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
District Director for the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce (May 2001)  
2nd Vice Chair (May 2004)  
1st Vice Chair (May 2005)  
Chair (May 2006)  
Governor (2007)  
Served on Policy Revue, Member to Member and Critical Skills Shortage Committees.

1995 - present: GREATER VICTORIA BIKE TO WORK SOCIETY  
Director and Vice-President (1995-2004)  
President (2005 - present)

2004 - 2007: SPECTRUM JOB SEARCH SOCIETY  
Director (2004 - 2006)  
Treasurer (2006 - 2007)

1998 - present: GORGE TILlicum COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
Treasurer (1998-2009)  
Canada Day Picnic Coordinator (1998-2009)  
President (2009)

1995 - 2004: CITY OF VICTORIA  
Member of Environment Advisory Committee (1995 - 1998)  
Member Planning and Transportation Commission (1998, 2000)  
Chair of the Advisory Transportation Committee (2000, 2004)

### OTHER NOT FOR PROFIT WORK

Past President of Island Transformations (a group advocating for Light Rail in Victoria along with other sustainable projects)  
Member of CRD Waste Diversion Committee  
Director of Capital Bike and Walk  
Director of Peter Gzowski Invitational Golf Tournament for Literacy

## PROJECTS / PUBLICATIONS

Participated in:

- development of a secondary school computer-based inventory system
  - assessment of per student capital cost requirements
  - evaluation of economic development projects
  - examination of Mineral Tenure Fee Structures in British Columbia
  - review of costs and revenues for the Mineral Resources Division
- “Economic Analysis of the Proposed Viking Highway Project” [Commissioned by The District of Port Hardy and The Regional District of Mount Waddington in co-operation with The Viking Highway Committee], August 1988 - co-authored report.
- “Using Tax Shifting and Tax Incentives to Promote the Deconstruction/Renovation Industry” [Ministry of Environment, Lands, and Parks], May 2001 - co-authored report.
- Prepared numerous articles for newspaper publication in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce.