

Meet New Council Members

Gerry Leering, RPBio



Gerry Leering holds degrees in Natural Science and Honours Biology and has been an RPBio since 1998. He also undertook a Master's of Science in Watershed Ecosystems and has enjoyed over thirty years of practicing applied biology in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, and the Northwest Territories. Gerry

is currently the Senior Fisheries / Aquatic Biologist and the Principal of Environmental Compliances Services. Previously, Gerry held positions with all levels of government: the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans; BC and Ontario provincial Ministries of Environment; and the City of Burnaby.

Gerry has enjoyed acting in numerous advocacy roles, including Treasurer of the Southern Ontario Chapter of the American Fisheries Society; Chair of the Peterborough Zoo Advisory Board; and National Secretary-Treasurer and Pacific Regional Director of the Canadian Society of Environmental Biologists (CSEB), where he convened the 40th Annual Meeting of the CSEB in Vancouver. He was a College of Applied Biology Councillor in 2005-2006 and member of its Credentials Committee from 2005 to 2009. Gerry has also been a member of the APB since 1998 and served on their Board of Directors from 2004 through to 2010, wherein he was President for a 2-year term.

Gerry's demonstrated commitment to serve will be applied with integrity, recognizing the needs of the College in advancing its role to protect the public interest. The College is requesting the right-to-practice as part of our regulatory entitlement as registered professionals. Along with reforms to the *Water Act* and the Riparian Areas Regulation recommendations from the Office of the Ombudsman, these are three of the issues being faced that demand greater demonstrations by our membership for professional credibility. As a PBIol in Alberta, Gerry has an understanding of national recognition of our practicing discipline. He will be committed to ensuring Council is responsive and proactive to further advancing its roles and responsibilities as defined in the *Act*. 

Gerry Leering, RPBio
Regional Councillor 2016-2018

Tony Fogarassy, MSc, LLM



Tony is a geologist and lawyer and holds a Bachelor of Science (First Class, Hons.), Master of Science, and Bachelor of Laws from the University of British Columbia (UBC). He also holds a Master of Laws (with Merit) from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Tony brings to the College a regulatory and governance skill set gained from more than twenty years of board and management experience.

Tony currently is a board member with the HR MacMillan Space Centre Society and a member of the Prospector and Developers Association of Canada's Lands & Regulations Committee. He has served as a Lay Member of the BC College of Dental Technicians, legal member of the Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security Review Tribunal (now the Social Security Tribunal), and as a panel member for the BC Environmental Appeal Board and Oil & Gas Appeal Tribunal.

Tony's law practice involves renewable energy, mineral, and hydrocarbon projects. He advises industry, governments, and First Nations on corporate, commercial, environmental, and aboriginal law matters. Tony advises clients on the Federal Government's recently initiated review of environmental assessment processes and National Energy Board modernization. He also assists on developing policy enhancements to the BC environmental assessment process to increase co-management and shared decision-making with First Nations on reviewable projects.

Prior to entering law, Tony was a geologist with Shell, Chevron, and Mobil in Canada and the Middle East. He has worked on a mix of petroleum, mineral, and infrastructure projects in central Asia and Africa. He currently serves as a director of Deer Horn Capital Inc, developing a gold, silver, and tellurium mine in the Nechako watershed. He is Vice-President with Petrel Robertson Consulting, a global upstream oil and gas exploration and development advisory firm based in Calgary. 

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Lay Councillor 2016-2018