



The Engineering Institute of Canada

2020 Award Citation

John B. Stirling Medal

(awarded for leadership and distinguished service at the national level within the Institute and/or its Constituent Societies)



Doug VanDine

Nominated by the Canadian Geotechnical Society

Doug VanDine has internationally recognized expertise in his discipline of geological engineering as well as exceptional leadership in his wide-ranging volunteer activities in the service of his profession. He is sought out for his extensive knowledge in the areas of geological and geotechnical engineering related to civil engineering developments and the forestry industry, and in particular risk assessment and management of natural hazards related to landslides, debris flows, debris floods and erosion, and associated mitigative design work.

His volunteer activities in support of the profession are voluminous, spanning nearly 4 decades and have involved numerous leadership roles including President of the Canadian Geotechnical Society, President of the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique, Director of the BC Institute of Forest Engineering, and Chair of the Joint Practice Board for Engineers and Geoscientists BC.

His outstanding professional attributes include excellent people and leadership skills, highly effective collaboration, articulate communication, technical prowess, a competitive nature, energy, passion, and striving for excellence, all tempered by a suitable amount of humility and a good sense of humour. He is a proven leader, a great collaborator, and a cherished colleague in his volunteer capacity as well as his professional engineering work.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Mr. President, as the Recipient of the John B. Stirling Medal, please welcome Doug VanDine.