



Peter Mansbridge to speak at the Seventh Annual R.P. Vickerstaff Insurance Industry Dinner

Peter Mansbridge is the man behind the voice that has informed millions of Canadians about national and international events. Hailed as the ‘daily voice of a nation’, Peter is the Anchor of CBC’s *The National*, chief correspondent of CBC Television News, host of *Mansbridge* and one of Canada’s greatest broadcast journalists.

A British-born Canadian, Peter received his start in the broadcasting industry while working as a luggage boy at Churchill Airport in Churchill, Manitoba in 1968. Upon making a flight announcement, a radio executive heard his voice and recruited him to work for a local radio station. He joined CBC Radio in Churchill and Winnipeg, before making his foray into CBC Television in 1972. In three short years, he became a reporter for *The National* in Saskatchewan and, eventually, a substitute anchor for Knowlton Nash, who voluntarily gave up this position in order to secure what would later be known as a national treasure in broadcasting.

Since then, Peter has covered many of Canada’s most pivotal and transformative events, such as federal elections, the Meech Lake Accord, the Charlottetown Accord, the 1995 Quebec Referendum, the 1997 Manitoba floods and the ice storms in Ontario and Quebec in 1998.

In the studio, Mansbridge has anchored some of the most prominent world-events of our time: the Gulf War, the September 11 bombings, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the funerals of Princess Diana and Pope John Paul II, and the inauguration of President Barack Obama. He remains, in fact, the only CBC journalist ever to have a sit-down interview with a sitting President.

His accomplishments have not gone unrecognized. He was named an Officer of the Order of Canada, one of Canada’s highest civilian honours; he has been a Fellow at Yale; lectured at Oxford as a part of their distinguished speakers series; and has 12 Geminis under his belt. A grounded individual whose voice radiates warmth and humour,

Mansbridge commands authority and attention, combined with respect and comfort. His contribution to Canadian journalism in the last few decades is profound: not only in shaping the national landscape by telling the stories that define Canadian history, but also in helping Canadians understand their identity and celebrate their heritage

To add to the list of many remarkable and thought-provoking speakers in previous years, the Seventh Annual R.P Vickerstaff Insurance Industry Dinner is pleased to welcome Peter Mansbridge as its guest speaker!