

Leadership Award

Presented to

MaryAnn Mihychuk

B.Sc. Hons. (Geol.), M.Sc., P.Geo.

MaryAnn Mihychuk was born in Vita, Manitoba. She obtained her B.Sc. (Hons.) degree from the University of Winnipeg, and her M.Sc. in Geological Sciences from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. MaryAnn worked as a geologist from 1977 to 1992 in Newfoundland, Ontario and Manitoba. She is a registered professional geoscientist in the province of Manitoba.

Ms. Mihychuk served as an elected school trustee in 1989. She was Board Chair for the Winnipeg School Division #1 and on the executive of the Manitoba Association of School Trustees. In 1995 she was elected as the MLA for St. James and re-elected in 1999. She was Chair of the Manitoba NDP Caucus from 1996-1999 as well as the Official Opposition Critic for Manitoba Energy and Mines and Manitoba Hydro. Premier Gary Doer appointed MaryAnn as Minister of Industry, Trade and Mines in October 1999. During her tenure as Minister she brought in a new regulatory framework in legislation which industry views as the best in the world as reported by the 2007 Fraser Institute Survey of Mining Companies. She was re-elected in 2003 and named Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade.

Ms. Mihychuk resigned from cabinet and the legislature in May 2004 to run for the position of Mayor for City of Winnipeg. After her unsuccessful bid she setup Mihychuk Consulting to provide professional advice to business and First Nations.

In September 2005, a Manitoba court decision led to an injunction which affected the building construction industry and the participation of professional engineers in the design and certification of buildings. MaryAnn was retained by APEGM to coordinate a campaign reflecting the engineer's position. She worked to build a coalition of other associations and groups. The campaign was successful, and legislation was passed in November 2005 that satisfied the engineers' concerns.

Ms. Mihychuk accepted the position of Director, Regulatory Affairs, Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada in January 2006. She is a nationally recognized speaker on the topic of mineral exploration and regulatory reform. She has organized a grass-root, member-based campaign that resulted in the renewal of the federal super-flow through 15% tax credit. She has also accepted the position of Chair of the National Resource Industry Association. This involves developing a common position for the energy and resource related Canadian Associations to deal with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Environmental Process Management Plan.

In recognition of her outstanding leadership and use of political experience for the benefit of engineering and geoscientist professions in Manitoba and a healthier mineral sector in Canada as a whole, the Association is pleased to present the Leadership Award to MaryAnn Mihychuk.

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