

Dr. Andrew Panko, PhD., PGeo.

Andy Panko is a Niagara-based business owner and licensed Professional Geologist, with 28 years experience in the environmental consulting, remediation and development industries. He received his BSc. in geology at Brock University, MSc. in earth science at the University of Waterloo and PhD. in geological sciences at McMaster University. Dr. Panko is a founding partner in Associated Brownfields Inc., which is acquiring and remediating a number of former industrial sites in Southern Ontario, and converting these to residential use. He is currently on the Board of Meridian Credit Union and the St. Catharines-Thorold Chamber of Commerce. He is Immediate Past Board Chair of Niagara Regional Broadband Network (a fibre optic system that connects all schools and hospitals in Niagara) and a Past President of the Niagara Falls Rotary Club. He is Past Chair of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Foundation, Niagara Falls Hydro, Niagara Falls Chamber of Commerce, Brock University Alumni Association, Niagara Division of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association, United Way, Niagara Bruce Trail Club, and Niagara-on-the-Lake Landfill Public Liaison Committee. Of his 9 years on the Brock University Board of Trustees, he was Vice-Chair for 3 years. He is currently Chair of Judges for the Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, having won the Technical Division in 1995. He has also won, with a partner, several awards for business, including finalist in the National Post's 50 Best Managed Private Canadian Companies, Profit Magazines 4th Fastest Growing Company in Canada, and the Niagara Falls Business of the Year Award. He was recently a Brock University Distinguished Alumnus of the Year and last year he was named a University of Waterloo Alumni of Honour, and St. Catharines-Thorold Chamber of Commerce Entrepreneur of the Year. He also farms 6 acres of vinifera grapes on the St. Davids Bench in Niagara.

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