

# 2019 Foresight Paper Authors

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**Joyce McLean** is an environment and energy policy and communications specialist with over three decades of experience in providing strategic advice, and government and media relations expertise on energy, toxic chemicals, water quality and sustainability issues. She has worked for organizations and individuals as diverse as the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Toronto Hydro and Greenpeace International, as well as having run her own consulting company. She has also participated on a variety of boards including the IJC's Great Lakes Water Quality board, the Canadian Wind Energy Association, the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation and Green\$aver.

**Dwayne Nashkawa** has been the Chief Executive Officer of Nipissing First Nation, located on the shores of Lake Nipissing in Northern Ontario since January 2004. He has spent his career working in First Nations in senior roles in the areas of natural resources development, treaty research, governance and administration. Dwayne has led various tripartite negotiations including the Ontario First Nations Policing Agreement and the development of the Anishinabek/Ontario Resource Management Council. Dwayne is a member of the Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation located on the Bruce Peninsula.

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**Mark Skinner**, Ph.D., is Professor and Dean of Social Sciences at Trent University, where he holds the Canada Research Chair in Rural Aging, Health and Social Care, and was the founding Director of the Trent Centre for Aging & Society. Mark's research examines how rural people and places are

responding to the challenges and opportunities of population aging, particularly the evolving role of the voluntary sector and volunteers in supporting older people and sustaining rural communities. His most recent books are "Ageing Resource Communities: New Frontiers or Rural Population Change, Voluntarism and Community Development" (2016, edited with Neil Hanlon) and "Geographical Gerontology: Perspectives, Concepts, Approaches" (2018, edited with Gavin Andrews and Malcolm Cutchin). A leading rural aging researcher, Mark was inducted into the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists in 2016.

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**Hilary Hagar** is originally from Hamilton but has many summer memories exploring the North. A recent graduate from the University of Guelph with a B.A. (Hons) in International Development, Hilary values interdisciplinary approaches and is passionate about community economic development and poverty alleviation. During her undergraduate degree, Hilary completed participatory research in both Cuba and Bolivia. Closer to home, Hilary has also contributed policy debates on issues ranging from greenhouse gas emissions in Ontario agriculture to Inuit nutrition and health. An avid outdoors enthusiast, she spends as much time as possible camping, hiking and canoeing.

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**Elizabeth Russell**, Ph.D., co-author, *Services for an Aging Population*. Dr. Elizabeth Russell is a faculty member in the Department of Psychology and a Faculty Fellow with the Trent Centre for Aging and Society. She teaches psychology courses in aging, health, qualitative methods and the history of psychology, and supervises undergraduate and graduate students studying health psychology and the psychology of aging. Dr. Russell's research is focused on the sustainability of age-friendly communities programming, and the experiences of aging in small, rural and remote communities more generally. She recently conducted a large-scale program evaluation of a provincial age-friendly program in Newfoundland and Labrador, and is currently collaborating with Dr. Mark Skinner to study the sustainability of age-friendly programs in rural Ontario.