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## Industries

Energy & Resources

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**A recognized leader in Canada's energy sector, Gaëtan is known for his expertise in power generation and distribution, and large construction projects.**

Gaëtan is a Strategic Advisor with McCarthy Tétrault, where he advises firm clients on the strategic issues surrounding their important infrastructure projects, including utility planning and leadership, major construction engineering, electrical energy generation, transmission and distribution, and government relations. Gaëtan is President & CEO of Conseil Économique of New Brunswick, representing more than 500 francophone businesses.

Prior to joining the Conseil, Gaëtan enjoyed a successful 38-year career with NB Power, culminating in his 10-year role as President & CEO, during which time he led the utility through significant construction projects and positive growth. His NB Power legacy includes his accomplishments as VP Nuclear, whereby he led a successful \$2.4 billion project to build a world-class nuclear generation facility – one of only three in Canada. Other roles at NB Power covered operations, engineering, project design & commissioning, and executive management – within the Generation, Nuclear, Transmission & Distribution and Customer Service Business Units.

In addition to extensive project management experience on nuclear projects and the vision that brought small modular reactors to New Brunswick, Gaëtan is known for expertise in implementing SmartGrid systems and large transformational change leadership.

Gaëtan is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick. He was elected into the Junior Achievement of New Brunswick's Business Hall of Fame in 2019, has been recognized five times as a Top 50 CEO by Atlantic Business Magazine, and is a member of the Top 50 CEO Hall of Fame.

Gaëtan is a member of the Federal Net-Zero Advisory Body reporting to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. He also is Past Chairman of the World Association of Nuclear Operators (Atlanta Center), and Vice-Chairman of the Atlantic Cancer Research Institute Board of Directors. He is

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## Education

Honorary Doctorate, Science – University of New Brunswick, 2018

ICD.D Designation – Institute of Corporate Directors, 2013

Bachelor of Engineering, Electrical – University of New Brunswick, 1982

## Recent Insights

- **Green Lights for Clean Energy: Federal Budget 2024 Updates on Nuclear**

May 1, 2024

- **Power Perspectives 2024**

February 14, 2024

- **Developments in Canada's Small Modular Reactor Ecosystem**

August 4, 2023

- **Power Perspectives 2023**

January 11, 2023