

**John C. Crosbie Award for Outstanding Contribution
Margot Bruce-O'Connell
2024**



Margot Bruce-O'Connell was the Public and Government Affairs Manager and Vice President for ExxonMobil Canada until her retirement in June 2024. She provided support on behalf of ExxonMobil for the following projects: Hibernia and Hebron in Newfoundland and Labrador and Sable in Nova Scotia. She also supported the company's offshore exploration activity.

Margot started working with ExxonMobil Canada in 2000 as a Senior Public Affairs Advisor. She was a member of the leadership team and was responsible for community, government, and media relations.

From 1990 to 2000, she was the Director of Communications for the Workplace Health Safety and Compensation Commission in St. John's. Margot also worked in communications and in the media; she reported for CBC TV and Decks Awash magazine.

Margot holds a Master of Public Relations degree (2015) from Mount Saint Vincent University, a Bachelor of Journalism (1986) from the University of King's College and a Bachelor of Arts degree (English/Political Science - 1985) from Memorial University. Margot has also completed public affairs training through the University of Texas at Austin and leadership training at the Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University.

Margot is married to Brian O'Connell, and they have four adult children. In her free time, she likes to be outdoors, hiking, biking, swimming, snow shoeing and entertaining friends

and family. In 2023, Margot was named one of Atlantic Canada's 25 Most Powerful Women in Business by Atlantic Business Magazine.