



Alistair MacKenzie - nominated by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering

Alistair MacKenzie has been a recognized leader and contributor to the engineering profession from the start of his career nearly 50 years ago. After more than 30 years in England and Canada with Wimpey International, and with ever-increasing responsibilities along the way, Alistair joined Ryerson University in 1992 where he served as program director in the Department of Architectural Science. In 2003, he officially retired but continues to serve to this day as instructor and consultant.

Alistair MacKenzie has contributed substantially to the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering where he served as Chair of the National History Committee, Chair of the Publicity and External Communications Committee, and Vice-Chair of the General Administration Committee. In 2005, Alistair was the Chair of the Organizing Committee of the highly successful CSCE Annual Conference in Toronto. His distinguished service to Canada and the profession was recognized by his appointment as President of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering in 2005-2006. During his tenure, he helped provide excellent opportunities for building ties with engineering and government organizations in Canada and worldwide.

Alistair MacKenzie's significant work with the National History Committee led the CSCE to win the prestigious Pierre Berton Award for 2002. Under Alistair's leadership, the CSCE produced print publications, a website, and programs for oral history; placed historical plaques on railway trestles, bridges and canals; and created a recognition program for members who contribute to the promotion and preservation of engineering's past. Throughout his professional career, Alistair MacKenzie has exuded a genuine spirit of teamwork, a positive attitude and willingness to help out and go the extra mile. His participation in the CSCE continues to this day with the same level of zeal and fervour as before. What a fitting way to celebrate this distinguished engineering career than to confer the grade of EIC Fellow.

Ladies & gentlemen and Mr. President, please welcome Alistair MacKenzie as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.