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Kelowna Chamber Welcomes 113th Board of Directors and New President

Kelowna - The Kelowna Chamber of Commerce completed the nomination and election process for its 2019-2020 Board of Directors last week. Several 2018 directors stepped down, and nominations and an election of new directors by acclamation of the Board completed the process for the coming year.

The full slate of directors who will take office after March 31, 2019, are:

1. Nikki Csek, Csek Creative, President
2. Carmen Sparg, Silver Lining Management, Past President
3. Andrew Brunton, Pushor Mitchell, Director
4. Ron Cannan, Interior Savings, Director
5. Derek Gratz, UBC Okanagan, Director
6. Andrew Ingenhorst, Grant Thornton, Director
7. Angela Nagy, GreenStep Solutions, Director
8. Justin O'Connor, Sotheby's International, Director
9. Pamela Pearson, Sentes Group, Director
10. Dan Price, Emil Anderson, Director
11. Domenic Rampone, West Manufacturing, Director
12. Jeffrey Robinson, Rush Ihas LLP, Director
13. Robert Scott, 2M Performance, Director
14. Shelagh Turner, Canadian Mental Health Association, Director
15. Laura Vigar, Watson's Hound Lounge, Director
16. Ray Wynsouw, CorWest Builders, Director

They are joined by three appointees:

1. Maxine DeHart, Councillor, City of Kelowna; Charlie Hodge, Councillor, alternate
2. Trevor McTavish, Junior Chamber International
3. Bill Gillett, Dean, Okanagan School of Business

Directors will be sworn in at the Chamber Presidents Dinner Thursday April 25, at Summerhill Pyramid Winery

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Speaking about 2018-2019, outgoing President Carmen Sparg acknowledged it was one of the busiest years on record for the Chamber, as the Chamber took to the airwaves pushing back against new layers of taxes both provincially and federally, as well as advocating on behalf of members with municipal issues ranging from street crime to transportation and planning.

“Our Chamber submitted more policies provincially than ever before at our annual AGM with the BC Chamber; as well, we held our second annual policy forum for members, asking for and receiving input on nearly 50 issues of importance to our members across a broad range of business matters. I’ve been honoured to speak on behalf of our members this past year, and look forward to my continuing, albeit somewhat different role, as Past President. I thank all our board members last year for the support they gave me and our Chamber staff.”

While the Chamber looks forward to another year of advocating on behalf of members, incoming President Nikki Csek is ready for the challenge. “I’ve been involved with the Kelowna Chamber for a long time, and outgoing President Carmen Sparg, and other Directors have been generous with their time in the past six months, helping me prepare for this new role as President. I’m looking forward to the challenge.”

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About Kelowna Chamber of Commerce

The Kelowna Chamber of Commerce acts as a single powerful voice for our 1200+ members and their 25,000+ employees to promote local business interests. The Chamber provides a cohesive business network for our members to expand their business contacts, access value-added benefits, programs, and services aimed at improving the bottom line of Chamber members' businesses. The Chamber's mission is to foster a positive business environment by providing our members with leadership, advocacy and services of value.

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