

Victoria Hospitals Foundation Announces New Chair and Two New Members of Board of Directors

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Victoria, B.C. – The Victoria Hospitals Foundation today announced today its board of directors for the 2011-2012 term includes two new members as well as a new board chair.

John Madden (BC Assessment Authority) and Cathy Whitehead McIntyre (Strategic Initiatives Inc.) begin their three-year terms immediately. Rod Dewar, former vice chair who has served on the board of directors since 2007 now begins his first term as board chair. Starr McMichael, board chair from 2009 - 2011, will go on to serve as board chair for American Friends of the Victoria Hospitals Foundation.

“I’m honoured to be chairing the board of the Victoria Hospitals Foundation as we continue to work towards our goal of raising funds to equip the Royal Jubilee and Victoria General Hospitals with priority medical equipment,” said Dewar. “We have a tremendous group of individuals who are very committed to ensuring our hospitals stay on the leading-edge of advanced diagnostic and treatment techniques, improved technology, and new ways to provide the best possible patient care.”

Also serving on the board are:

Lance Abercrombie (Abercrombie & Associates), vice chair; Alan Lowe (Alan Lowe Architect), secretary; Dwane Ford (RBC Dominion Securities), treasurer; Rick Anthony (Victoria Police Department); Manjit Bains (Consumer Protection BC); Kim Hesketh (retired, Rogers Broadcasting); Gordon Macatee (former deputy minister of Health Services); John Madden (BC Assessment Authority); Joe Murphy (Vancouver Island Health Authority); Cathy Whitehead McIntyre (Strategic Initiatives Inc.); Dr. Dorothy “Sam” Williams (Vancouver Island Health Authority), and John Williams (retired, Fairmont Raffles Hotels).

About the Victoria Hospitals Foundation:

The Victoria Hospitals Foundation works in partnership with the Vancouver Island Health Authority to enable donations to Vancouver Island’s two largest and most comprehensive hospitals: the Royal Jubilee and the Victoria General. Every year we fund approximately 40 per cent of capital equipment purchases for these hospitals. Last year, this amounted to nearly \$4.5 million for urgently needed medical equipment and special projects that help these two hospitals provide care to more than 750,000 residents of the Vancouver Island Health Authority. Since 1989, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation has raised more than \$80 million to benefit our hospitals. For more information, please call the Foundation at 250-519-1750 or visit www.victoriahf.ca.

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EXECUTIVE

Rod Dewar, Chair, is president and chief executive officer of Island Savings Credit Union. Previously, he was senior vice president and chief operating officer for BCAA and a vice president of Canadian Airlines International. He currently serves on the board of directors for Credential Securities and BC Ferry Authority.

Lance Abercrombie, Vice Chair, is principal, Abercrombie & Associates Chartered Accountants and a former senior manager at KPMG Victoria. He is vice chair of the board of advisors to the Faculty of Business, University of Victoria, and past treasurer for the Victoria Arthritis Society.

Alan Lowe, Secretary, is principal, Alan Lowe Architect Inc. A former Mayor of Victoria, he was the youngest person to hold this position when first elected in 1999, and became Victoria's longest-serving mayor. He is the chair of the Greater Victoria Spirit Committee Society. He is also a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and was listed among the Top 100 Most Influential Chinese Canadians.

Dwane Ford, Treasurer, is vice president and branch manager with RBC Dominion Securities. His volunteer experience includes involvement with the University of Victoria mentor program, United Way, Help-Fill-a-Dream Foundation, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

MEMBERS

Rick Anthony is a detective in the Investigative Services Division for the Victoria Police Department. He is a member of the board for Restorative Justice Victoria and has been a member of the steering committee for the Victoria Hospitals Foundation's *Visions* gala since 2002.

Manjit Bains is vice president, corporate relations and corporate secretary to the board, Consumer Protection BC. She has held senior positions in the Ministry of Attorney General and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Kim Hesketh recently retired as vice president and general manager for Rogers Broadcasting in Victoria. He is a director of the board for the Victoria Coats for Kids Association. His previous board involvement includes the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business Bureau of Vancouver Island, and the BC Children's Hospital Foundation.

Gordon Macatee is the head of the British Columbia Ferry Commission, and also served as BC's deputy minister of Health Services from 2006 to 2009. He has held deputy minister level appointments in labour, management services, real estate management, environment, fisheries, agriculture, and export development. He now operates an independent management consulting business in Victoria.

John Madden, new to the board, is Vice President of Human Resources at the BC Assessment Authority (BCA). Previously, he was VP of Human Resources and Public Safety at Translink and led Human Resources and Corporate Law at ICBC. He has been a Board member at Pacific Riding for Developing Abilities in Langley, and was also a volunteer at GF Strong, a facility providing rehabilitation services to spinal cord and brain injured clients.

Joe Murphy is vice president, Operations and Support Services for the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA). He serves on the boards for the United Way, HealthPro, and Oak Bay Lodge. He joined the Victoria Hospitals Foundation board as its VIHA designate in 2006.

Cathy Whitehead McIntyre, new to the board, is principal and founder of Strategic Initiatives, a nationally recognized Victoria-based market research firm. Cathy currently sits on the board of the BC Chapter of the Marketing Research & Intelligence Association, and has served on the boards of a number of not-for-profit organizations, including the Certified Management Accountants Society of BC, the United Way of Canada, the United Way of Greater Victoria, and the University of Victoria Alumni Association.

Dr. Dorothy “Sam” Williams is vice-chief of Geriatric Medicine for the Vancouver Island Health Authority, chief of staff for the South Island region, and acting chief of staff for Vancouver Island. She is our board’s medical staff representative for VIHA, and also the VIHA South Island Medical Advisory Committee designate.

John Williams recently retired after a 47-year career in the hotel business, most recently as executive vice president of operations for Fairmont Raffles Hotels. He is currently board chair of Royal BC Museum, board chair of Tourism British Columbia, and is a former general manager of the Empress Hotel.