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Michael Skinner is known as a leader, visionary, highly respected entrepreneur and author.

Michael is on leave from his job as President and CEO of the Innovation Cluster which supports innovative entrepreneurs in the formation and growth of technology-driven companies. Focusing on four key sectors, Cleantech, Agriculture Tech, Healthcare and Digital technology, the Innovation Cluster's dynamic programming ensures that start-ups find their best path to market. The Innovation Cluster operates The Cube, Peterborough's two full service business incubators located at Trent University and in downtown Peterborough.

Michael Skinner was the 2011 Peterborough Chamber of Commerce Business Citizen of the Year, a member between 2015-2018 of Peterborough's 20 Most Influential People list and a 2017 inductee into the Junior Achievement Peterborough, Business Hall of Fame.

Previously, Michael was the Chief Strategy Officer of Rain-Maker World Wide Inc. an organization with the purpose of developing innovative technology solutions that would produce clean water for communities in need. In 2001, he

founded Operitel Corporation, a learning software development company that he expanded worldwide before being sold to OpenText in 2011.

Michael Skinner was also the Federal Conservative Candidate in the 2015 election.

Michael co-authoring a chapter found in a "Plan to Learn: Case studies in eLearning Project Management" and "eLearning Project Management: Canadian Perspective" as well as many other whitepapers.

Michael has current roles on several boards and committees including:

- Director of the Peterborough Regional Angel Network (2010 – Present)
- Chair of the Advancement of Water and Wastewater Technologies (CAWT) advisory board (2016 - Present)
- Founding Member of StartUP Peterborough. (2015 – Present)
- Vice Chair of the Peterborough Agriculture Society (2015 – Present)
- Advisory Chair of Carbon Control Systems (2017 – Present)

Michael believes in action over words and that following through on ambitions – whether they are based on personal, business, or community ambitions – requires leadership to ensure that they are a success.