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As President and Co-Founder of NewFields Canada Inc., Leon Botham is an award-winning engineer, keynote speaker, and leadership mentor. With a background in geotechnical engineering and entrepreneurship, he has guided projects and grown teams in over 40 countries. Building on over 35 years of experience in the mining and consulting industries, Leon is a passionate advocate for sustainability, dedicating his career to progressing the engineering community, and mentoring young professionals to profoundly impact our planet.

A former chair of ACEC-Canada and ACEC-SK, as well as past president of APEGS, Leon vigorously supports the development of up-and-coming engineers. He was instrumental in creating the Brian Eckel Memorial Scholarship and the Allen D. Williams Scholarship awards, and connects with young engineers through his guest lectures at the University of Saskatchewan. Widely recognized as a leader in his field, Leon has been formally recognized by APEGS with the Brian Eckel Distinguished Service Award and by ACEC-Canada with the Beaubien Award for lifetime contribution to the consulting engineering industry. With a reputation for tackling what others could and would not, he continues to contribute to national and international Independent Technical Review Boards for tailings management as well as participating on the Mining Association of Canada Tailings Working Group.

