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Calgary Chamber announces 2019 Board of Directors

CALGARY – The Calgary Chamber of Commerce today announced the appointment of a new Board Director, Lara Murphy, Co-founder of Ryan Murphy Construction, and the re-election of current Board Director, Desirée Bombenon, President and CEO of SureCall.

“The Board of Directors are all volunteers who are passionate advocates for Calgary’s business community and offer their skills and expertise to ensure we are building a business community that nourishes, powers, and inspires the world,” said Sandip Lalli, President and CEO of the Calgary Chamber.

“I am looking forward to Lara’s fresh input and ideas and I am excited to have Desirée continue her strong contributions to the Calgary Chamber.”

Murphy co-founded Ryan Murphy Construction in 2008 with Karen Ryan. Ryan Murphy Construction offers services in construction, renovation, and project management, and has been on four consecutive Profit 500 lists from 2015 – 2018, including ranking second in Calgary for 2017, and on Alberta Venture’s Fast Growth 50 list for 2016 and 2017.

Beginning her professional career in the Maritimes after graduating from Mount Allison University, Murphy first owned a heritage restoration company and from there had opportunity to found and run multiple businesses within the construction industry.

Murphy currently sits on the YWCA Calgary Board of Directors and is a member of SAIT’s Advisory Committee for Innovation and New Ventures.

“We are pleased to welcome Lara as the newest director to the board,” said Phil Roberts, Chair of the Calgary Chamber Board. “Lara’s extensive experience in the project management and construction sector in Calgary will make for a strong addition to our Board.”

Bombenon, re-elected to her second term, is President and CEO of SureCall. SureCall is an award-winning outsourced contact service centre specializing in custom solutions for companies of every size.

A Harvard University alumni, Bombenon is a strong supporter of purpose driven business and social enterprise and was presented with a Business Leaders Award from Business in Calgary in 2018. Bombenon is a current Board Director for Children First Canada and is an active member of the Young Presidents’ Organization.

“We are also pleased to welcome back Desirée for her second term as a Director,” said Roberts “Desirée has been a valued Board Director for her past term and will continue to offer her skills and expertise to the team.”

“On behalf of myself and the Board I would also like to acknowledge outgoing Board Director Mike Williams, Executive Vice-President - Corporate Services at Encana, and thank him for his contribution to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce,” added Lalli.

Bombenon and Murphy join twelve existing Board of Directors, who provide strategic and long-term planning advice to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce.

The Calgary Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for 2019 are:

Chair: Phil Roberts, Payload Technologies

Past Chair: David Allen, Situated Co.

Vice Chair: Brent Cooper, McLeod Law LLP

Treasurer: Wellington Holbrook, ATB Financial

Director: Brian Bietz, Bietz Resources

Director: James Boettcher, Fiasco Gelato

Director: Desirée Bombenon, SureCall

Director: Bill Brunton, Habitat for Humanity, Southern Alberta

Director: Greg Garcia, Calgary Elite Roofing

Director: Jason Hatcher, Navigator

Director: Jenn Lofgren, Incito

Director: Lara Murphy, Ryan Murphy Construction

Director: Mike Shaw, ATCO

Director: Mandeep Singh, Deloitte

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ABOUT THE CALGARY CHAMBER

The Calgary Chamber is an independent non-profit, non-partisan business organization. For 127 years the Chamber has worked to build a business community that nourishes, powers and inspires the world.