



Giles Gherson
Deputy Minister
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**Ministry of Economic Development,
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Giles Gherson was appointed Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Research and Innovation and the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure on September 2, 2014. This appointment is his fourth deputy minister role since joining the Government of Ontario in 2007.

Following a career in journalism spanning more than 20 years, Deputy Gherson's first appointment was Deputy Minister of Communications and Associate Secretary of the Cabinet. In this capacity he led the modernization of government communications that resulted in an overhaul of how government communicates with the media including the establishment of Ontario's online Newsroom. He was also a leading force in introducing social media in government communications.

In July 2008, Gherson was appointed Deputy Minister of Policy and Delivery, Associate Secretary of the Cabinet. In this role, he advised on major policy initiatives ranging from early childhood education to energy conservation. He became Deputy Minister of Government and Consumer Services in November 2011 where he oversaw a significant policy and legislative agenda. He helped pioneer an innovative and highly participatory public engagement approach to policy development.

Prior to joining the Ontario government, Gherson was editor-in-chief of the Toronto Star, editor of the Globe and Mail's Report on Business, editor-in-chief of the Edmonton Journal and editor-in-chief of the Southam News Service. His journalism career also included being a political editor of the National Post and a national political columnist for Southam's newspaper chain, the Globe and Mail, the Financial Times of Canada and being the Washington Bureau chief for the Financial Post.

During the mid-1990s, Gherson took a two-year sabbatical from journalism to serve as principal secretary for social security reform in the federal Department of Human Resources Development.