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The David Suzuki Foundation is governed by an exceptional volunteer board of directors. Their considerable knowledge and expertise from a wide range of backgrounds, including education, public engagement, law, finance, business, economics, environment and social justice, guides the strategic direction of the Foundation. In addition to considerable time commitments, our board members contribute financially to the Foundation. A summary of each board member's expertise and background is presented below.

### Dr. Tara Cullis, President and Co-Founder

An award-winning writer and former faculty member of Harvard University, Dr. Cullis is president and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. She has been a key player in environmental movements in the Amazon, Southeast Asia, and British Columbia. She was a founder of the Turning Point Initiative of Coastal First Nations in BC (now known as the Coastal First Nations Great Bear Initiative) which links the First Nations of the Central and North Coast of British Columbia into an historic alliance, protecting the ecology of the region known as the Great Bear Rainforest. Tara has been adopted and named by the Haida, the Gitga'at, the Heiltsuk and the Nam'gis First Nations.



An active campaigner and remarkable organizer, Tara founded or co-founded nine organizations before starting the David Suzuki Foundation in 1990.

### James Hoggan, Chair

Jim Hoggan is one of Canada's most respected public relations professionals and the president and owner of [Hoggan & Associates](#), an award winning strategic communications firm specializing in crisis management and stakeholder engagement for government, industry and non-for-profit organizations.

Jim is the co-founder of [Stonehouse Standing Circle](#), an innovative public-engagement and communications think-tank and the influential website [DeSmogBlog](#), chosen as one of Time Magazine's Best Blogs for 2011 for its work exposing corporate misinformation campaigns.

Jim serves as a trustee of the [Dalai Lama Center for Peace and Education](#) and is the former chair of [Climate Project Canada](#) — the Canadian chapter of Al Gore's global education and advocacy organization. Jim currently sits on [Shell Global's External Review Committee](#) as an expert adviser on their annual sustainability reporting. In 2009, he led the Province of [British Columbia's Green Energy Advisory Task Force](#) on Community Relations and First Nations Partnerships.



Jim is the author of three books, [Do the Right Thing: PR Tips for Skeptical Public](#) (2009), [Climate Cover-Up: The Crusade to Deny Global Warming](#) (2009) and [Polluted Public Square](#) (Fall 2013). Jim speaks, writes, and presents widely on public attitudes towards sustainability, climate change, and the environment.

Jim has been a member of the David Suzuki Foundation Board since 2001 and has served as Chair since 2007.

### Pauline D'Amboise, Secretary

Ms. D'Amboise is Secretary General and Vice-President of Cooperative Support, for the Desjardins Group and is responsible for coordinating the development, implementation and improvement of governance, organizational ethics, cooperation and sustainable development programs. The Desjardins Group is the largest cooperative financial group in Canada, and the 5th worldwide. Pauline has an M.A. in Applied Ethics from the Université de Sherbrooke and a wealth of expertise in the areas of corporate governance, corporate social responsibility and sustainable development.



Pauline has been designated the 2012 Sustainable Development Ambassador by the Université de Sherbrooke and was nominated in 2012 as one of the Top 25 Women of Influence in Canada by WOI Magazine. Pauline is a trained climate change presenter with AI Gore's organization, The Climate Project. In 2011, she was nominated by the Quebec Government as a member of the Commission de l'Éthique en science et en technologie. Pauline has also been a member of the Board of Directors of Centre interdisciplinaire de recherche et d'information sur les entreprises collectives — Canada (CIRIEC-Canada), Éco Entreprises Québec (ÉEQ), École Polytechnique de Montréal's Interuniversity Research Centre for the Life Cycle of Products, Processes and Services, the Chaire Éco-conseil de l'Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, and the Université de Sherbrooke's Chaire Desjardins en gestion du développement and durable Coop Carbone.

Pauline joined the David Suzuki Foundation Board in 2010. Pauline is Secretary of the Board, Chair of the Governance Committee and Chair of the Quebec Orientation Committee.

