

Geoff Cape

Geoff is the founder of Evergreen and has been its Executive Director since its inception in 1990. Under Geoff's leadership, Evergreen, as a Canadian charity, has grown to include over 75 staff and offices in Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver. Evergreen is focused on the idea of integrating nature in urban design and is currently leading the redevelopment of the historic Toronto Brick Works (www.brickworks.ca) as an international centre for the sustainable cities with over 200,000 square feet of buildings and 41 acres of restored industrial quarry lands in the heart of the city.

Geoff attended Trinity College School, Queen's University (Bachelor of Arts) and McGill University (Masters of Management). Geoff is an author and public speaker on urban space planning and themes related to social innovation. Geoff is a founding member of the World Entrepreneurship Forum Evian, and a participant at the World Economic Forum, Davos. Geoff is founding Chair of the Sustainability Institute, a Board member Parc Downsview Park, the Lake Ontario Park Steering Committee, Premier's Round Table on Voluntary Action, and the Creative Cities Leadership Group.

Geoff has been recognized as one of Canada's "Top 40 under 40", an "Ashoka Fellow", winner of the Peter F. Drucker Award, and the Governor General's "Golden Jubilee Medal" for significant contributions to the building of a fair and just Canadian society. In 2007 Geoff was awarded "Canadian Social Entrepreneur of the Year" by the Schwab Foundation.

Geoff lives (and cycles daily) in Toronto with his wife Valerie Laflamme and their three young sons, Thomas, Benjamin and Sebastien.