

Christopher (Chris) W. Lorenc, B.A., LL.B.

A lawyer by background, Chris Lorenc has been President of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA) since 1991 and president of the Western Canada Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association (WCR&HCA) since 1995.

He graduated from the University of Manitoba with Bachelor of Arts in 1973 and Law (LL.B.) degree in 1976 and then practiced general, corporate and commercial law until 1991.

He served on Winnipeg's City Council for nine (9) years from 1983 until he retired from public office in 1992. During his tenure on Council he chaired a number of Council's standing committees and served for seven years on its Executive Policy Committee (EPC).

Mr. Lorenc is an active member of the Canadian Construction Association (CCA) and a number of its committees and councils including the Civil Infrastructure Council (CIC), Gold Seal Committee (national management education and certification program) and Industry Advocacy & Regulatory Affairs Committee.

He chairs the *Western Canada Transportation System (WCTS) Strategy Group* which advocates development of a seamless multimodal Western Canada Transportation System to enhance existing and emerging global trade opportunities for western Canada. He is a management representative on the Manitoba Labour Board; a member of: the Manitoba Employer's Council (MEC); the provincial Investment Promotion Committee (IPC); the Manitoba International Gateway Strategy Council (MIGS Council); the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce 'Trade & Transportation' Committee; the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) Executive Committee; Board member of the Manitoba Construction Sector Council (MCSC) and CentrePort Canada Board of Directors.

In May 2010 he was appointed by Mayor Sam Katz and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) to lead the Infrastructure Funding Council (IFC) whose task was to identify sustainable infrastructure funding models for municipalities. Its report offering a comprehensive strategy to address municipal infrastructure funding was released on May 18, 2011.

In 2007 Mr. Lorenc was appointed by Mayor Sam Katz to lead the Mayor's Trade Council (MTC) whose Report entitled '*Winnipeg – Canada's Center for Global Trade*' was released on March 12, 2008. The MTC report recommendations are often cited as the core around which CentrePort Canada emerged. For this work in June 2009 he was awarded the '*Manitoba Service Excellence Partnership Award*' by the Manitoba government.

He has been asked and has served on a number of civic and provincial policy related task forces some of which he initiated. Those included: Strategic Infrastructure Reinvestment Policy (SIRP) Task Forces (1998 & 2000); Committee on Tax Reform (1998); Workplace Safety & Health Act Review Committee (2001); Worker Compensation Act Review Panel (2004); Economic Opportunity Commission (EOC) in 2006. He is a frequent invited speaker to a variety of forum and commentator on public radio, asked to address broad public policy topics.

Mr. Lorenc was employer representative on the Minister of Labour's Workplace Safety Advisory Committee (1995 – 2005) and management representative on the Employment Insurance Board of Referees (2004-2007). He was founding member and chair of the *Manitoba Transportation Strategy (MTS) Group 2006*, which assisted in the formation of the Manitoba International Gateway Strategy Council (MIGS Council).

Mr. Lorenc has an extensive background in authoring opinion editorials for publication and writing public policy for governments on a variety of policy topics. He also has a broad background in serving on a number of Boards of varied community, cultural, educational and public policy interests.

He has been married to his wife Maria since 1981. They have three sons Marek (1984), Gregory (1986) and Michael (1988). In his spare time Mr. Lorenc enjoys reading, boating and spending time at the family cottage at Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba.