

### **Brock Dickinson, MA, Ec.D (F)**

Brock Dickinson is a Principal with Millier Dickinson Blais, Canada's largest specialist economic development consultancy, where he works with companies and communities across North America and around the world to accomplish their economic growth and development goals. In September of 2010, Millier Dickinson Blais was named to Profit Magazine's "Hot 50" list of Canada's fastest growing young companies.

Before entering the private sector, Brock served as Director of ICT & Advanced Manufacturing for the Toronto Region Research Alliance, as Director of Economic Development & Tourism Services for the City of St. Catharines, and as Executive Director of the Western Valley Development Authority in rural Nova Scotia. In these roles, he has helped to leverage more than a billion dollars in new investment, and the creation of 5,000 new jobs.

Before entering the field of local economic development, Brock spent six years as a consultant with the United Nations, coordinating development projects in more than 30 countries. In 1995, he was appointed Secretary-General of a UN development conference, the youngest Secretary-General in UN history.

A widely published writer and popular public speaker, Brock is Assistant Director of the University of Waterloo's Economic Development Program, and a member of the Advisory Committee of the University at Buffalo's Institute for Transnational Studies. Brock has a BA from the University of North Carolina and a Master's degree in International Relations from Brock University, where his research focused on global economic development best practices. He has also studied at Queen's University and the French-language Université Sainte-Anne.

He and his firm have been involved in the development of many industrial lands projects, including projects in Moncton (NB), Brighton (ON), Halton Region (ON), Rocky View County (AB), Strathcona County (AB) and Bulkley-Nechako (BC).

Originally from Digby County, Nova Scotia, he now lives in the Niagara Region of Ontario with his wife Krstina, son Spencer (age 9) and daughter Morgan (age 7).

### **Jamie Vann Struth Vann Struth Consulting**

Jamie is a professional economist with 16 years consulting experience who specializes in economic development, economic impact analysis, and municipal financial sustainability.

His projects are known for strong quantitative analysis that serves as the foundation for strategy development, trend analysis and forecasting. He has prepared many economic development strategies, investment targeting projects, community profiles, business retention and expansion projects and regional economic analysis projects for communities and regions throughout British Columbia.

Jamie completed an MA in Economics at Simon Fraser University in 1997. He is a member of the Canadian Association of Business Economists (CABE), the Association of Professional Economists of British Columbia (APEBC), the Economic Developers Association of Canada (EDAC) and the British Columbia Economic Development Association (BCEDA).

He is a regular instructor at the Western Canada Economic Development Course and an occasional faculty member in the School of Business at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT).