

# Brad Ashley Donovan

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# SUMMARY

Tenacious diplomat, fund-raiser, negotiator, proven multi-lateral support capabilities. Areas of focus are structured finance and banking, community economic development, international finance, project management, real estate development, energy / power, sustainability and environment, fine art, security, intelligence, peacemaking. Fluent in English, French, Spanish with additional partial language capabilities.

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# EDUCATION

"I have had an incredible education, primarily with all the people I have met at all levels of society around the globe."

- Doctorate Congress of Mexico (Honourary) - National University of Mexico), 2017
- Doctorate Senate of Mexico (Honourary) - Cambridge University, 2014
- Masters of Business Administration (MBA) Community Economic Development - Cape Breton University (thesis pending), 2002
- Commerce Degree (Honours) - Dalhousie University, 2000
- Jonkoping, Sweden - International Business Certificate, 1999
- Young Leaders Program - The Washington Center (Scholarship Ford Foundation), 1998

# EXPERIENCE

- **Houston International Chamber of Commerce**

Executive Director for Canada

2019 - Present

- **ArkLight Energy Consulting**

President & CEO

2017 to Present

- **Freedoms Light**

President & CEO

2019 to Present

- **State of SCNRFP (*Cherokee Nation*)**

Minister of Protocol

2017 to present

Sovereign nation of Cherokee recognized globally, honoured to be Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Protocol for the nation engaging protocol directors of treaty nations.

- **Honourary Consul General of Iceland (*Retired*)**

Mexico

2013 - 2020

- **Eagle Eye Environmental**

President & CEO

2017 to Present

- **Energy Security of Mexico**

President & CEO

2017 to Present

- **Icelandic institute of Mexico**

President 2017 to Present

- **Space and Aerospace Foundation of Mexico**

President / 2019 to Present

Facilitating the foundation and growth of Mexico's Space Agency, the launch of Mexican Satellites, the construction together with the Secretary of Defense of Mexico of Mexico's First Space Center, collaboration with NASA; fundraising, scholarships, academic exchanges and organization of the first Conference of International Space Agencies in Mexico.

- **SeaCan Enterprises**

Director, VP 2020 to Present

SeaCan is a trading company based in Halifax, Seattle and Guadalajara. It focuses on import/export opportunities within the NAFTA sphere.

- **Embassy of Canada Washington, DC**

Public Affairs 1997-98

- **Beyond Pyramids**

Egypt / National Film board of Canada 1997

Led an 8-person delegation for 100 days throughout Egypt designed to help Canadians understand cultural and environmental implications of foreign tourism in Egypt. Documented and fostered peace between Israelis and Arabs, as well as eco-tourism and protection of ancient ruins.

- **Canada World Youth**

Youth Leader / Quebec and Tunisia 1995 - 1996

8-month program fostering volunteer organizations for communities, cultural exchange and community work building bridges of human understanding.

- **Chief Financial Officer Canadian Federation of Students /  
Board of Governors Cape Breton University**

CFO / Governor 2000 - 2002

Ensuring proper financial operations for the Students Union of Canada. Executive committees of the Board of Governors of the University.



# Awards and Acknowledgements

- **Medal for Honour, Science and Peace, Senate of Mexico**

Awarded 2019 to Royalty, Ambassadors, Ministers of Government, Religious Leaders, Celebrities and generally Celebrating Human Excellence, I humbly received this award in the Senate.

- **33rd Degree Freemason**

General Inspector of the Order, Awarded by the Supreme Council of North, Center and South of Mexico of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, at Real del Monte Hidalgo, Mexico, November 12th, 2022.

- **Scholarship / Tompkins Institute**

Masters of Business Administration full scholarship, coursework completed, thesis pending – suggested theme is The Gambian Canadian collaboration on Community Economic Development.

- **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)**

Participation in case studies documentation in Community Economic Development with a special focus on cooperatives and community economic development corporations.

- **Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP)**

Various Industry Canada grants for the creation of software, multimedia platforms, innovation incubator, job creation.



- **Scholarship / Ford Foundation**

6 month youth leadership forum and training for North American young leaders focusing on economic development and peace at The Washington Center.

- **Canadian International Development Agency**

Participation in sourcing of finding and implementation of community assets such as wells, schools, and other support for vulnerable communities in Africa.

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## References available upon request:

- Ambassador Dr. Neil Parsan, Washington, DC
- Reggie Gray, President Houston International Chamber of Commerce
- Arturo Fontes, Former FBI Director, Mexico
- Kirk Seeley, Former DEA Bureau Chief, Mexico
- Richard Marshall, Esq. NSA Cyber Security Director for the last 5 Presidents of the USA
- Guillermo Castro, Deputy Director, Mexico Space Agency
- Kristjan Ingvarsson, Consul General of Iceland, Orlando, USA