

Brad Duguid

Panel Moderator

Brad Duguid retired from public office in 2018, following a highly successful 30-year political career. Brad served as a City Councillor on Scarborough and the City of Toronto Councils for 9 years. He then went on to serve as MPP for Scarborough Centre at Queen's Park for close to 15 years, holding numerous cabinet positions including Minister of Labour, Aboriginal Affairs, Infrastructure, Research and Innovation, Energy, Training Colleges and Universities, and Economic Development.



As Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Brad led the efforts to create a new economic development strategy to make Ontario a leader in the new economy. He also led the national negotiations that resulted in the new Canada Free Trade Agreement, the most ambitious external or internal free trade initiative in Canadian history. Brad has been recognized for life-time achievements in reducing regulatory burden and red tape for business. He led the effort to rehabilitate MaRs and developed Ontario's first official Long-term Energy Plan. His work in partnership with Indigenous leaders and communities significantly improved relations with Indigenous people in Ontario.

Brad is now working in the private sector as a consultant advising companies in numerous sectors of the economy including Indigenous strategy, energy, construction, AI, cybersecurity, and health technology. Brad is a Senior Counsel at Sussex Strategy Group.