

Biography:

Daniel Burns

Daniel Burns, a longtime senior public servant, retired from the position of Deputy Minister at the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care at the end of January 2002. He is a trustee of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and of the Maytree Foundation, teaches and consults in public policy and public administration.

He was appointed Deputy Minister of Health and Long-Term Care in February 2000, and was responsible for the largest health system in Canada, with a budget of almost \$22 billion. As the most senior executive in the ministry, Mr. Burns assumed a demanding, pivotal role in reshaping our health system to ensure quality, accessible services for every Ontarian in the right place, at the right time, and at every stage of his or her life.

The ministry oversees and manages a comprehensive range of health activities, including hospitals and long-term care centres, the Ontario Health Insurance Plan, Community Care Access Centres, public health and emergency health services. The Deputy and his ministry are also responsible for developing health policies, strategic planning and evaluating the health system.

From June 1999 to March 2000, Mr. Burns was Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade. From June 1998 to June 1999, he was Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economic Development Trade and Tourism. During his tenure, he was instrumental in helping the ministry involve itself in numerous attractions and services, which increased economic development and expanded trade for Ontario's business community. Mr. Burns was also a Director of the Canadian Tourism Commission; Chair of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Immigrant Investor Corporation; a member of the Board of Directors of Ontario Place, and a member of the Board of the Ontario Research and Development Challenge Fund. From 1998 to 2001 he was a member of the board of directors of the Ontario Realty Corporation.

From June 1995 to June 1998, Mr. Burns was Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. He was also Chair of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Mortgage Corporation and of the North Pickering Development Corporation. From September 1991 to June 1995, he was Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Housing. During this period he served terms as a director of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust and the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

Mr. Burns has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Institute for Health Information and of the Board of the Board of Directors of Canada Health Infoway Inc.

Born in Ottawa, he received his B.A. in Geography and Economics from Queen's University, and his M.Sc. in Urban and Regional Planning from the London School of Economics.

In 1971, he worked with the Federal Low Income Housing Task Force and then worked for three years with the Ontario Social Development Council.

In 1975, he joined the City of Toronto's Planning Board. Mr. Burns was appointed Director of Neighbourhood Planning in 1978. His responsibilities included development control, social planning and neighbourhood improvement.

In 1984, He became Director of the Central Core and Waterfront Division and was responsible for planning and development control in Toronto's downtown area, and for planning issues related to urban design, heritage preservation, the railway lands and the Skydome.

In 1988, Mr. Burns was appointed Commissioner of Housing for the City of Toronto. He was responsible for the city's non-profit housing company, Cityhome, plus its residential land development program.

From 1990 until 2002 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Queen's University and is still the chair of the board's standing committee on campus planning and development. He is also a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.

He has also served on the Boards of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, the United Way of Greater Toronto and the Metro Toronto Community Foundation.