

2020 Award of Merit Recipient

G. Rymal (Ry) Smith,
P. Eng.



In recognition of outstanding leadership, strong technical knowledge, and relentless championship of alternative energy vehicle standards

Reliable, diligent, and a well-respected leader with long-standing membership and participation of over 28 years, Ry Smith has freely given his time to help develop CSA Group's suite of alternative fuel vehicle standards in both Canada and the U.S. Ry currently chairs the new Transportation Strategic Steering Committee (TSSC) and the B108 Technical Subcommittee on NGV refueling stations installation code. Ry is actively involved on nine additional CSA Group advisory councils, committees and technical subcommittees.

As a chair, Ry uses his experience and diplomacy to resolve issues and conflicts, promoting collaboration and cooperation in reaching solutions that improve the quality of the codes and standards being developed. His leadership and understanding of the role of standards has directly and positively impacted the regulatory environment and promoted the safety of products in an evolving and expanding market.

Ry is highly experienced in issues related to vehicle refueling stations for multiple fuels. He also shares this knowledge as a mentor for those new to industry and standards development, ensuring the sustainability of the alternative energy vehicles program. His early leadership and enthusiasm, along with technical expertise, has contributed to a wider acceptance of the alternative fuels market in North America. This, in turn, contributes to North American energy independence and has a positive impact on the environment.

Ry is unquestionably acknowledged as an expert throughout North America, and he continually demonstrates tremendous energy and passion for standards development.

As Partner/Owner of Change Energy Services Inc, Ry Smith brings over 29 years of comprehensive expertise in projects developing and implementing CNG, LNG, and hydrogen fueling opportunities and solutions. Mr. Smith is a Professional Engineer in the Provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland.