

# Mary Mogford: *Fresh Ideas Campaign* Committee Member



Mary Mogford and Judith Maxwell have known each other for over twenty years. They met when Judith was the Chair of the Economic Council of Canada in the late 1980's when Mary was the Deputy Minister of Finance for the Province of

Ontario. Mary later became a member of the Council and their friendship has flourished ever since.

When Judith thought of establishing her own think tank, Mary was one of the first people she consulted. "I was convinced Judith's vision for CPRN was important for Canadians." She became a founding member of CPRN's Board of Directors. "It was exciting to be involved at the start, and now to be part of the *Fresh Ideas Campaign*". Today, Mary is a Board Associate and a member of the Campaign Committee.

"One of CPRN's external reviewers once said that if we didn't have CPRN in Canada, we would have to invent it. You need only see the number of times CPRN is mentioned in the media to realize its impact on public issues. For me, it's also CPRN's

neutral space for discussion of those issues that makes it so special."

Mary's career has bridged the private, public and non-profit sectors. She serves on five Canadian corporate boards – Empire Company Limited, Falconbridge Limited, MDS Inc., The Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, Sears Canada – and the Altamira Advisory Council. She is a volunteer with the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation, Toronto Symphony Foundation and an Honorary Board member of both the Hospital for Sick Children and Trent University. She is also a Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Mary was the Deputy Minister of Finance and Deputy Minister of Natural Resources for the Province of Ontario. She was the first woman to hold these posts in Ontario and the first female Deputy Minister of Finance anywhere in Canada. In 1990, she was the first recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.

Needless to say, Mary is another reason why CPRN's *Fresh Ideas Campaign* will be a major success.

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