



Adrian Wightman - nominated by the Canadian Geotechnical Society for the Canadian Pacific Railway Engineering Medal

Adrian Wightman arrived in Canada in 1967 and began his career with Trow in Manitoba. He then joined Ripley Klohn and Leonoff in Vancouver where he advanced as a project engineer, division manager and then principal consultant providing mentoring and review services to both junior and senior engineers. Adrian soon focused on seismic engineering and is recognized across Canada as an expert in seismic design, liquefaction assessment and the design of structures to withstand or mitigate the effects of seismic loading. He is currently Principal Consultant with BGC Engineering Inc.

Adrian Wightman is a member of the Canadian National Committee on Earthquake Engineering that provides input to our National Building Code, and is a member of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute. He consults to BC Hydro on dam safety and their liquefaction upgrades for older structures. Adrian has worked extensively throughout North America and as far afield as Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan and the Caribbean, on earthquake-related issues. He recently toured areas of China as part of a Canadian Association for Earthquake Engineering reconnaissance team following their most recent earthquake.

Adrian has provided considerable support to the local chapter of the Canadian Geotechnical Society and in 2007 was presented with a Vancouver Geotechnical Society Award. He has presented several papers to the Annual Vancouver Geotechnical Society Symposia and to annual Canadian Geotechnical Society Conferences. He has also represented British Columbia geotechnical engineers by acting as B.C. Regional Director to the Canadian Geotechnical Society's Board of Directors. Tonight, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to celebrate an illustrious career and to bestow a special honour upon this dedicated and talented engineer.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Mr. President, as the Recipient of the Canadian Pacific Railway Engineering Medal, please welcome Adrian Wightman.