

STORYTELLING: WATER CONNECTS US ALL

MODERATOR: MARTIN RYDLO

Martin brings over 25 years of marketing and business development experience in health, wellness, and community economic development. He has worked with digital agencies and major brands, founded a content division at Influence Marketing, and started multiple sports nutrition companies. Previously, he led marketing and economic development for the Town of Collingwood, creating initiatives like the Business Development Centre and Tech Hub North. Currently, he is President of Duntroon Highlands Resort Ltd. An international athlete in triathlon and adventure racing, Martin enjoys exploring South Georgian Bay with family and friends through biking, running, skiing, kayaking, sailing, trail building, and open-water swimming, gaining deep knowledge of the region's natural assets.



PANELIST: CHARLENE WINGER-JONES

Charlene Winger-Jones, is co-chair of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network. She is an elder, Hereditary Council member, Water Walker & Climate Reality Leader, from Neyaashiinigmiing.

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PANELIST: JAMES DOBBIN

James Dobbin brings over 46 years of experience as a global leader in strategic spatial development and conservation planning for sustainable land, coastal, and ocean management. He founded one of the first integrated land-sea planning firms, completing projects in more than 106 countries. As President and CEO of Dobbin International, he has led conservation, national park, marine protected area, coastal management, ecotourism, and climate-smart development initiatives. His clients include the World Bank, USAID, Global Affairs Canada, Parks Canada, NOAA, UNEP, and major corporations. He holds degrees from the University of Toronto and Harvard University and serves as Co-Project Director of the ECA Southern Georgian Bay Ecological Corridor Project and Team Leader for the UNESCO Georgian Bay Aspiring Geopark.



PANELIST: DUNCAN BRISTOW

Duncan Bristow earned a BSc in Chemistry from McMaster University and a PhD in Chemical Physics from the University of Western Ontario. He worked at Imperial Oil Research and Exxon Research, developing innovative lubricant processes and membrane separation technologies, and later led the Research Analytical group in Sarnia. Duncan also contributed to environmental studies on plant growth in contaminated soils. Since retiring in 2009, he has lived in Collingwood with his wife, enjoying hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, camping, photography, and playing music in several local bands.

