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Neil Yeates is a former Federal and Provincial Deputy Minister whose career spanned more than 30 years in the Government of Canada and in the Government of Saskatchewan.

Graduating from Queen's University, Neil began his career as a policy analyst with the Saskatchewan Department of Health, eventually serving as the Associate Deputy Minister. He worked for a number of years in Saskatchewan Social Services and later became the Deputy Minister in Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training. He also served at that capacity in the then newly-formed Department of Corrections and Public Safety.

During this time, Neil obtained an MA in Political Science at the University of Regina.



Moving to the Government of Canada in Ottawa in 2004, Neil worked in Industry Canada and Health Canada as an Assistant Deputy Minister, Indian and Northern Affairs, as the Associate Deputy Minister and, lastly, served for four years as the Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Neil has had a lifelong interest in accountability regimes, planning, the role of the public service and in human capital. He currently serves on several boards and committees and is active with the the C.D. Howe Institute, Travel Alberta, Bow Valley College (Calgary), Akita Drilling (Calgary) and the Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

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