#### **Elaine A. Wong, Treasurer**

Elaine Wong, one of WXN's Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada in 2010, is a former executive vice-president of Westport Innovations Inc., a publicly traded, Vancouver-based company. Elaine joined Westport in 2001 as director of corporate performance and was the company's chief financial officer from 2003 to 2009. From 2010 to 2014, Elaine was involved in a number of strategic projects and ran one of Westport's largest business units. Before joining Westport, Elaine worked in a variety of roles for TELUS Enterprise Solutions where she was involved in strategy, planning, mergers and acquisitions and other corporate development projects. She was a member of the boards of directors of Cummins Westport from 2005 to 2012 and Canadian Business for Social Responsibility from 2002 to 2009. She currently sits on CPA Canada's Sustainability Advisory Board. Elaine has her chartered accountant (1993) and certified public accountant (Illinois 2001) designations, as well as a bachelor of commerce degree with honours (1990) from the University of British Columbia. Elaine joined the David Suzuki Foundation Board in 2009. She is the treasurer and chairs the finance and audit and investment committees.



#### **Miles G. Richardson**

Miles G. Richardson is a citizen of the Haida Nation and Canada. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Victoria in 1979. From 1984 to 1996, he served as President of the Haida Nation.

Mr. Richardson was a member of the British Columbia Claims Task Force, which, in June of 1991, made recommendations to the Governments of Canada, British Columbia, and First Nations in BC on a mutually agreed process to conduct Treaty negotiations to build a New Relationship and define what the New Relationship should include.



From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Richardson was a member of the First Nations Summit Task Group, which is an executive body representing First Nations in BC. In October 1995, Mr. Richardson was nominated by the Summit and appointed as a

Commissioner to the BC Treaty Commission. He was elected to a second term in April 1997. In November 1998, he was chosen as Chief Commissioner by agreement of Canada, BC and the First Nations Summit for a three-year term and was reappointed in November 2001.

In 2007, he was named an Officer of the Order of Canada. Currently, Mr. Richardson owns and operates his own business providing strategic advice on relationship building and business development between First Nations and the private sector; First Nations governance development in partnership with the Institute on Governance; and Sustainability policy and business development.

Mr. Richardson is one of the original members of the David Suzuki Foundation and has been a board member since 1992. He is also a member of the Program Committee.

### **Stephen R. Bronfman**

Mr. Bronfman is Executive Chairman of Claridge Inc. and a private business executive with world-wide interests in sports, entertainment, broadcasting and communications. He carries on his family's tradition of important philanthropic contributions as a governor of the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, director of the Saidye Bronfman Centre for the Arts, the CRB Foundation, president of the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Family Foundation and sits on the board of the Canadian Centre for Architecture.



Stephen is co-chair, with his wife, of the Claudine and Stephen Bronfman Family Foundation which supports creative projects affecting young people in the field of environment, culture and Jewish community life. Stephen's foundation supported the Trans Canada Trail Discovery Program installation of over 2,000 interpretative panels along the trail. Stephen attended Williams College and Concordia University where he formed his deep commitment and subsequent involvement with environmental protection.

Stephen has been a longstanding supporter of the David Suzuki Foundation and has been a board member since 1996. Stephen is Chair of the Development Committee for the David Suzuki Foundation.

### **Stephanie Green**

Stephanie Green is a chartered accountant and a Fellow in the Institute of Chartered Accountants. She was an audit partner with KPMG where she practiced for 24 years in public accounting. She has extensive experience serving on the boards of not-for-profit enterprises, governmental organizations, and commercial entities.

Stephanie is a longstanding board member of the David Suzuki Foundation, first on the board in 1994. Stephanie rejoined the Board in 2012. Stephanie is a member of the Finance and Audit and Investment Committees.



### **Severn Cullis-Suzuki**

Severn Cullis-Suzuki has been active in environmental and social justice since she was a child. At 12 years old, Severn closed a Plenary Session at 1992's Rio Earth Summit with a powerful speech to the political representatives. Since then she has continued to speak, write and fight for intergenerational justice around the world. Severn returned to Rio 20 years later, this time as a Champion for the We Canada movement at the Earth Summit 2012.

