

## ***Leadership Award***

*Kelvin Shepherd, P.Eng.*



Kelvin Shepherd graduated with B.Sc. (Electrical Engineering) from the University of Saskatchewan in 1981. He is presently a registered professional engineer in Manitoba. After graduation he spent twenty years with Saskatchewan Telecommunications (SaskTel) in a variety of technical and management positions. He has worked on a number of international telecommunication projects through SaskTel International. He was Chairman of the Board for LCL Cable Communications Ltd (Leicester, England) prior to its sale by SaskTel in 1995. Mr. Shepherd was also Chairman of the TR Labs (1996 to 2000), a telecommunications research and development organization based in Western Canada. He was Senior Vice-President and Chief Technology Officer for SaskTel before moving to MTS in the year 2000.

Mr. Shepherd joined MTS as Vice-President Network Services and Chief Technology Officer, and has been President of the company since 2006. In this role he provides overall direction, strategy, and leadership for the company and is responsible for sales, service, and operational support to customers in Manitoba. Mr Shepherd has been instrumental in driving innovation and excellence by unleashing the potential of the internet for full service communication facilities. The service is provided to many of the rural Manitoba communities by using the latest fibre to the home technology. Under his leadership MTS was first to launch Long Term Evolution (LTE) wireless technology and offer high speed wireless internet access in Winnipeg and Brandon in 2013.

Kelvin led the purchase of local IT infrastructure firm EPIC in 2013. This allowed the two companies to leverage each other's strengths to provide IT and IP communications solutions for their customers. The new \$53 million EPIC Data Centre, opening in mid-2015, will provide data centre solutions and cloud services for businesses across North America and create positive economic impacts for Manitoba.

Kelvin has an exceptional combination of strategic thinking and technical depth. His ability to distill complex technical situations into business impacts for real world application ensures that MTS constantly makes good business decisions to serve its customers. His leadership impact across the company is remarkable. He is humble and confident in his direction and focuses on team work across the multiple areas of the company. He is extremely open and personable and finds time to sit with the new employees through the Graduate Admission Program and mentor participants in the "Emerging Leaders Program". He has the unanimous admiration and respect of over 2700 MTS employees.

Kelvin is active in the community at large through his volunteer services. He has served on the Board of Trustees of Victoria General Hospital for 10 years including Chairman of the Board. He has been serving the United Way of Winnipeg campaign cabinet for last five years and is Chair for the 2015 campaign celebrating its 50th Anniversary in Manitoba. He is also the current Chair of the Mbiz Awards Jury Committee of the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce.

In recognition of the outstanding technical leadership and service to the community at large Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba is pleased to present the Leadership Award to Kelvin A. Shepherd, P.Eng.