

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **Ken Knox, Chair of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency**



**Ken had a 27-year career in the Ontario Government as Deputy Minister, Energy, Science and Technology, Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Food, Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Food. He retired in 2000.**

**Post retirement, Ken was involved in many innovative start-ups in the non-for-profit arena. Included were MaRs (a convergence hub in Toronto); Cancer Research Institute of Ontario; Ontario Brain institute and the Vineland Research Centre. Ken became involved in doing strategic reviews for the federal government, a role that culminated in him being asked to chair the Canadian Food Inspection Agencies Audit Committee over the past 7 years.**

**Recently, Ken has played an important role in identifying collaborative challenges in Science and Technology in the Government of Canada. In May of 2015, Ken was appointed as Chair of the Science, Technology and Innovation Council (STIC). The STIC is an independent advisory body mandated by the Government of Canada to provide confidential advice on science, technology and innovation policy issues. STIC is also mandated to produce biennial, public State of the Nation reports that benchmark Canada's science, technology and innovation performance against international standards of excellence. These reports provide a common evidence base for understanding Canada's science, technology and innovation system.**