Severn is the author of *Tell the World*, and editor of *Notes from Canada's Young Activists: a Generation Stands up for Change*. Severn co-hosted *Suzuki's Nature Quest*, a television series for children on the Discovery Channel in 2002 and is the host of the APTN series *Samaqan — Water Stories* about First



Nations and water issues, now in its third season.

Severn has a Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Yale University, and a Master of Science in Ethnoecology from the University of Victoria, where she studied with Kwakwaka'wakw elders. She is proud to be an adopted member of the Haida Nation and Heiltsuk Nations, and to carry names from the Nuchaanulth and Kwakwaka'wakw peoples. Since moving to Haida Gwaii in 2008, Severn has been studying the Haida language, which she hopes to teach her two sons. Severn is a Board member of the Haida Gwaii Higher Education Society, and a Spark for the Girls Action Foundation.

Severn joined the David Suzuki Foundation Board in 2004 and is Chair of the Program Committee.

### **Dr. Peter Victor**

Dr. Peter Victor is an economist who has worked on environmental issues for over 40 years as an academic, consultant and public servant. Dr. Victor was one of the founders of the emerging discipline of ecological economics and was the first President of the Canadian Society for Ecological Economics. Currently, he is collaborating with Professor Tim Jackson (UK) on research into 'ecological macroeconomics'. In 2011 Dr. Victor's work on ecological economics and managing without growth was recognised through the award of the Molson Prize in the Social Sciences by the Canada Council for the Arts.



Dr. Victor is a Professor in Environmental Studies at York University and from 1996 to 2001 was Dean of the Faculty of Environmental Studies. This followed several years as Assistant Deputy Minister of the Environmental Sciences and Standards Division in the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. His many contributions included leading the final development and implementation of Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights and the final design of the regulation of toxic discharges under the Municipal and Industrial Strategy for Abatement.

Dr. Victor has served on numerous boards and advisory committees and he has appeared as an expert witness before various Commissions. Currently he is chair of the Greenbelt Council of Ontario and an active member of Statistics Canada's Advisory Committee on the National Accounts and Environmental Statistics Advisory Committee, and the Academic Advisory Panel of TruCost. He is also a member of the Board of the New Economics Institute and the Board of the Centre for the Advancement of a Steady-State Economy. Dr. Victor also serves on the editorial advisory board of several academic journals.

Peter joined the David Suzuki Foundation Board in 2007 and is a member of the Program Committee.

### **Dr. Samantha Nutt**

Samantha Nutt is an award-winning humanitarian, bestselling author and acclaimed public speaker. A medical doctor and a founder of the renowned international humanitarian organization War Child, Dr Nutt has worked with children and their families at the frontline of many of the world's major crises — from Iraq to Afghanistan, Somalia to the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Sierra Leone to Darfur, Sudan. A leading authority on current affairs, war, international aid and foreign policy, Dr Nutt is one of the most intrepid and recognized voices in the humanitarian arena. With a career that has spanned more than two decades and dozens of conflict zones, her international work has benefited many thousands of war-affected children globally. .



Samantha is the author of the critically-acclaimed book *Damned Nations: Greed, Guns, Armies and Aid*, which was a #1 bestseller in Canada. Her work on behalf of war-affected communities around the world has been widely recognized. Samantha is a recipient of Canada's Top 40 under 40 Award (Globe and Mail) and has been featured by Time Magazine as one of "Canada's Five Leading Activists." She received the *Order of Ontario* in 2010, and was appointed to the *Order of Canada* in



2011, for her contributions to improving the plight of young people in the world's worst conflict zones. Dr. Samantha Nutt is a staff physician at Women's College Hospital in Toronto and is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

Samantha joined the David Suzuki Foundation Board in 2009.

### **Sarika Cullis-Suzuki**

Sarika Cullis-Suzuki is passionate about oceans, fish and the conservation of biodiversity. Her MSc on global fisheries with Daniel Pauly at UBC's Fisheries Centre culminated in a speech at the United Nations where she revealed her shocking findings on the state of the high seas. Her work in oceans has taken her from French Polynesia to the Gulf of Mexico, and she is now working on her graduate research at the University of York, UK, focusing on the effects of anthropogenic noise on fish along the BC Coast.

