

RICHARD GILBERT

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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 since the early 1990s.

His work as a consultant focuses on transport and energy issues, and also on urban planning and governance. His main client over the last 16 years has been 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, and the U.S., 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 at universities in Ireland, Scotland, the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. More recently he has taught graduate courses in planning and urban governance at York and Simon Fraser Universities. He was associated with the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario (now the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health) as a researcher and writer from 1968-1991. He held registration as a clinical psychologist in Ontario from 1974 to 2001.

He served as a member of the City of Toronto Planning Board from 1973 to 1976, of the councils of the City of Toronto and Metropolitan Toronto from 1976-1991, as president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in 1986-1987, and as Chair and CEO of the Toronto District Heating Corporation (now Enwave Energy Corporation) from 1982-1989. On retiring as a municipal politician, he became the first president and CEO of the Canadian Urban Institute, and has worked as an independent consultant since 1993.

He has authored, co-authored or edited 14 books 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*, published by Earthscan (London, UK) early in 2008. An updated, paperback edition is to be published by New Society Publishers (Gabriola Island, BC) early in 2010. The book explores how societies with great dependence on the motorized movement of people and goods could survive into an era of severe energy constraints.

Richard Gilbert has a daughter and three sons, aged 35-46, and numerous grandchildren. He and Rosalind have lived in the same house at the edge of downtown Toronto since 1971. They had emigrated from Aberdeen, Scotland, in the late 1960s. Rosalind, who has taught at Toronto's George Brown College for 23 years, was born near Edinburgh, Scotland. Richard was born in London, England, in January 1940.

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