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Sandy Manners

Biography

Sandy Manners is an award-winning senior communications professional with extensive experience in the energy and utilities sector. She joined the local electricity distribution company, Guelph Hydro Inc., in 2010 as Director of Corporate Communications after working at Horizon Utilities in Hamilton for four years in the same capacity. Prior to that, she handled strategic communications for 16 years for Westinghouse Canada's Power Generation Division, which merged with Siemens in 1998 to become Siemens Westinghouse.

Sandy has taught Issues and Crisis Communications Planning at McMaster University and is past-chair of the Communicators' Council of the Electricity Distributors Association. Her latest achievement is writing and producing Guelph Hydro's first Sustainability Report which enhanced Guelph Hydro's reputation in the industry and resulted in Guelph Hydro being named Large Company of the Year by the Ontario Energy Association in 2011.

However, of most interest to this audience is the fact that in 2003, during her time at Westinghouse, she authored the book entitled *Westinghouse / Siemens Westinghouse – 100 Years in Canada*. This book was distributed to 4,200 retirees and employees of Westinghouse and Siemens Westinghouse and was subsequently honoured with awards by the Canadian Public Relations Society and the International Association of Business Communicators.

Sandy will be providing us with highlights of Westinghouse's 100-year history in her presentation tonight. For those interested in reading the book, copies are available through your local public library.