

RICHARD GILBERT



Richard Gilbert has had a varied career, including working as a high-school teacher in the 1950s, a university professor and researcher in the 1960s and 1970s, a municipal politician in the 1970s and 1980s, and a consultant and author since the early 1990s, more-or-less-retired since 2012.

His work as a consultant focused on transport and energy issues, and also urban governance. His main client until 2006 was the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). He worked too for the International Energy Agency, the governments of Austria, Canada, The Netherlands, the U.S., and Quebec, and many NGOs and private-sector clients in Asia and North America.

Richard Gilbert has a 1966 PhD in experimental psychology. In the 1960s and 1970s, he taught psychology and behavioural pharmacology at universities in Ireland, Scotland, the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. He was associated with what was then the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario from 1968 to 1991, and held registration as a clinical psychologist in Ontario from 1974 to 2001.

More recently he taught graduate courses in planning and urban governance at York, Simon Fraser, and Ryerson Universities. He gives an annual lecture on transportation futures in the graduate program of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Engineering.

He was elected six times as a Toronto councillor with increasing majorities, serving from 1976 to 1991. He was president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in 1986-1987, and Chair and CEO of the Toronto District Heating Corporation (now Enwave Energy Corporation) from 1982 to 1989. On retiring as a municipal politician, he became the first president and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute, and worked as an independent consultant from 1993.

He has produced 15 nonfiction books on numerous topics, and several hundred scholarly and popular articles, book chapters, and major reports for clients. The most recent such book, written with Anthony Perl, is *Transport Revolutions: Moving People and Freight Without Oil*, the second edition of which was published in May 2010 by New Society Publishers (Gabriola Island, BC). Most of what he has written since 2002 is available at www.richardgilbert.ca.

Richard's main retirement project has been writing a novel describing a (fictional) trip made by psychologist BF Skinner to England in 1939, where he encountered, among others, Anna and Sigmund Freud, Ludwig Wittgenstein, and Alan Turing. Until 2015, he had an annual goal of competing in the Canadian team at the World Triathlon Championships, which he did for the fourth time when it was held in Chicago that year, coming fifth of eighteen finalists (75-79 age group, Olympic distance).

Richard has a daughter and three sons, all in their 40s and 50s, and seven grandchildren: three adults, a teenager, and three under five years. In 2016, he and Rosalind "down-sized," moving from the house in the downtown Toronto where they'd lived for 46 years, to a nearby apartment.

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