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Michael Parkhill, P. Geo., FGC takes office as President of Geoscientists Canada for 2020-2021

On June 5, 2020, at the 64th Meeting of the Board of Directors of Geoscientists Canada, held virtually, **Michael Parkhill, P. Geo., FGC**, took office as President for the 2020-2021 year, after serving a year as President-Elect. Mr. Parkhill resides in Bathurst, NB, and is a Quaternary Geologist with the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development, Geological Surveys Branch.

Mr. Parkhill holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB (1985) and is a professional geoscientist (P. Geo.) registered with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists New Brunswick (APEGNB). He has over 35 years of geoscience experience dealing with drift mapping and sampling projects (EXTECH-II, MDA, CNB-CAMD, NATMAP, TGI) documenting Quaternary and bedrock geology in New Brunswick and has authored or co-authored over 225 papers, maps, reports, and conference abstracts.

As a volunteer in a variety of professional and learned organisations, Mr. Parkhill has served in several previous leadership roles including President of the Atlantic Geoscience Society, Councilor of the Atlantic Geoscience Society, member of APEGNB Executive Committee, member of APEGNB Nomination Committee, and as a participant on numerous other business and professional committees for various organizations and events. Mr. Parkhill is the recipient of the Province of New Brunswick Merit Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Parkhill has served as New Brunswick's Director of Geoscientists Canada since 2017 and has served on the Executive Committee since 2019. In 2019, he was awarded a Fellow of Geoscientists Canada, for serving the geoscience profession in a volunteer capacity for at least 10 years. During his tenure on the Geoscientists Canada Board of Directors, Mr. Parkhill has served as a member of the Executive Committee and Governance Committee.

In fulfilling his duties as President, together with colleagues on the Board of Directors, Mr. Parkhill will continue to have Geoscientists Canada work on admission alignment support tools to assist and support the geoscience practice regulators across Canada; work to support diversity and inclusion initiatives; and, monitor effects that the COVID-19 pandemic may have on the geoscience profession.



Also, at the June 5, 2020 Geoscientists Canada Board of Directors meeting, **Mr. Kevin Ansdell, P.Geo., FGC** from Saskatchewan, was elected as the President-Elect of Geoscientists Canada.

The geoscience profession, which encompasses many specialized practice disciplines, currently comprises over 14,000 licensed professionals (P.Geo.'s) and Geoscientists-in-Training registered with geoscience regulators across Canada.

With nine (9) constituent association members, Geoscientists Canada is the national organization of the provincial and territorial licensing bodies that regulate the practice of geoscience in Canada.

Geoscientists Canada's Mission is to support its constituent associations in their efforts to improve the effectiveness of regulation in Canada and achieve excellence in the geoscience profession.

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