



Canadian Automated Vehicle Initiative

The CAVI TEAM

These are the members who are involved in the day to day CAVI activities.

Barrie Kirk P.Eng



Barrie is the President of CAVI and is well-known in the CAV ecosystem as a keynote speaker, broadcaster, and consultant. He has worked in the technology industries in Canada, the U.K., and the U.S., including senior positions in Ottawa-area companies.

Keith Fagan P.Eng



Keith is currently a senior advisor to CAVI. He has worked in Canada and the UK in the High Tech arena for a number of companies including BNR, Nortel and Mitel.

Ahmad Radmanesh Ph.D.
P.Eng



Ahmad is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Calgary and a former Director of ITS Canada. His main research areas are autonomous vehicles, connected vehicles and supporting infrastructure. Ahmad is currently the Chief Editor of the CAVI Update.

Jennifer Pereira, CPA,CA



Jennifer is a senior professional with a background in finance and not-for-profit management. She has worked in Canada and internationally, and currently focuses on risk management and financial sustainability for not-for-profits.

Fred Cotaras



Fred Cotaras is seasoned system engineer with extensive experience in engineering, project, and corporate management. He is currently working as a board advisor and as a consultant on business strategy. Fred provides advice to CAVI on a part-time basis.

Joseph Clancy



Joseph is currently a Project Intern on the CAVI team. He has worked in Ireland's automotive, telecommunications and semiconductor industries, including Valeo Vision Systems, Three Ireland and ON Semiconductor.

Marie-France Laurin



Marie-France has discovered a passion for CAVs and the evolving mobility landscape, driven by creating forward-thinking strategies, empowering teams, and aligning diverse visions to drive innovation. She believes mobility, particularly AV technology, should be integral to urban and regional development, prioritizing community involvement and inclusive design.