



Chris Pelham

- Director of the Acadia Centre for Social & Business Entrepreneurship (ACSBE). This university based business development centre is an affiliate of Acadia University. Its function is the development and delivery of entrepreneurial and small business development programming at Acadia University and the central southwest region of Nova Scotia.
- Head of APEC-IBIZ (Canada). APEC-IBIZ is an international certification program for small business counsellors endorsed by Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation and Industry Canada.

Chris has in excess of twenty-five years of community development and business advisory experience. This experience has been gained as Development Officer for the City of Halifax, National Property Director of the Heritage Canada Foundation, Executive Director of the Windsor BIDC, Windsor West Hants Business Development Centre, and the Acadia Centre for Social & Business Entrepreneurship.

Chris holds a degree in Marketing and Finance from Saint Mary's University and a certificate in Adult Training from Acadia University and a certificate in Competency-Based Education from Holland College.

The Acadia Centre for Social & Business Entrepreneurship has been designing and delivering training and counselling to existing and would-be entrepreneurs for 15 years to in excess of 5,000 clients. The Centre's competency based and personal approach has been adopted by the Nova Scotia Community College system, Canadian Institute for Small Business Counsellors, APEC-IBIZ , Acadia University and its materials and tools are used by many local counselling agencies.

As an entrepreneur Chris has owned or owns small businesses in retail, construction, real estate, professional services, and agriculture.

Chris is Chairman of the Professional Standards Committee and Vice-chair of the Coordinating Council for APEC-IBIZ, a Director of the Canadian Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (CCSBE) and provides administrative and secretariat services to CCSBE.

Chris is an avid sailor and is proud to have built and sails his own 29-foot traditional Tancook schooner.

Entrepreneurship at Acadia University emphasizes the holistic approach to entrepreneurial decision making including responsibility for social, community, and environmental stewardship.