

# DAVID W. DONOVAN

Executive Director | Programme Controls & Digital Transformation | Energy & Infrastructure Megaprojects

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Executive leader with 25+ years delivering programme controls, assurance, and data-driven reporting for capital programmes across energy, decarbonisation (CCS), nuclear, and utilities. Expert in establishing governance, baselines, and disciplined cost/schedule/risk/change control that supports robust commercial decisions and executive reporting (Primavera P6/EPPM, EcoSys, SAP, Power BI).

## SELECTED IMPACT (HIGHLIGHTS)

- Programme controls leadership across mega-projects up to ~C\$40B (LNG Canada) and ~£4B (NZT/NEP CCS and power).
- 20+ years building and leading a consulting practice delivering owner-side controls, digital PMO, and executive reporting.
- Enterprise deployment and integration of EcoSys + Primavera P6/EPPM + SAP + Power BI for cost/schedule/change governance.
- Director-level leadership across owner, EPC, and PMO environments; trusted adviser to senior stakeholders and partners.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

Programme / Project Controls (PMO, governance, assurance) • Planning & Scheduling (P6/EPPM, IMS, recovery) • Cost & Forecasting (EVM, trending, WBS/CBS)

Risk Management (ISO 31000; QRA/SRA support) • Change & Contract Administration (CR/CO workflows) • Executive Reporting & BI (Power BI automation) • Systems Integration (EcoSys/SAP/P6/Excel)

## SELECTED PROJECT PORTFOLIO (PUBLIC CAPEX ESTIMATES)

- LNG Canada (Shell-led JV, Kitimat, BC) — C\$40B project (public estimate); two-train Phase 1 widely reported at ~US\$31B.
- Carmon Creek SAGD (Shell, Peace River, AB) — estimated capital cost budget ~C\$4.45B (public estimate).
- Net Zero Teesside Power + Northern Endurance Partnership (bp/Equinor/TotalEnergies, UK) — ~£4B scale (public estimate) with c.£4B construction contract awards.
- Noel Tight Gas / Noel Major Project (BP Canada, NE BC) — ~C\$1.4B investment cited in public reporting.
- Pike Oil Sands (Devon/BP JV, AB) — estimated cost ~US\$3.8B (public estimate).
- Jackfish SAGD (Devon, AB) — Jackfish 3 phase capex ~US\$1.2B (public estimate).
- Syncrude UE-1 Upgrader Expansion (AB) — ~US\$963M project value cited in a published case study.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Turner & Townsend | Project Director – BP Net Zero Teesside (CCS & Power) | London, UK | 2025–Present

- Provide programme assurance and controls leadership across owner, PMC, and EPC stakeholders for a first-of-a-kind CCS and low-carbon power development.
- Maintain integrated cost/schedule/risk/change controls with traceability from work package to executive KPIs; drive early warnings and mitigations.
- Support commercial and supply-chain scrutiny under target-price and reimbursable contracting to protect value-for-money and reduce exposure to escalation.
- Lead digital reporting improvements (Power BI automation and controlled data pipelines) to increase transparency and auditability of weekly reporting.

### The Donovan Group | Managing Director (Founder) | Calgary, Canada / London, UK | 2004–Present

- Founded and led a project controls and digital delivery consultancy supporting Tier-1 energy and infrastructure clients across the full lifecycle.

- Directed EcoSys/P6/SAP integration and Power BI reporting programmes, improving governance, forecast discipline, and executive decision support.
- Established controls frameworks: WBS/CBS standards, progress measurement (rules of credit), baselines, change control, and risk management.

**TC Energy | Project Director (Consulting Engagement) | Calgary, Canada | 2019–2020**

- Led deployment of EcoSys and Power BI to standardise and automate project controls reporting across capital programmes.
- Integrated P6, EcoSys, SAP, and BI reporting; embedded procedures, training, and adoption support. Included cost, risk, and change reporting.

**Shell Canada | Project Director (Turnaround Reporting) | Edmonton, Canada | 2018–2019**

- Delivered Power BI dashboards enabling daily cost forecast reporting for a major turnaround, improving timeliness and decision-making. Incorporated risk and change visibility for leadership.
- Optimised interfaces between P6, SAP, and timekeeping systems to improve accuracy and reduce manual reporting effort.

**Bruce Power | Program Director (Project Controls Improvement) | Tiverton, Canada | 2017–2018**

- Directed programme-wide project controls improvement under nuclear safety and governance requirements, strengthening predictability of schedule and cost.
- Led cross-functional teams and stakeholder communication to resolve delivery issues and protect milestones.

**Devon Canada Corporation | Project Controls Director | Calgary, Canada | 2014–2017**

- Implemented EcoSys (cost) and Primavera EPPM (planning) integrated with SAP/BI tools, establishing modern end-to-end controls and reporting.
- Set stage-gate controls, planning standards, and audit routines to assure data integrity and reporting credibility. Included risk registers and change-control checkpoints.

**Shell Canada | Project Controls Director | Calgary, Canada | 2011–2014**

- Owned schedule progress updates, critical path/float analysis, and forecast trend reporting for major capital programmes. Included cost trending and change-impact reporting.
- Integrated contractor schedules and third-party deliverables into the integrated master schedule; enforced planning standards.
- Supported benchmarking and risk/schedule analysis inputs; maintained strong stakeholder relationships across the project team.

**BP Canada | Project Controls Director | Calgary, Canada | 2008–2011**

- Led integrated cost and schedule control against approved baselines; assessed impacts and drove recovery actions.
- Coordinated integrated planning across engineering, drilling/completions, facilities, and construction contractors (IMS). Included risk and change considerations.
- Facilitated interactive planning sessions and ensured alignment of contractor plans with owner reporting and governance.

**EARLIER CAREER (SELECTED)**

Project Controls Manager – Plains Midstream | Jacobs | Worley | KBR | United Utilities (UK).

**EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- MBA (Distinction), Trinity College Dublin (University of Dublin), 2023–2025
- HND, Civil Engineering, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), 1995–1997
- Project Management Institute (PMI) – Member | AACE International – Member | ASET – Member

**TOOLS**

Primavera P6/EPPM | Oracle EcoSys | SAP (interfaces/imports) | Power BI | Excel | progress measurement (rules of credit) | variance analysis | schedule & cost assurance