



NB Power passes baton to a new leader

Keith Cronkhite appointed new president and CEO, taking over for Gaëtan Thomas

From one New Brunswicker to another.

On March 30, New Brunswick Power (NB Power) announced the appointment of Keith Cronkhite as its new president and CEO, replacing the retiring Gaëtan Thomas, who held the leadership role for the last decade at the CANDU utility. Cronkhite and Thomas are both New Brunswick natives and lifelong residents of the province.

Cronkhite is an energy expert with more than 30 years of industry experience. He has held positions of increasing responsibility within NB Power operations and corporate, including his most recent role of SVP, Business Development and Strategic Planning.

Cronkhite has a bachelor of business administration from the University of New Brunswick and completed the reactor technology course for utility executives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He holds an ICD.D with the Institute of Corporate Directors and is a board member on the Energy Council of Canada as well as the Atlantica Centre for Energy. He is also a member of the Canadian Standards Association Technical Committee.

Cronkhite's appointment came following Thomas' decision to retire after a 38-year career at NB Power in which he advanced nuclear energy in many ways through his different roles. Before his tenure as NB Power's president and CEO, he held the role of Chief Nuclear Officer and VP, Nuclear. In 2018, he was also appointed as the Chairman of the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO)-Atlanta Centre Regional Governing Board.

In recent years, Thomas, a long-time COG collaborator, was instrumental in positioning NB Power as a leader in the development and deployment of small modular reactors (SMRs). He

also worked with the New Brunswick Government to encourage investment in SMR technology.

In June, Thomas was recognized with the Ian McRae Award, presented by the Canadian Nuclear Society (CNS) and Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA), to recognize leadership excellence in the advancement of nuclear energy in Canada.

Cronkhite takes the reigns of NB Power in a milestone year. NB Power is celebrating its 100th anniversary, having been formed by an act of the New Brunswick provincial legislature in 1920.

Read more about Cronkhite's appointment [here](#).

Read more about Thomas' nuclear career achievements [here](#).



From left: Gaëtan Thomas, recently-retired former NB Power President and CEO and Keith Cronkhite, who took over for Thomas on April 1. The lifelong New Brunswickers, combined, possess nearly 70 years of electricity-sector experience with NB Power.