

BIOGRAPHY

Peter P. Politis

While being the duly elected Mayor of Cochrane, Mr. Politis also operates and manages For Evergreen Innovative Strategies Inc. out of Cochrane, Ontario. He is the Senior Consultant for the company, and has managed a number of senior roles for a wide range of companies for many years.

Mr. Politis has managed Woods Operations and Milling Operations with operating budgets between \$35 million dollars and \$50 million dollars for a number of companies across Canada. Some of his capacities include Woodlands Manager, Mill Manager, Operations Superintendent, General Manager, and Senior Consultant. He has developed forest policy as a participating member of the leading Forest Industry Associations in Ontario. His experience in key roles throughout the Forest Industry over the years provides him with a solid understanding of natural resource industries and their dynamics.

In 1995, Mr. Politis established his own management consulting practice specializing in First Nations natural resource opportunities negotiation and business development. He played a key and active role in the development of some agreements which according to a former National Chief were the leading agreements in the country in terms of bridging the gap of First Nations active participation in natural resource management and economics.

Mr. Politis has played an active and integral role in the development of key negotiating tables in Ontario and Quebec, helping the First Nation community forge past historical barriers toward opportunity and development, beginning the process of growth and building partnerships.

Mr. Politis's resume of accomplishments includes landmark agreements; bringing long-standing conflicts to resolution; precedent setting processes and evolutionary approaches to finding success for his clients; and the establishment of relationship building tables that have been considering pioneering.

Mr. Politis negotiated a landmark consultation process between his clients and both the forest and mining industries. The revolutionary process sees the unprecedented requirement of the Company to first secure an operations permit from the community prior to commencing any operations on their territory, while providing the industry the stability they seek.

Mr. Politis continues to be involved in many other negotiations which are helping First Nations make the leap from participants in consultation in natural resources, to active resource managers and successful resource businesses. He has, and continues to, develop and train aboriginal businesses in building competency in areas such as negotiation, business planning, strategic planning, budgeting, financial management, people management, opportunity analysis, operational proficiency, and relationship building.

In 2008, Mr. Politis began pursuing his passion for the redevelopment of Northern Ontario. He expanded his efforts to helping municipalities, government and industry successfully partner with the aboriginal community. He focused the majority of his energy on encouraging municipal development where his flair for innovation helped achieve successes in recreation and socio-economic development, previously considered elusive. In less than two years, he helped the town of Cochrane resurrect its fabled winter carnival to the second largest in Ontario, created a new regional summer festival, brought in the World Under 17 Hockey Challenge, re-energized the community volunteer workforce, and elected Mayor in 2010 and remains Mayor today.

During his tenure as Mayor, he has helped organize and lead solutions to long standing conflicts such as Policing costs, the reintroduction of the Spring Bear Hunt, and extremist ENGO counter economic campaigns. Mr. Politis has led the municipality through a renaissance of modern, progressive social development and infrastructure changes including the strategic financial reforms to do it responsibility. His community has become one of the most actively developing communities in the region while also having some of the lowest property taxes. Mr. Politis's out of the box thinking has led to innovative reforms to municipal thinking and management, typically thought of as change adverse

Along with twenty nine years experience in working with natural resource industries, Mr. Politis has specialized in aboriginal, government and industrial partnering for twenty-two years, holds two post secondary school diplomas in Forestry, while attending some of the most prestigious institutions in the world, including Harvard University, he has completed extensive training in key areas such as negotiations, mediation, people management, business and strategic planning, brainstorming, and risk management. He has been fortunate enough to have sat on both sides of the fence in senior roles, and has subsequently developed both a keen understanding of the nuances which effect industrial and First Nations relations, and a network of key contacts in the natural resource based industry, Federal and Provincial governments, and the First Nation community. His experience, creativity, and innovative approach have played a crucial role in his success of advancing all the projects he's participated in to date.

Nominated for a prestigious Premiers Award as most outstanding college graduate in Ontario for his achievements, as well as being awarded the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal for his commitment to Canada, Mr. Politis' accomplishments continue to demonstrate his flair for finding creative and innovative solutions to difficult barriers facing people, industries and governments.