

## NEWS RELEASE

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### CENTRAL OKANAGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ANNOUNCES 2010 ADVISORY BOARD

The Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission has formally appointed its new Advisory Board for 2010.

The Economic Development Commission **2010 Executive** consists of the following members:

- ✍ **Scot Speiser, Chair** - Business Development Bank, VP & Area Manager
- ✍ **Mike Gilmore, Vice Chair** – BDO Dunwoody LLP Chartered Accountants, Chartered Accountant and Partner
- ✍ **David Webb, Past Chair** – Everest Recruitment Solutions, President
- ✍ **Laurel Douglas** - Women’s Enterprise Centre, CEO
- ✍ **Renee Wasyluk** – Troika Developments Inc., CEO
- ✍ **Alison Yesilcimen** – Vericorder Technology

#### **New to the 2010 Board:**

Kevin Craig	City of Kelowna
Jim Edgson	Regional District of Central Okanagan
Ched Gaglardi	Beeline.com
Norm LeCavalier	Kelowna Chamber of Commerce
Sharen Marteny	Seniors Consulting
Gord Milsom	District of West Kelowna
Martin Yuill	Okanagan Research and Innovation Centre (ORIC)

#### **Returning Directors:**

Lindsay Bell	District of Peachland
Andre Blanleil	City of Kelowna (alternate Graeme James)
Broc Braconnier	Westbank & District Chamber of Commerce
Jayne Fosbery	Westbank First Nations
Bradley Field	ArmorWorks Enterprises Canada ULC
Guy Gaiser	WearAir Oxygen & WearAir Industrial
Doug Gallagher	Peller Estates

Penny Gambell	District of Lake Country (alternate James Baker)
Michael Joss	Community Futures Development Corporation(alt. Larry Widmer)
Jim Hamilton	Okanagan College (alternate Heather Schneider)
Ron Labossiere	Labossiere & Company
Paul Maarschalk	Solomon Resources Limited
Geoff Millar	Postnet
Doug Owram	UBC-Okanagan (alternate Gwen Zilm)
Barrie Pachenski	Royal Bank of Canada
Sam Samaddar	Kelowna International Airport
Roger Sellick	InterVISTAS Consulting Inc
Larry Smith	QHR Software Inc
Bob Sugden	Peachland Chamber of Commerce
Peter Withers	Lake Country Chamber of Commerce

"The EDC Board of Directors is a team of highly capable individuals with diverse skills in a wide range of industry sectors; the Board also represents the various geographic areas that make up the Central Okanagan," says EDC Chair, Scot Speiser. "As the world continues to globalize, I look forward to working with our Board and staff to develop creative approaches to growing our business base and attracting new human and investment capital.

The Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission mission is to *“Work in partnership to facilitate a healthy, dynamic and sustainable community economy by supporting existing businesses and encouraging appropriate new business investment.”*

The EDC takes an objective and informed approach to research and evaluation while recognizing the relationship between economy, society, culture and environment. The Commission strives to work in the public interest and with all levels of government regardless of political affiliation.

Further information about the EDC and its programs can be found on the EDC website at [www.investkelowna.com](http://www.investkelowna.com).

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