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As President of the Ivey Foundation since 2003 [tbc], Bruce is well known for his work in convening collaborative efforts among businesses, NGOs and government. He has played pioneering roles in connecting environmental issues to human health, most notably with his leadership in the effort to phase-out coal-fired power plants in Ontario, the single largest climate action in North America. He also helped shepherd the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement, one of the world’s largest conservation initiatives.

He currently serves as a Director of Philanthropic Foundations Canada (PFC) and Canadians for Clean Prosperity, and sits on the Advisory Boards of Canada’s Ecofiscal Commission and the Canadian Energy Research Institute (CERI). He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of Canada, an honorary director of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, and a former Director of the Independent Electricity System Operator and of the Ontario Power Authority.

Bruce is a founder of a number of for profit and non-profit organizations including one of Canada’s leading energy efficiency consultancies The Summerhill Group, the Sustainability Network, and the Canadian Environmental Grantmakers’ Network. He has acted on numerous international, federal, provincial and municipal bodies advising on environmental, energy and health policy issues.

He is the co-author of two best-selling books, including the internationally acclaimed Slow Death by Rubber Duck. In 2015 he received the Bryden Award for Outstanding Achievement, York University’s top alumni recognition, and Earth Day Canada’s Outstanding Commitment to the Environment Award in 2014.

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