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Bill is the Manager of Dispute Resolution Services with the ministry of Municipal Affairs in Alberta. In 1998 he designed and implemented the ministry's Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative. This comprehensive program provides mediation, dispute resolution system design services as well as training for municipalities, regional boards and regional service commissions. The program has received three Premier's Awards of Excellence and a Canada Award for Excellence.

In 1998 he was part of a team which received an Emerald Award for excellence in designing a collaborative process to address complex land use issues.

Bill has written numerous articles on public policy and environmental dispute resolution including for *Consensus*, published by Harvard's Program on Negotiation. He also contributed to *Mediation and Democratie* published by Carl-Auer-Systeme Verlag.

Bill has been a member of the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society since 1994 and has been an instructor in their certificate program since 1996. He has also served as a board member and Chair of the Conflict Resolution Network Canada.

In October 2008 he received the Lionel McGowan award from the ADR Institute of Canada in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alberta and Masters in Social Work from Wilfrid Laurier University.