Away from school, Sarika works in environmental media, hoping to inspire viewers and listeners to effect change. She currently stars in "The Suzuki Diaries," part of the CBC series *The Nature of Things*.

Sarika joined the David Suzuki Foundation Board in 2011.



### **John Ruffolo**

John Ruffolo is the Chief Executive Officer of OMERS Ventures, the venture arm of OMERS. In addition, he is also the Senior Managing Director, Knowledge Investing with OMERS Strategic Investments. Mr. Ruffolo has over two decades of experience advising public and private companies around the world. John has worked closely with a number of North America's leading venture capital and private equity firms and has advised many of the companies in which they invest. He has been recognized as one of the country's leading clean-tech advisors. He also has extensive experience providing strategic advisory services to Canadian and foreign-based TMT companies.



Mr. Ruffolo serves as Chair of the Canadian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association's Government Relations Committee and is a member of its Executive Committee. John also serves on the Board of Communitech. In addition, he is also Chair of the Corporate Advisory Committee for the Art Gallery of Ontario and is a member of the Toronto chapter of the Young Presidents Organization.

John joined the David Suzuki Foundation Board in 2012. He serves as Chair of the David Suzuki Foundation Friends of Ontario, is Vice-Chair of the DSF Board — Ontario and Chair of the Development Committee.

### **Peter Ladner**

Peter Ladner is a former politician and business owner who lives in Vancouver, B.C.

His book, *The Urban Food Revolution, Changing the Way We Feed Cities*, was published in October, 2011 by New Society Publishers. He serves on the Vancouver Food Policy Council.



A frequent public speaker, he also writes a weekly column for Business in Vancouver newspaper and is a frequent media commentator on civic issues.

From 2010-2013 he was a Fellow at the Simon Fraser University Centre for Dialogue, teaching, researching and hosting public events around the theme Planning Cities as if *Food Matters*.

He was first elected to Vancouver City Council in 2002, was re-elected in 2005 and ran for mayor in 2008. He is a former member of the TransLink Board, and was

vice chair of the Metro Vancouver Board. As a city councilor, he worked with the Vancouver Food Policy Council in initiating the city's program to add 2,010 food-producing community garden plots by 2010.

Peter has been the publisher, president and part owner of the Business in Vancouver Media Group, which he co-founded in 1989. In 1999 he was a category finalist in the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year awards.

He is chair of the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation, which donates money for the arts and social services. He is vice-chair of The Natural Step Canada. He previously served on the boards of the Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society, Leadership Vancouver, the International Centre for Sustainable Cities, the University of British Columbia Alumni Association, New Media BC, the International Association of Area Business Publications, and the Forum for Women Entrepreneurs.

He has a B.A. from UBC and did graduate work at the UBC School of Community and Regional Planning.

He and his wife Erica have four adult children. He is a long-time commuter cyclist, gardener, runner and skier.

Peter joined the David Suzuki Foundation Board in 2014.

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## In Memory of Jim Fulton, Executive Director (1993-2004)

When Jim first stormed into the tiny office that contained this then-fledgling foundation, he injected an air of energy, of possibility and, often most important, of bonhomie, that came to define the DSF. With Jim in the room, there was always a sense that, whatever we did, things would probably turn out for the better.

The David Suzuki Foundation is, today, the most influential environmental organization in the country — one of the most influential on the continent — and this is in large part due to Jim's legacy of credible, compelling and unquestionably intelligent policy analysis and advice. It's a legacy that will continue to serve this organization as we seek to serve all Canadians and, through the pursuit of sustainability, all the citizens of the world.

On behalf of those people — all the beneficiaries in all the years to come — the Board of Directors of the David Suzuki Foundation would like to say that we are deeply grateful: we are thankful to have called Jim Fulton a friend and colleague, grateful for his leadership and, perhaps above all, hopeful that his legacy will help guide us into a more truly sustainable future.

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