



To recognize “significant advances and achievements in financial markets, public policy or science and technology which promote action on climate change and sustainable development.”

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- Artwork by renowned Canadian sculptor Colin Gibson
- Embodying the themes of innovation and sustainable development
- Commissioned by The Probyn Group™ and donated for APPrO's use



Robert and Willis McLeese Winners of the 2011 Probyn Prize



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The McLeese's pushed the limits of the sector and cut pathways for new kinds of development that benefitted both consumers and the environment. They:

Found ways to make use of difficult fuels, in some cases byproducts that would have otherwise gone to waste

Helped to break down the monopoly of powerful incumbent utilities

Assisted players in the financial community to understand the sector well enough to facilitate categories of investments that would have previously been nearly impossible to fund

Working with local communities and industry associations to build positive relationships

All while producing benefits to the environment through energy efficiency, waste recovery, renewable energy and site remediation

Significant examples of work by Access Capital

Advised and/or assisted the financing of:

- Cobalt Power (hydro)
- Potter Station (waste heat recovery and gas fired)
- West Windsor (gas fired cogen)
- Long Sault (hydro)
- A 500 MW combined cycle project in the UK
- The acquisition of a 25% interest in Kingston Cogen by Northland Power
- Was the #3 solar integrator in California in 2003 and 2004

Developed and/or acquired and optimized several power projects including:

- Colmac Energy, a 47 MW biomass plant near Mecca California

The McLeese's role in industry associations and policy-making

Early members of the Independent Power Producers' Society of Ontario (IPPSO)

Rob has served on the APPrO Board of Directors for more than 15 years

He has been a volunteer Director or Chair of:

- The Ontario Center of Excellence for Energy
- The Toronto Atmospheric Fund
- Upper Canada College's Energy & Environment Advisory Group

Served on the Toronto Board of Trade's Electricity Task Force, as both Chair and Vice Chair

Contributed to initiatives as diverse as APPrO's position on the Ontario electricity market design, Renewable Portfolio Standards, and its recommendations on Ontario's Green Energy Act

Beneficiary of the 2011 Probyn Prize

- The Georgian Riding Association for Challenged Equestrians, or GRACE
- A remarkable project that helps those who are physically, mentally or emotionally challenged to move forward and improve the quality of their life, through the interaction with horses
- Selected by Rob McLeese to be the beneficiary of the 2011 Probyn Prize
- Will receive a donation of \$10,000

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