

2022 COEDC Advisory Council

Executive Committee

Chair: Mike Checkley
Janice Larson

Vice Chair: James Calissi
Sharon Hughes-Geekie

Past Chair: Terry Edwards
Paula Quinn

Industry Sector Directors (17)

Maurice Blitz	Interior Health	Health Care
Brad Buchanan	Avalon Event Rentals Inc	Arts & Culture/Small Business
James Calissi	Calissi Farms, Owner	Agriculture
Mike Checkley	QHR Technologies, President & CEO	Health Care/Technology
Nikki Csek	Csek Creative, CEO	Professional Services/Communications
Jeremy Dawn	Mission Group	Construction/Development
Terry Edwards	Decisive Dividend Corporation, Director & COO	Professional Services/Manufacturing
Sharon Hughes-Geekie	JumpStart Communications	Health Care
Janice Larson	Muse&Effect Consulting	Professional Services/Life Sciences
Ryan Malcolm	Emil Anderson Properties Dilworth Homes	Construction/Development
Angela Nagy	GreenStep Solutions Inc.	CleanTech/Environmental Services
Paula Quinn	KF Aerospace Centre for Excellence, Executive Director	Aerospace
Tony Stewart	Stewart Family Estates	Viticulture
Rich Threlfall	Troika Management Corp.	Construction/Development
Brian Wall	Anodyne Electronic Manufacturing Corp, CEO	Aerospace/Manufacturing
Noel Wentworth	Wentworth Music, VP Education/Media	Arts & Culture/Small Business
Jill White	Waterplay Solutions Corp.	Manufacturing

Local Government Economic Development Staff Appointees (6)

BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, & Rural Development	Regional Manager Thompson Okanagan Region	Myles Bruns
District of Lake Country	Manager of Communications & Governmental Affairs	Ruth Sulentich
City of Kelowna	Director, Partnerships Office	Bob Evans
Westbank First Nation	Manager of Economic Development	Mandi Carroll
City of West Kelowna	Chief Administrative Office	Paul Gipps
District of Peachland	Special Projects Coordinator	Cory Labrecque

Local Government Appointees (6)

District of Lake Country	Councillor Cara Reed (Alternate Bill Scarrow)
City of Kelowna	Councillor Ryan Donn (Alternate Mohini Singh)
Westbank First Nation	Councillor Fernanda Alexander
City of West Kelowna	Councillor Jason Friesen
District of Peachland	Councillor Patrick Van Minsel
Regional District of Central Okanagan	Central Okanagan East Director Mark Bartyik

Partner Organization Appointees (15)

Accelerate Okanagan	Alex Goodhew, Community Manager
Business Development Bank of Canada	Steve North, Business Centre Manager
Community Futures of the Central Okanagan	Larry Widmer, Manager
Economic Trust of the Southern Interior (ETSI-BC)	Laurel Douglas, CEO
Greater Westside Board of Trade	Julie Pringle, Director (Alt Heather Robinson, Executive Director)
Kelowna Chamber of Commerce	Dan Rogers, Executive Director Jeffrey Robinson, President
Kelowna International Airport	Chad Munchinsky, Manager, Airport Business Development and Community Relations
Lake Country Chamber of Commerce	TBD
Okanagan College	Phil Ashman, Central Okanagan Regional Dean
Peachland Chamber of Commerce	Adriana Preston, Vice - President
Tourism Kelowna	Chris Lewis, Director of Community & Visitor Engagement
University of British Columbia-Okanagan	Dr. Phil Barker, Vice-Principal Research Okanagan
University of British Columbia-Okanagan	Nicole Udzenija, Director – Campus Initiatives
WeBC (formerly Women’s Enterprise Centre)	Shauna Harper, CEO