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Dedicated with Love and Devotion to Donna,
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Preface

These are exciting times for the field of organizational behaviour. More than ever, business, nonprofit, and government leaders are applying OB knowledge to help their organizations reach new heights in effectiveness and employee well-being. The field of organizational behaviour has also forged new links with information science (electronic brainstorming, e-mail), engineering (concurrent engineering teams), architecture (culture, team dynamics), and other disciplines.

Canadian Organizational Behaviour, 2nd ed., builds on the success of the first edition by incorporating these new perspectives and applications of organizational behaviour knowledge. At the same time, this textbook continues to embrace the four distinctive philosophies that guided the first edition: Canadian orientation, theory–practice link, OB knowledge for everyone, and contemporary theory foundation. These core elements made the first edition of *Canadian Organizational Behaviour* a popular and highly rated book among students, and we hope they will make your journey through this field both meaningful and enjoyable.

Canadian Orientation

Canadian Organizational Behaviour, 2nd ed., has been written specifically for the Canadian audience, although it may be used effectively in other countries (just as American texts have been used in Canada and elsewhere for so many years). This book includes several Canadian cases and makes solid use of Canadian scholarship in organizational behaviour. The Canadian orientation is most apparent in the Canadian examples that appear throughout this textbook. For example, you will read about improving customer service at Marine Atlantic, reducing waste at Bell Canada, using team-based rewards at Sport Mart, making tough ethical choices at Sunnybrook Hospital, creating a team-based organization at GE Canada's Bromont plant, and overcoming colour-coded conflict at Canadian Airlines International.

Of course, *Canadian Organizational Behaviour*, 2nd ed., also includes numerous international examples, such as appreciating cultural values in Hawaii, managing the communication grapevine in Scotland, using stomach language in Japan, and building a circle organizational structure in Brazil. Still, Canadians don't know enough about themselves. Recent surveys report that Canadians expect universities and colleges to put more effort into communicating Canadian culture. This book serves the important goal of building the Canadian identity as well as introducing central concepts in organizational behaviour.

Theory–Practice Link

Canadian Organizational Behaviour, 2nd ed., relies on real-life examples to help students understand organizational behaviour concepts more easily. The value of this theory–practice link philosophy is well known among educators and trainers. Anecdotes effectively communicate the relevance and excitement of this field by bringing abstract concepts closer to reality. The stories found throughout this book also make interesting reading, such as how a public works employee in Saskatoon was motivated to work *less* hard, and how employees rebelled against a Nova Scotia company whose organization development sessions got too personal!

Organizational Behaviour Knowledge for Everyone

A distinctive feature of *Canadian Organizational Behaviour*, 2nd ed., is that it is written for everyone in organizations, not just traditional “managers.” The philosophy of this book is that everyone who works in and around organizations needs to understand and make use of organizational behaviour knowledge. The new reality is that people throughout the organization—from systems analysts to production employees to accounting professionals—are assuming more responsibilities as companies remove layers of bureaucracy and give teams more autonomy over their work. This book helps all employees make sense of organizational behaviour, and gives them the tools to work more effectively within organizations.

Contemporary Theory Foundation

The first edition of *Canadian Organizational Behaviour* was respected for its solid foundation of contemporary organizational behaviour scholarship. By thoroughly searching the recent literature on every major OB topic, the second edition has maintained those standards. As you can see in the endnotes, each chapter is based on dozens of articles, books, and other sources, a large percentage of which have been published within the past five years. This literature update has produced numerous content changes throughout *Canadian Organizational Behaviour*, 2nd ed., which are described next.

Changes to the Second Edition

Canadian Organizational Behaviour, 2nd ed., includes many important additions and changes from the first edition. Several chapters have been reorganized. The writing style throughout the book has been streamlined so that important ideas are presented smoothly without bogging readers down with unnecessary details. Every chapter has been substantially updated with new conceptual and anecdotal material. In fact, over one-half of the *Perspectives* and almost all of the chapter-opening vignettes are new.

Based on a substantial literature search, *Canadian Organizational Behaviour*, 2nd ed., has numerous content changes and significantly updated references in every chapter. Here are some of the emerging concepts and issues discussed in this edition: appreciative inquiry, competency-based rewards, concurrent engineering teams, creative decision making, dialogue, electronic brainstorming, electronic mail, gender differences in communication style, network organization, organizational citizenship behaviours, romance of leadership, tacit skills and knowledge, team-based organizations, third-party conflict resolution, transformational leadership, virtual organization, and work–family stressors. This edition also adds established OB topics that did not appear in the first edition, such as creative decision making, social learning theory, and research methods in organizational behaviour (Appendix A).

