

AFTERNOON SESSION:

NATURE CORRIDORS & PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

MODERATOR: STEPHEN GRIGGS

Stephen Griggs has been an active member of his community, including being a co-founder of Georgian Bay Land Trust, President of The Ojibway Club and co-founder and chair of Escarpment Corridor Alliance.

He is the CEO of Smoothwater Capital Corporation and Chair of Haventree Bank. He has served as President and CEO of OPTrust, Executive Director of the Canadian Coalition for Good Governance, President and CEO of Legg Mason Canada Inc., and Chief Operating Officer of two leading Canadian mutual fund companies. Mr. Griggs was also a corporate/commercial and securities law partner with the Toronto law firm Smith Lyons (now Gowlings WLG) and remains a member of the Law Society of Ontario.



PANELIST: EDWARD MCDONNELL

Edward McDonnell became CEO of the Greenbelt Fund in 2017, bringing over 20 years of experience as an entrepreneur, public sector executive, and advisor. He co-founded MD+A Health Solutions, a mission-driven Ontario firm supporting public and non-profit organizations in Canada and the Caribbean. Edward is a committed social entrepreneur focused on using information and management systems to enhance socially significant programs and services.



PANELIST: NADIA DUBYK

Nadia brings over 20 years of banking experience from BMO Financial Group, specializing in finance, governance, and strategic planning. She holds a Civil Engineering degree and an MBA in Finance. Beyond council duties, she volunteers with the Bruce Trail Conservancy and electHER Now, promoting gender equity in municipal leadership. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, snowshoeing with her dogs, coffee & exploring local culture with her partner, and playing ukulele with friends.



PANELIST: SHAWN CAREY

With nearly 25 years in environmental and natural resource management, Shawn began his career with the Ministry of Natural Resources, contributing to forest science, environmental assessment, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. He later advanced through roles in environmental planning, compliance, and wildlife management across multiple ministries. In 2019, he became Director of Operations for the Town of The Blue Mountains. Since 2024, Shawn has led the Niagara Escarpment Commission, promoting the preservation of the Escarpment's environmental, cultural, and scenic integrity.



PANELIST: TONY MORRIS

Tony is the Conservation Policy and Campaigns Director at Ontario Nature. He holds a Master of Environmental Studies from York University, focused on biodiversity policy, and a B.A. in Environmental and Political Studies from Trent University. With over 10 years of experience in government roles across Ontario and the Northwest Territories, Tony brings extensive expertise in environmental policy, strategic planning, and land use and watershed planning at both provincial and municipal levels.

