

BIO

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Russel Robertson is the Director, Programs and Training of the BC Forest Safety Council, reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, Rob Moonen. Russel supports the development of the Council's province-wide programs and training to meet the needs of the forest sector as part of the actions to eliminate injuries.

He is a seasoned leader with strong business acumen, an effective facilitator, communicator, team builder, and proven catalyst for human capital change in multi-stakeholder environments.

He participates as a competency based training and assessment subject matter expert on the Safety Advisory Foundation for Education and Research.

He actively serves as a Board Director on BC Prior Learning Action Network - a diverse group of leaders from various organizations including educational institutions, employment and training organizations and regulatory associations. He has extensive experience in the assessment and recognition of current competence that workers have achieved either through formal education, or by alternate learning methods including self-guided workplace learning, mentoring or coaching.

He was most recently CEO of the Transportation Career Development Association, and previously worked as Senior Director, Program Standards for the Industry Training Authority.

His forestry experience includes Manager of Human Resources for Canfor's Englewood operations with a focus on reducing workplace injuries, during which time he also served as a Director on the SAFER Council with the mandate to improve safety and create a healthy work environment.

Russel has also served as the Manager of Training and Development with Forest Industrial Relations (FIR), and prior to that was the Manager for Human Resources and Organizational Development with Fletcher Challenge Canada based out of Vancouver.



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