

David Phillips is a senior climatologist for Environment Canada and a spokesperson for the Meteorological Service of Canada. The *Toronto Star* (A. Dempsey Jan 17, 2016) writes of Mr. Phillips that 'there is no one more quoted on Canadian weather and no one more quotable'. He handles more than 500 media requests a year, including frequent appearances on national television. He has been in numerous segments of the Weather Network's 'Ask the Expert' and has made regular contributions to the 'WeatherWise' column in *Canadian Geographic*. He is the author of several books that popularize the science of climate and weather, including *Climates of Canada* (Environment Canada, 1990), *The Day Niagara Falls Ran Dry* (Key Porter Books, 1993) and *Blame it on the Weather* (Key Porter Books, 1998). He also created the *Canadian Weather Trivia Calendar* that was first published in 1988.

Mr. Phillips received his Bachelor's degree from the Department of Geography at the University of Windsor (1966) and a Master's degree from the Department of Geography at the University of Toronto (1971). Shortly after graduation from Windsor, he joined the Atmospheric Environment Service (later the Meteorological Service of Canada).

Mr. Phillips has twice received the Public Service Merit Award from the Canadian government, and has received numerous other honours, including the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, the Camsell Medal from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, the Paterson Medal for Distinguished Service to Meteorology in Canada, and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. In 2001, he was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada. He is the recipient of honorary degrees from the University of Waterloo (2004) and Nipissing University (2007) and is a Fellow of both the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographical Society and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

David Phillips' outstanding career in climatology and in promoting the public understanding of weather and climate makes him a truly deserving recipient of the Canadian Association of Geographers' *Award for Geography in the Service of Government or Business*.