

Pierre Rivard

Pierre Rivard has been a champion of cleaner and renewable energy technologies for two decades, and a passionate crusader serving and developing Canada's energy technology industry. In recent years, he has served as a board member, angel investor, advisor, philanthropist, and/or CEO for a number of innovative companies in California, Canada, and Québec, in wind, small-scale LNG, flywheels, electric vehicles, energy storage, solar, water treatment, fuel cells and electrolysers. He has also chaired national and regional industry and research associations.

Mr. Rivard's successes include the launch and IPO of NASDAQ-listed fuel cell company Hydrogenics (HYGS), that he served as founding President & CEO and later as Executive Chairman. At Hydrogenics, he built an award winning high performance team that was recognized as leading Canada's fastest growing company in 2003 (#1 on Profit 100 List, Deloitte Fast 50 x3, Mississauga Exporter of the Year, Davos Economic Forum World Tech Pioneer, E&Y Finalist for Entrepreneur of the Year, Corporate Knights' Top 10 Cleantech, Red Herring 50, among others). He also pioneered the Hydrogen Village initiative in Toronto, including the CNE's hydrogen refuelling station and electric vehicles (hydrogen fuel cells) at the foot of North America's first urban wind tower.

Presently, Mr. Rivard serves as the President & CEO of TUGLIQ Energy Co., dedicated to energy diversification of Northern mining sites through small-scale LNG Liquid Natural Gas, renewable energy and innovative storage technologies, including hydrogen systems. Previously, he led MAGENN Power Inc, an innovative wind energy technology company based at NASA Ames Research Park, Silicon Valley, California. During his career, Mr. Rivard has structured and executed complex transactions (\$150M in 4 CleanTech M&A merger and acquisitions or divestitures), equity financing (\$140M raised in CleanTech, including IPO), and strategic alliances with global companies (General Motors). Prior to his business career, Mr. Rivard served as an officer aerospace engineer in the Canadian Air Force.

Mr. Rivard holds a Doctorate of Engineering from the University of Toronto (Honoris Causa, for lifetime achievements in CleanTech), an MBA from the University of Western Ontario's Ivey School of Business, Masters of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Toronto, and a Baccalaureate in Mechanical Engineering from Kingston's Royal Military College of Canada. He is a Professional Engineer licensed in California (NSPE #300030880), Ontario (#39063011) and Québec (#38622).

Pierre Rivard is married to Catherine Paquet, a Cisco Press author, internet network architect, and Cisco seminar presenter. Pierre Rivard is the father of Laurence and Simon, and the happy breeder of one rescue dog and a labrador retriever. He is active in education and environmental charity initiatives, and has established scholarships at 3 universities. He enjoys wilderness camping and canoeing.