

APPOINTMENT NOTICE

The Honourable Floyd K. Roland, Minister Responsible, has announced the appointment of Brendan Bell as Chair and David Axford as President and CEO of NT Power Corporation, NT Hydro Corporation, and their subsidiaries.



Brendan Bell

A long-time Northerner, Mr. Bell served two terms in the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly from 1999-2007. From 2003-2007, he held several Cabinet posts including Minister Responsible for Energy and Mining, Minister Responsible for the Environment and Minister of Justice and Attorney General in the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT).

During this period, Mr. Bell was the lead Minister in dealing with all economic and resource development issues for the GNWT.

Since retiring from territorial politics in 2007, Mr. Bell has served as a member of the Alberta Provincial Energy Strategy Advisory Committee and as Chair of the NWT Association of Communities Electricity Working Group. He is a Director on the Board of Yellowknife Association of Concerned Citizens for Seniors (YACCS).

Mr. Bell is a partner in The Northern Strategy Group, a consulting firm based in Yellowknife. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Calgary and a Masters in Business Administration from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland.



David Axford

Mr. Axford has held many senior leadership positions in the energy, infrastructure and manufacturing sectors over a 29 year career.

Most recently, Mr. Axford was Senior Vice President, Project Management, with Tonbridge Power Inc. and had responsibility for development of a 230 kilovolt transmission line connecting Montana to the Alberta grid.

Prior to that he spent 15 years with Nexen Inc., a Calgary-based energy corporation where he held several senior management positions. As Vice President of Power Marketing, Mr. Axford developed and led Alberta's largest retailer of power and natural gas to Alberta's commercial, industrial and public sectors; building the organization's reputation as a customer service leader.

On the generation side, Mr. Axford had responsibility for the construction and operation of a 115 megawatt combined cycle power plant and a 70 megawatt wind farm in Alberta.

Additionally, he comes to the Corporation with a valuable understanding of the electric utility industry from a corporate, regulatory, marketing and operational perspective.

Mr. Axford holds a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Calgary, a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Waterloo and is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists, and Geophysicists of Alberta.

He and wife Michelle will reside in Hay River.