

Resume

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Dynamics Mediators

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Personal overview/Professional philosophy

Our tagline: "All attack is a call for help. When you know this, you begin at once to look deeply into the question of what kind of help is being called for".

Neale Donald Walsch

Mediation Experience

Municipalities:

2007. County of Lethbridge, Intermunicipal Development Plan. s separately and jointly.

Co-mediation: Peace Region, Cost-sharing Agreement

2005. Coach at various mediation courses, facilitation and other tailored workshops provided to municipal elected officials and senior municipal administrative officials. The coaching process went on for several years.

Alberta Environment:

2009. Mediated several Road - use issues.

Training

Mediation and Negotiation Certificate

BA (Hons), MA, MBA

Alberta Local Government Certificate

National Advanced Certificate in Local Government Administration

Professional Associations

ADRIA

ADRIC

AAMS

DRN (Dispute Resolution Network), Government of Alberta

References

Gilbert Van Nes, General Counsel & Settlement officer, Environment Appeal Board

Edmonton, Alberta. 780-427-6207.

Andrew Bachelder, Counsel, Public Lands Appeal Board

Edmonton, Alberta, 780-427-0606

Dennis Shigematsu, County Manager (Retired), County of Lethbridge

Lethbridge, Alberta, 403-3327-9544

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I was a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Alberta and a sessional lecturer for additional two years at the end of which I was employed by the Alberta government.

From 1975 to 2009 I worked with a number of Departments and held varied positions which included: Research Officer (Housing); Economic Policy Analyst (Housing and Public Works); Senior Intergovernmental Officer (International and Inter-Governmental Relations); Coordinator, Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative (Municipal Affairs). My areas of responsibility in the latter Department included facilitation of training for municipal administrators as well as elected officials; mediation training coach; pre-mediation consultation municipal parties in dispute; development of cooperative government models for municipalities, to minimize internal and external disputes. During my tenure, the Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative team won three Premier's Award of Excellence.

After my retirement from government service, I set up my Mediation practice. My mediation experience is as diverse as well as in the complexity of issues that need to be resolved; they vary from multi-party disputes to disputes between individuals; and disputes among operators in the natural resource sector of the Alberta economy and operators and the government. Example of issues include: surface mineral exploration permits; surface mineral license; road use agreement negotiations; ecological and environmental matters, etc. A significant portion of our mediation has been assisting gravel miners and haulers to determine appropriate hauling as well as joint road use maintenance fees, such as between energy companies and forestry operators. We have also been involved in co-mediation in a multi-party situation; for example, the negotiation of adequate remuneration for use of municipalities' owned road by energy industry companies. We

have thus far mediated over 20 disputes and have achieved approximately 98 percent success rate.

We offer pro bono mediation to families and small businesses as service to the community. Pro bono service successes are not in the mentioned success rate above.

Okelu has been an active volunteer with a few not-for-profit organizations including.

Volunteer:

- Chairman, Mill Woods Community Health Council
- President, Knottwood Community League
- Chairman, Mill Woods Community Leagues' Presidents Council
- Southeast Representative, City of Edmonton Transportation Master Plan
- Member, City of Edmonton Transit Advisory Board,
- Member, Quality of Life Commission
- President, Southeast Edmonton Rotary Club
- Sponsor, Friendly Achievers Toastmasters Club

Awards:

- Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal
- Canadian Federal Government Citation for Citizenship
- Governor General's Commemorative Medal
- Alberta Premier's Award of Excellence
- City of Edmonton Salut to Excellence
- National Quality Institute's Award of Excellence.