

The Engineering Institute of Canada 2018 Award Citation

Canadian Pacific Railway Engineering Medal

(recognising many years of leadership and service at the regional, branch and section levels)



Robin Black

Nominated by the Canadian Society of Senior Engineers

Dr. Robin Black is a Biomedical Engineer and CMBES Certified Clinical Engineer with formative experience in Biomedical Engineering with NRC, where he led the Orthopaedic Research Program and co-founded the Space Life Sciences Program. Robin served as an NRC/IRAP Industrial Technology Advisor in Alberta to develop new technology, with a special emphasis on the life sciences sector.

Nationally, professionally and locally, Robin has been a volunteer leader. He is Immediate Past Chair of the Vancouver Island Branch of the CSSE and former Secretary of its Scholarship Society. He is also a CSSE Fellow and Director and an Honourary Fellow of Geoscientists Canada.

Robin has devoted many hundreds of hours to the advancement of the Branch including leading of its rebranding as the Vancouver Island Engineering Society (VIES), developing its website and a monthly newsletter. He has been instrumental in coordinating the previously disparate Victoria meeting efforts of other learned and technical Societies, Engineers and Geoscientists BC and the University of Victoria's Engineering Faculty and student groups. He is also an enthusiastic University of Victoria student mentor and marker of co-op work term reports as well as actively volunteering in other community endeavours.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Mr. President, as the Recipient of the Canadian Pacific Railway Medal, please welcome Robin Black.