Another change is that *Canadian Organizational Behaviour*, 2nd ed., gives more attention to the ethical and cross-cultural aspects of organizational behaviour. Ethical issues are described in the sections on organizational effectiveness, monitoring employee performance, stereotyping employees, making individual decisions, using peer pressure, engaging in organizational politics, and applying organization development practices. Cross-cultural issues are discussed around the topics of gender differences in communication (Chapter 6), the cross-cultural relevance of motivation theories (Chapter 3), cultural values in aboriginal organizations (Chapter 8), and the cross-cultural relevance of organization development practices (Chapter 15).

Finally, *Canadian Organizational Behaviour*, 2nd ed., includes several improvements to the experiential exercises and cases. Three-quarters of the experiential exercises have been replaced. Most exercises now involve interesting team-based activities, such as a not-so-trivial game about cultural gestures, a team-trust exercise, and an occupational stereotype exercise. There is a new section at the end of the book where additional cases have been added. These cases make excellent assignments, because most relate to concepts in several chapters. Several end-of-chapter cases are also new to this edition.

Learning Elements

Canadian Organizational Behaviour, 2nd ed., includes several learning elements to make your reading of this book more enjoyable and render the OB material more memorable.

Learning Objectives and Chapter Outline Several learning objectives and an outline of the main topic headings are listed at the beginning of each chapter to guide you through the main points of the material to follow.

Chapter vignette and photos Every chapter begins with a vignette about a Canadian organization that relates to some of the concepts presented in the chapter. A photograph accompanies each vignette to give the story more visual meaning. Most chapters include additional photos that visualize examples found in the text. A few cartoons have been added to provide more colourful interpretations of OB issues.

Perspective boxes and in-text examples Each chapter includes three or four Perspectives—stories that describe specific organizational incidents in Canada

and elsewhere. These anecdotes are strategically placed near the relevant organizational behaviour concepts, and the text clearly links them to these concepts. The text of each chapter also includes numerous real-life examples to further strengthen the theory–practice link.

Graphic exhibits Graphic exhibits created with recent computer technologies are placed throughout each chapter to help you visualize key elements of OB models or integrate different points made in the text.

Margin notes and end-of-text glossary This book minimizes unnecessary jargon, but the field of organizational behaviour (as with every other discipline) has its own language. To help you learn this language, key terms are highlighted in bold and brief definitions appear in the margin. These definitions are also presented in an alphabetical glossary at the end of the text.

Chapter Summary and Discussion Questions Each chapter closes with a summary and list of discussion questions. The chapter summary highlights important material, whereas the discussion questions help you to check your understanding of the main points in the chapter.

Cases and Experiential Exercises Every chapter includes one case and one experiential exercise. Several additional cases appear at the end of the textbook. The cases encourage you to use organizational behaviour knowledge as a tool to diagnose and solve organizational problems. The experiential exercises involve you in activities in which you either experience organizational behaviour or practise your OB knowledge in entertaining and informative ways.

Indexes A corporate index, name index, and subject index are included at the end of this textbook to help you search for relevant information and make this book a valuable source for years to come.

Supplemental Materials

Canadian Organizational Behaviour, 2nd ed., includes a variety of supplemental materials to help instructors prepare and present the material in this textbook more effectively.

Instructor's Manual The *Instructor's Manual* includes a wealth of information that instructors will find useful. For each chapter, the manual presents the learning objectives, glossary or highlighted words, a chapter summary, complete lecture outline (in larger typeface!), solutions to the end-of-chapter discussion questions, notes for the case and experiential exercise, and at least one supplemental lecture. It also includes a very large set of transparency masters, some cases and exercises not found in the textbook, and notes for the end-of-text cases.

Test Bank The *Test Bank* manual includes dozens of multiple-choice and true/false questions for each chapter. It also includes several essay questions along with answers to these questions. All questions were written by the author and many have been tested in large class examinations. For example, for many of the multiple-choice questions there is information in the *Test Bank* manual indicating the percentage of students answering the question correctly.

Computerized Test Bank The entire *Test Bank* manual is available in a computerized version for either IBM-compatible or Macintosh computers. Instructors receive special software that lets them design their own examinations from the test bank questions, edit test items, and add their own questions to the test bank.

PowerPoint®overheads Instructors who adopt *Canadian Organizational Behaviour*, 2nd ed., can receive PowerPoint presentation files in either IBM-compatible or Macintosh formatted disks. These disks include a PowerPoint file for each chapter as well as PowerPoint Viewer software to display these files on any microcomputer with a Macintosh® or Microsoft Windows® system. Each PowerPoint file has several overheads relating to the chapter, complete with builds and transitions. Some files include photographs from the textbook. You can get more details about these PowerPoint disks from the Irwin representative in your area.

Video package We live in the age of television, so it isn't surprising that students appreciate video programs to punctuate the lectures, cases, and other pedagogical devices used in the organizational behaviour class. Irwin has several organizational behaviour video programs in its library, copies of which are available to adopters of *Canadian Organizational Behaviour*, 2nd ed. You can get details from the Irwin representative in your area.

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