



VICTORIA HOSPITALS
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Media Release

Victoria Hospitals Foundation Announces New Board of Directors

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Victoria, B.C. – The Victoria Hospitals Foundation announced today that its board of directors for the 2010-2011 term includes four new members.

Rick Anthony (Victoria Police Department), Manjit Bains (Consumer Protection BC), Kim Hesketh (retired, Rogers Broadcasting), and Gordon Macatee (former deputy minister of Health Services) begin their three-year terms immediately. Starr McMichael – who’s been a member of the board since 2005 – returns for her second term as board chair.

“We are honoured to have these four outstanding individuals join the board of the Victoria Hospitals Foundation as we continue raising funds to support priority medical equipment needs at the Royal Jubilee and Victoria General Hospitals,” said McMichael. “I am thrilled to welcome such bright and talented individuals with such an impressive range of skills and experience. We are all proud to support our hospitals by giving them the tools to provide the best possible patient care.”

Also serving on the board are: Lance Abercrombie, treasurer (Burkett & Abercrombie); Rod Dewar, vice chair (Island Savings Credit Union); Dwane Ford (RBC Dominion Securities); Alan Lowe (Alan Lowe Architect); Joe Murphy, VIHA designate (Vancouver Island Health Authority); Gary Sorenson, secretary (Thrifty Foods); 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 the Foundation funds 40 per cent of capital medical equipment purchases for these hospitals, and last year this amounted to just under \$6 million for urgently needed medical equipment and special projects that help these two hospitals provide care to all 752,000 residents of Vancouver Island. Since 1989, the Victoria Hospitals Foundation has raised more than \$76 million to benefit the Royal Jubilee and Victoria General Hospitals. For more information, please call 250-414-6688 or go to www.victoriahf.ca.

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VICTORIA HOSPITALS FOUNDATION 2010-2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE

Starr McMichael, chair, is president of Starrboard Enterprises, a service organization in event planning, marketing, and marine hospitality. She is the Chamber of Commerce designate for the Tourism Victoria destination marketing committee, and past vice-chair of both Tourism Victoria and the B.C. Restaurant and Food Services Association.

Rod Dewar, vice 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.

Gary Sorenson, secretary, is vice president, retail operations for Thrifty Foods, responsible for 26 stores across Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Prior to that, he was a senior director for Sobeys West in Edmonton.

Lance Abercrombie, treasurer, is a partner with Burkett & Abercrombie 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.

MEMBERS

Rick Anthony, new to the board, 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, new to the board, 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.

Dwane Ford 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.

Kim Hesketh, new to the board, 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.

Alan Lowe 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.

Gordon Macatee, new to the board, 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.

Joe Murphy is vice president, Operations and Support Services for the Vancouver Island Health Authority. 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.

Dr. Dorothy "Sam" Williams is vice-chief of Geriatric Medicine for the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), 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.

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 a former general manager of the Empress Hotel and board chair of Tourism British Columbia.