



Career Profile

Chartered Professional Accountant with 30 years experience in energy development, senior management, accounting and auditing within the public sector. An excellent written and verbal communicator with a depth of experience presenting to Boards, Board committees, and non-financial executives and as a corporate and not-for-profit Board Director. A leader skilled in team dynamics, partnership dynamics, change management, project management, capital financing, treasury, debt management, contract management, financial analysis, and insurance/risk management.

Key Achievements

- **Consultant advisor:** shared services phase 2 with Columbia Basin Trust in 2019
- **Consultant advisor:** purchase price allocation for purchase of 51% interest in Waneta Expansion in 2019
- **Co-leader:** shared services initiative with Columbia Basin Trust in 2017
- **Project manager:** construction of 3 boat launches in 2015, 2016
- **Leader:** \$335 million Columbia Power financial restructuring in 2014
- **Project sponsor:** Enterprise Risk Management program in 2013
- **Project manager:** International Financial Reporting Standards conversion in 2012
- **Team member:** \$350 million private placement bond issue in 2011
- **Leader:** \$1 billion insurance placement for the Waneta Expansion project in 2010
- **Technical panel:** Waneta Expansion bid evaluation in 2009
- **Project manager:** conversion of accounting system in 2009

Experience

DeGit Consulting Ltd.

Penticton, BC

Owner/Director of company established in 2018 to provide business consulting services for not-for-profit and public sector organizations. Advisory services include: strategic planning, change management, board roles & responsibilities, leadership development and a broad range of business technical support:

- accounting
- banking & treasury
- insurance & risk management
- procurement

Columbia Power Corporation

Castlegar, BC

Highly successful, complex Crown Corporation leveraging partnerships and strong community relationships to build a legacy of hydropower investment.

www.columbiapower.org

Board Director & Chair, Finance & Audit Committee May 2020 - to date

Director, Finance 2009 – July 2018

- Reporting directly to the CEO, responsible for Financial Reporting, Risk Management, Financial Management and Procurement
- Primary authority: banking, treasury, procurement, insurance, bondholders and debt rating agencies
- Chief financial contact for the shareholder (provincial government), partners (Columbia Basin Trust, Fortis) and Board of Directors
- Member of executive committee
- Board Director, Waneta Expansion Limited Partnership

Corporate Controller 2005 – 2009

- Compiled capital and operating budgets and presented to Board of Directors
- Produced quarterly and annual non-consolidated and consolidated financial statements and presented to Board of Directors
- Prepared financial sections of the Annual Report - Performance Reporting and Management Discussion and Analysis
- Prepared Financial Information Act report
- Produced proforma financial forecasts and long term economic models
- Filed corporate tax and GST returns, water rental returns and property taxes
- Prepared and presented briefing notes, issue papers and information for Treasury Board Submissions to Executive, Finance and Audit Committee and Board of Directors
- Produced and presented briefing material to provincial ministry
- Developed financial policies and procedures

Project Controller/Project Accountant 1999 - 2005

- Managed project accounting and subsequent operations accounting for 2 major construction projects totaling more than \$500 million investment
- Team member for \$100 million private placement project bond issue
- Team member for power sales and management contracts negotiation
- Team member for \$50 million insurance claim
- Developed and presented briefing notes and issue papers to Executive – dividend policy, operations strategy, contractor claim resolution
- Extensive contract administration, RFP and tender experience

Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia	Vancouver, BC
Accounting Services Officer, Client Financial Services	1994 - 1999
• Managed Trust accounting system (24,000 clients, \$552 million) • Managed trust cash, bank accounts, client interest and fee billing • Developed system enhancements with Public Trustee staff and contractors	
Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia	Victoria, BC
Audit Assistant	1990 - 1994

Education and Professional Development

CMA Designation	Vancouver, BC
Certified Management Accountants of BC	1999
BSc. Biology	Victoria, BC
University of Victoria	1986
Leadership Development Program	San Diego, CA
Center for Creative Leadership	2010
Corporate Controllershship Program	Banff, AB
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta	2007
Graduate Certificate in Project Management	Victoria, BC
Royal Roads University	2003
Director	
Certified Management Accountants of BC	2006/07, 2007/08
Director	
West Kootenay Chapter of CMABC	2006/07, 2007/08

References available upon request