



William Baird - nominated by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering

With almost 50 years of practical engineering experience, William Baird is one of Canada's most outstanding coastal engineers. He is the founder of William F. Baird & Associates, Canada's largest specialized coastal engineering company, and one of the most reputed in the world. As CEO, William Baird has overseen the development of designs for breakwaters, revetments, offshore structures and other complex coastal projects located in five continents that required the support of both physical and numerical modeling.

Bill Baird's significant contributions to the design and construction of breakwaters have been recognized by the American Society of Civil Engineers with the Arthur M. Wellington Prize, a Citation from Engineering News Record and a Fellowship from the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering. An invited lecturer at numerous universities in Canada and the US, Bill has gained a highly respected engineering reputation in Canada and abroad.

William Baird's activities and contributions as a member and executive on several technical societies have been extensive and include his role as Director of the Canadian Association for Coastal Science and Engineering. What delight we take this evening in recognizing such a distinguished Canadian engineer by conferring these special honours.

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