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Peter believes that organizations with a social mission play a vital role in Canadian society, and over his career has sought to work in fields that consistently contribute back to their communities.

He began his career working as a park ranger in wilderness areas throughout British Columbia, where he was decorated for bravery by the Governor General of Canada. After his park career, he worked at BC Housing, a provincial crown corporation, eventually becoming its CEO. Prior to his appointment as CEO of the David Suzuki Foundation, he was the CEO of Mountain Equipment Co-op.

Peter has a long history of humanitarian work, including monitoring prison conditions with the International Red Cross in Rwanda in 1998, and leading a team for seven years that monitored detained asylum seekers in British Columbia. He has served as the Chair of the Board of Governors and the Chancellor of Royal Roads University in Victoria, and with the Board of Governors of the Canadian Red Cross Society. More recently, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of Imagine Canada, an organization that supports charities across the country.

Peter holds a Doctor of Social Sciences, a Master of Arts in Conflict Analysis and Management, a Bachelor of Arts in Geography, as well as diplomas in Community Economic Development and Fish & Wildlife Management.

An outdoors enthusiast, he spends as much time as he can in the Coast Mountains, or kayaking among the Gulf Islands.

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Andrea is dedicated to engaging Canadians in a deeper understanding of environmental issues and inspiring them to create a sustainable future. Andrea joined the Foundation in 2010, following a decade of consulting with Blueprint Fundraising and Communications where she worked with leading nonprofit organizations to build loyal communities of supporters and communicate campaigns with flair. Andrea has an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Communications from McGill University and a Diploma in Public Relations from Mount Royal University. She has taught nonprofit management, communications and donor development to hundreds of organizations. As a volunteer, she has served on the board of Vancity Community Foundation, MODO (a pioneering car sharing co-operative) and the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

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Karel Mayrand is Director General for Quebec and Atlantic Canada with the David Suzuki Foundation, and chair of Al Gore's Climate Reality Project in Canada. He is the author of *Une Voix pour la Terre* (Boréal, 2012). Before joining the Foundation, Karel advised several UN agencies, as well as Quebec's former Premier, Pierre Marc Johnson, on globalization and sustainability issues, for over a decade. In 2002, he co-founded Unisféra International Centre, a sustainability think-tank where he created Planetair, a leading Canadian provider of carbon offsets and climate solutions. Karel is author of the *Manifesto for a sustainable Quebec* (2007) and co-author of *Governing Global Desertification*, published in 2006 by Ashgate Aldershot (London). He is an Action Canada Fellow (2005) and was a finalist in 2008 for the Arista Prize as Social Entrepreneur of the Year in Quebec. He is a board member of the Conseil régional de l'environnement de Montréal, of Quebec's Environmental Law Centre and of the Fondation Cowboys Fringants.

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Jay leads the Western Canada team in its efforts to achieve sustainable practices in the western provinces. He has a biology degree from Kenyon College in the U.S. and over 15 years' experience working on solutions to environmental challenges. Before becoming Director, Jay led the Foundation's aquaculture and offshore oil and gas campaigns and shared responsibilities on marine fisheries and sustainable seafood campaigns. Prior to that, Jay worked on pulp, paper and toxics issues in Canada and the U.S. and spent four years working in commercial fisheries. He has also worked in the U.S. Congress on foreign policy and military issues and spent several years working with Greenpeace in the U.S. and Canada.

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Catherine leads initiatives to ensure that the David Suzuki Foundation has the people and roles it needs to achieve its goals. Our employees are highly motivated, talented and professional individuals who deserve the organization's support to thrive here. Catherine works to articulate that support through a talent-management strategy that is aligned with our long-term direction. Originally from Northern Ireland, Catherine moved to London, U.K., after graduation and to Vancouver in 2005. Catherine has worked in an HR capacity in numerous sectors and organizations throughout her career, which have included law firms, charity, technology and a regulatory body before joining the David Suzuki Foundation. She continues to pursue further education and currently has the CHRP designation and a Strategic HR Practices certificate from Cornell University.