



**Stephen Kerr**

Stephen Kerr is a dynamic, accomplished business and community leader who has extensive hands-on strategic and management experience in a diverse array of established and start-up for-profit, not-for-profit, and government businesses.

He has farmed dairy cows in Bermuda and Vermont, created an economic development and marketing arm for an old-line agricultural regulatory agency, developed answers regarding thorny agricultural problems for the U.S. Congress, helped a number of agricultural businesses align their businesses with market and political realities, transformed the product line and marketing of an animal genetics firm as its CEO, had enacted critical water quality, GMO, and organic legislation as a Cabinet Minister in Vermont, and now leads a Regional Development Agency in Nova Scotia. In that capacity, Stephen and his team discover and develop innovative ideas that promote the prosperity of Kings County through collaborative local initiatives. His macroeconomic perspective acknowledges the conventional wisdom of traditional GDP thinking but emphasizes the broader perspective that GNH/GPI thinking offers as a construct for seeing opportunity and measuring success.

Stephen degrees in geography and agronomy and is a carpenter/plumber/electrician, a writer, a runner, and a lover of Nova Scotia, its people and its prospects.