



# PREMIER'S ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

#### Curt Vossen – chair

Curt Vossen (Winnipeg) is the President and CEO of Richardson International. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a bachelor of arts in English and a bachelor of science in agricultural economics and has since dedicated his career to Canadian agriculture. Before joining Richardson as president in 1995, Vossen held various merchandising and operational management positions in the grain industry. He is committed to being an active member of both the business and arts communities, volunteering with a number of organizations. Vossen is chair of the Manitoba Business Council, as well as a board member of the Business Council of Canada and the Rabobank North American advisory board. He is also chair of the Prince Rupert Grain Company, chair of the board of directors of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and is a board member of the Misericordia Health Centre in Winnipeg. In addition, he is a trustee to the Richardson Foundation.

## Rosa Walker

Rosa Walker (Winnipeg) is the founder, President and CEO of the Indigenous Leadership Development Institute Inc. She was also the founder and executive director of Taking Charge! Inc. She has a bachelor of arts from the University of Winnipeg and a diploma in social work from Confederation College. Walker is the current chair of the First Peoples Economic Growth Fund and has been involved with the National Aboriginal Youth Association Inc. as well as the National Aboriginal Economic Development Fund board. She is the recipient of the YM-YWCA Women of Distinction Award and was named one of Canada's 100 Most Powerful Women in 2014.

## Barb Gamey

Barb Gamey (Winnipeg) is the co-founder of Payworks and has overseen the strategic direction and development of the company since its inception in 2000. The organization has grown to over 300 employees in 10 regional locations coast to coast, with an ever-increasing footprint in both Vancouver in Toronto. Her leadership earned Payworks the Canada's Best Managed Companies Platinum Club designation in 2019, having retained its best managed designation for seven consecutive years. Gamey is dedicated to community involvement and sits on the Winnipeg Blue Bombers board of directors, the Business Council of Manitoba's board of directors and the TELUS Manitoba Community Board. She is also the incoming chancellor of the University of Winnipeg. She served as United Way Winnipeg's 2018 campaign chair, leading the annual campaign which raised \$21.3 million.

# Stefan Maynard

Stefan Maynard (Winnipeg) is the co-founder and director of Bold Commerce, an innovative software development company that provides solutions to fill the gaps found in traditional e-commerce platforms. Maynard also co-founded numerous other start-up businesses such as Kickbooster.me and EliteDesigns.ca. He holds a business administration diploma with a major in e-business from Red River College, as well as a webpage/digital multimedia and information resource design diploma from the University of St. Boniface.

#### Tom Goodman

Tom Goodman (Denare Beach) is the former senior vice-president of operations for Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. Limited. Goodman worked for Hudbay for over 34 years in a wide variety of operational, technical and management positions, including senior vice-president and chief operating officer worldwide, until his retirement in 2012. He is the former chair of the University College of the North, and is a graduate in chemical and metallurgical technology from the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

#### Rob Penner

Rob Penner (Winnipeg) is the President and CEO for Bison Transport. He began his career in the transportation industry in 1984 as a professional driver and joined Bison Transport in 1991, moving through all aspects of operations. Penner was appointed vice-president, operations, in 1998 and promoted to his current role in January 2017. He is actively involved in the transportation community, having served on the board of directors for the Ontario Trucking Association, the Trucking Profitability Strategies Advisory Board at the University of Georgia-Athens, as well as numerous other working committees and advisory boards. Penner is involved with the Canadian Trucking Alliance, the American Trucking Association and past chair of the Truckload Carriers Association. He is currently a member of the board for the Winnipeg Airports Authority.

## Rick Duha

Rick Duha (Winnipeg) is the managing director and owner of the Duha Group, which manufactures colour trend forecasts and innovative printed products for colour industries, with locations in eight countries and customers in more than 130 countries. The Duha Group employs over 250 people in Manitoba and over 500 worldwide. Under Duha's leadership, the Duha Group has won numerous awards for business excellence and he also participated in a Team Canada Trade Mission to Latin America. Duha is an active member of the Young President's Organization (YPO), having served on its international board from 2015 to 2018, including service on the finance and governance committees, and served as its international gold chair in 2016 to 2018. Prior to that, he was the regional chair for the Canada Region, served as the learning, network and chapter chairs for YPO Manitoba, and was involved in the manufacturing and ski networks as the network regional chair.

