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, semi-retired since 2012.

His work as a consultant has 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 has worked too for the International Energy Agency, the governments of Austria, Canada, The Netherlands, the U.S., and Quebec, and numerous private-sector clients in Asia and North America.

Richard Gilbert has a 1966 PhD in experimental psychology, and in the 1960s and 1970s 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 has taught graduate courses in planning and urban governance at York, Simon Fraser, and Ryerson Universities. He gives an annual lecture on transportation 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 books on numerous topics, and several hundred scholarly and popular articles, book chapters, and major reports for clients. The most recent 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 is completing 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. Another goal is to compete in 2015 for the fourth time in the World Triathlon Championships, to be held in Chicago in September, and to win a medal in at least one of the three races he will likely compete in as part of the Canadian team – in the 75-79-year age group. (He won a bronze medal in the 70-74-year age group in the 2011 World Championships in Beijing.)

Richard has a daughter and three sons, all in their 40s and 50s, and numerous grandchildren, most of whom are adults but one is a young teenager and two are under two years. He works in the downtown Toronto home where he and Rosalind have lived since 1971, shortly after moving from Aberdeen, Scotland.