

Bob Nicol Bio

The Province of Ontario appointed Mr. Nicol to the Durham Regional Police Services Board in June 1996.

He received his secondary education at St. Mary's College in Brockville, Ontario, post-secondary education at St. Alphonsus Seminary in Woodstock, Ontario where he majored in Philosophy and the University of Waterloo with emphasis on Economic Development.

The American Industrial Developers Association awarded Mr. Nicol with the Certified Industrial Developers Certificate for proficiency in the area of economic development. He also holds an Economic Development Diploma from the Department of Environmental Studies at the University of Waterloo.

Mr. Nicol's contribution to the field of economic development also encompassed authorship of papers regarding this topic. Two of which are: St. Catherines, Ontario "Optimum Growth Achieved Through Economic Factors", 1973- University of Waterloo and "Economic Benefits of the Oshawa Municipal Airport to the Region of Durham", 1980 - University of Waterloo. Mr. Nicol also co-authored "Local Area Initiatives on Economic Development in Ontario" (Papers in Canadian Economic Development) University of Waterloo, Volume 1, 1987.

Mr. Nicol has a broad knowledge of local and regional issues having served on many boards such as the school board, Oshawa's first Board of Control and the Board of Directors for the Oshawa Business and Industrial Commission. Mr. Nicol was an adviser for over a decade to the Oshawa Chamber of Commerce and a founding member of the Durham Region Manufacturer's Association.

In 1968 Mr. Nicol became the Industrial Commissioner for the City of Oshawa. With the formation of the Regional Government in 1974 he moved to Regional Headquarters as Director of the Regional Economic Development Department. Mr. Nicol worked in this occupation for 10 years upon which time he returned to the City of Oshawa as the Director of Economic Development until his retirement.

Prior to his retirement in 1995 Mr. Nicol was a dedicated member of the Ontario Economic Developers Council. During his career he served as the President of the Economic Developers Association of Canada with a compliment of some 300 economic practitioners from coast to coast.

Mr. Nicol, a widower, is a lifelong resident of the City of Oshawa. He has two sons, Michael, a lawyer and political advisor to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for Ontario and Mark, an Eastern Ontario sales manager for Merck Frost Canada based in Oshawa.