



## OCEANIC CONSULTING CORPORATION'S PRESIDENT APPOINTED TO THE CANADIAN UNITY COUNCIL

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Oceanic Consulting Corporation is pleased to announce that Dr. Dan Walker, President, has been appointed to the Board of Governors of the Canadian Unity Council. A non-profit and non partisan organization, the CUC's mission is to increase understanding of federalism's advantages which, despite inherent tensions, enhances the richness of regional economic, political, social and cultural values unique to Canada. It has become the point of gathering for thousands of volunteers who share the conviction that better understanding of the nature and workings of Canadian institutions reinforces feelings of attachment to the country and greater citizen involvement in major discussions about the federation's future. The Board of Governors includes former premiers, senators, university presidents, leaders of some of Canada's largest companies and many other Canadians in leadership positions from across the nation.

"I am proud to have even been considered for appointment to this outstanding organization," said Dr. Walker. "To many Canadians, unity is not only a question of language or culture but also one of regional, national and economic accord. I hope that my work with the Canadian Unity Council will allow me to encourage an appreciation for community, provincial and national cooperation in many facets of Canadian life and business."

A native of St. John's, Dr. Dan Walker helped form Oceanic while President of Marineering Limited, a firm he founded in 1993 to provide contract research services while working on a Doctorate of Philosophy in Ocean Engineering at Memorial University of Newfoundland. Dr. Walker is a prominent voice in the national and international marine engineering community and is currently serving on the Technology and Research Program Steering Committee of the Society of Naval Architects and Engineers (SNAME) and the Shipbuilding and Industrial Marine Advisory Committee to the Canadian Minister of Industry. He also sits on the Atlantic Innovation Fund Advisory Board to the Minister responsible for ACOA. Dr. Walker is a Professional Engineer and holds a Ph.D. in Ocean Engineering and a Bachelor's Degree in Naval Architectural Engineering from Memorial.

Oceanic Consulting Corporation is an ocean engineering firm based in St. John's, Newfoundland, that provides commercial services in marine performance evaluation to the international marketplace using facilities and expertise at the National Research Council's Institute for Ocean Technology and Memorial University's Faculty of Engineering and Marine Institute. With over three decades of experience, 200 researchers and engineers and one of the most comprehensive collections of marine testing and research facilities, Oceanic is a world leader in marine performance evaluation.

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