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James decided early in his life that he wanted to give back. He is involved in his community and is one of a rare breed who has spent time working across three levels of governments, for large corporations, as well as within the post-secondary academic world. That mix of experience across three sectors informs his current role with the Government of Canada.

After finishing his Masters in Public Administration and then working in consulting for Deloitte and the Royal Bank of Canada in Toronto, James came back to the government where he now works. He started his time in the public service supporting the Clerk and the Prime Minister, in the Business Transformation and Renewal Secretariat, at the Privy Council Office. At the same time he was selected as a Fellow in the Action Canada public policy leadership program, participating in a yearlong program with leaders from across the country. While working with the Treasury Board Secretariat, James helped on priority files such as the Phoenix Pay System. Today James leads the Explosives Regulator Division, at Natural Resources Canada.

Before joining the public service, at RBC he provided management consulting expertise to senior executives across the organization, to guide strategy and solve challenges facing RBC's global business.

While a consultant with Deloitte, James helped author a globally published white paper exploring issues of governance and accountability for corporate boards, their relation to government and the public. Prior to working in Toronto, James worked for both municipal and provincial governments in Nova Scotia.

Born in Saskatchewan, James is a Maritimer at heart. James received both his degrees from Dalhousie University; a Bachelor of Management and Masters of Public Administration. He has served as a member of the Dalhousie Alumni Association Board from 2009-2015. James has completed the Institute of Corporate Directors Governance for Not-for-Profit Boards program.

He and his wife Evelyn have three young kids, Anderson, Jacob and Quinn.