

MEDIA RELEASE

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CHAMBER ANNOUNCES INCOMING BOARD FOR 2020 114th Board to be Sworn in April 2

Kelowna – Six open positions on the Kelowna Chamber Board have been filled following online voting by members that ended late last week. The new Board has broad representation from the business and non-profit sectors. Incumbent Vice President Dan Price, the CFO of Dilworth Homes was re-elected and is joined by newly elected Directors Annika Betts of Sandhill Winery, Ellen Boelcke of KCR Community Resources, Mike Daigle of MNP LLP, Aaron Dow of Farris LLP and Maryse Harvey of MH2 Consulting. All six will be formally introduced to members at the Chamber's upcoming Annual General Meeting on March 18th.

The new directors will be joined by ten others who are serving the second year of their two year term including President Elect Jeffery Robinson. The Board also has a number of appointees who sit as advisors to the Board including representatives from the City of Kelowna and Okanagan School of Business.

President-Elect Jeffrey Robinson, Partner with Rush Ihas Hardwick LLP is keen for the new challenge of Chamber presidency. Active for a number of years on the Policy Advisory Committee, Robinson is passionate about the policy topics he's taken on for the Chamber. "As a resident of the valley, and Kelowna, I care about how our society functions, the business life of the city and the region, and how we can responsibly manage the growth alongside our remarkable natural resources. From invasive mussels, to street safety, transportation and taxation – I am proud to advocate on behalf of our members."

A number of long time Directors are leaving the Board and will be recognized at the Chamber's Presidents Dinner and Volunteer Appreciation Night on April 2nd at the Hotel Eldorado, including Andrew Brunton of Pushor Mitchell LLP, Andrew Ingenhorst of Grant Thornton LLP, Angela Nagy of GreenStep Solutions, Shelagh Turner of Canadian Mental Health Association and Past President Carmen Sparg of Silver Lining Management.

Outgoing President Nikki Csek described 2019 as "a year of learning; contributing a lot to the Chamber, yet getting back so much more. I honestly had no idea going in how consumed my days were going to be, as I took on the leadership role at the Chamber. Early morning meetings, events, evening get togethers; intersected with running a full-time and expanding business – my amazing directors helped make it happen. My personal Chamber pace is going to slow a bit – and I will be thanking Chamber staff, and my own staff many times over for helping me get so much done this past year. I will miss it!"



The full slate of directors comprises:

1. Jeffrey Robinson, Rush Ihas Hardwick LLP, President-Elect
2. Nikki Csek, Csek Creative, Past President
3. Annika Betts, Sandhill Winery/Calona, Director
4. Ellen Boelcke, KCR Community Resources, Director
5. Ron Cannan, Interior Savings, Director
6. Mike Daigle, Manager, MNP LLP, Director
7. Aaron Dow, Farris LLP, Director
8. Derek Gratz, UBC Okanagan, Director
9. Maryse Harvey, MH2 Advisory Services, Director
10. Justin O'Connor, Sotheby's International, Director
11. Pamela Pearson, Sentes Group, Director
12. Dan Price, Emil Anderson/Dilworth Quality Homes, Director
13. Domenic Rampone, West Manufacturing, Director
14. Robert Scott, 2M Performance, Director
15. Laura Vigar, Watson's Hound Lounge, Director
16. Ray Wynsouw, Candel Custom Homes, Director

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About Kelowna Chamber of Commerce

The Kelowna Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit corporation that leads and services the business community in Kelowna and the central Okanagan. We are a member-driven organization dedicated to connecting, serving and empowering the Kelowna business community. In 2020, the Kelowna Chamber is celebrating its 114th year in existence and it continues to be recognized as one of British Columbia's leading business associations and among the leaders in the Canadian Chamber network.

The Kelowna Chamber has more than 1,000 members representing more than 25,000 employees in the region and is an "Accredited Chamber with Distinction" under the accreditation program established and maintained by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Helping grow the people who power Kelowna.



BACKGROUND

Newly-elected Directors joining the board for the 2020-2021 term are:



Dan Price, Incumbent
Emil Anderson/Dilworth
Quality Homes
Re-elected



Mike Daigle
Manager, MNP LLP



Annika Betts
Estate Manager, Sandhill
Winery/Calona



Aaron Dow
Partner, Farris LLP



Ellen Boelcke
Executive Director, KCR
Community Resources



Maryse Harvey
Owner, MH2 Advisory
Services

