

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 since the early 1990s.

His work as a consultant focuses on transport and energy issues, and also urban governance. His main client over the last 17 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 urban governance in graduate programs at York and Simon Fraser Universities, and transportation planning at Ryerson University. He was associated with the then Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario 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 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*, originally published by Earthscan (London, UK) early in 2008, with a second, updated edition published by New Society Publishers in May 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.

Current projects include an analysis of how changes in gasoline prices might differentially affect urban and suburban house prices, for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp., and the development of a long-term transportation vision for a provincial government.

Richard has a daughter and three sons, most in their 40s, and numerous adult and other grandchildren. He works from the downtown Toronto home where he and Rosalind have lived since 1970, shortly after moving from Aberdeen, Scotland. His main accomplishment during 2011 has been competing in the World Triathlon Championships in Beijing, China, earning a bronze medal in the aquathlon (run 2.5km, swim 1km, run 2.5km) and eighth place in the Olympic-distance triathlon (swim 1.5 km, bike 40 km, run 10 km), both of course in the age-group competitions (70-74 category).