# Dayna Spiring

Dayna Spiring (Winnipeg) is the President and CEO of Economic Development Winnipeg Inc., which is the lead economic development agency for Winnipeg. She is the former chief strategy officer and general counsel of the Canadian Wheat Board. She serves as a board member of Winpak Ltd., chair of the Winnipeg Football Club's board of directors, and is the first woman to serve on the Canadian Football League's board of governors. Spiring earned a bachelor of laws and an honours bachelor degree from the University of Manitoba, majoring in political science. In 2015, she participated in the Directors Education Program within the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto, obtaining the ICD.D designation.

# Tracey Maconachie

Tracey Maconachie (Winnipeg) is the President of the Life Science Association of Manitoba, a non-profit dedicated to growing Manitoba's life science industry. She is the chair of Research Manitoba, and has served on the board of directors of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation, the St. Boniface Hospital Research Foundation, the Manitoba government/pharmaceutical industry liaison committee and chaired the Business of Science Conference.

#### Lea Ledohowski

Lea Ledohowski (Winnipeg) is the President of Canad Inns, Manitoba's largest hospitality provider for more than 40 years. Canad Inns is one of Manitoba's Top Employers and one of Canada's Best Managed Companies for over 20 years. Ledohowski grew up in Winnipeg where she attended high school at St. Mary's Academy and graduated from the University of Manitoba with an honours bachelor degree. She also holds a master's degree in architecture from the University of British Columbia, is a LEED Accredited Professional, and holds a master of science in real estate development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

#### Dickson Gould

Dickson Gould (Niverville) is the President of the Progressive Group of Companies Inc., and president of Winkler Meats. He is the former president and general manager of Elite Swine, a former executive council member of Maple Leaf Foods, and holds a degree in agricultural economics.

#### Cameron Clark

Cameron Clark (Brandon) is the general manager of Westman Communications Radio Ltd., the leading broadcaster in western Manitoba. He is the former campaign chair of the United Way of Brandon and District 2014, the past-president of the Broadcast Association of Manitoba, past-president of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce, past-chair of the St. Boniface School Division Foundation and a former member of the board of directors of Manitoba Film and Sound.

# Henry Borger

Henry Borger (Winnipeg) is the President of Borland Industries Ltd., one of Manitoba's largest heavy civil contractors. He currently serves as the chair of the Canadian Construction Association and is the past-chair of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association. He holds a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, a master of science in aeronautics and astronautics from Stanford University and a master of business administration from the Kellogg School of Management of Northwestern University. He is also a registered professional engineer with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta.

#### Richard Morantz

Richard Morantz (Winnipeg) is the President and CEO of Globe Capital Management, one of Canada's leaders in multi-family residential property acquisition and management with a portfolio of over \$1.5 billion in assets under administration consisting of properties spanning five provinces totalling over 7,500 units. Morantz holds a bachelor of commerce from the University of Manitoba and the certified property manager designation. Since joining Globe in 1983, he has led with a vision for continual growth and under his leadership, has grown the company's portfolio substantially, adding at least one new property every year since 2003. He is also a member of Young Presidents Organization and has proudly facilitated philanthropic efforts on behalf of Globe including contributions to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the Assiniboine Park Conservancy and the University of Manitoba.

## Kim Ulmer

Kim Ulmer (Winnipeg) is RBC's Regional President for Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Nunavut and western Ontario. She holds a master of business administration from Dalhousie University. She is a member of the board of directors of the Business Council of Manitoba, is a former member of the national board of directors for Junior Achievement, and campaign co-chair, 2015 National Division of the United Way Winnipeg.

#### Jamie Brown

Jamie Brown (Winnipeg) is the President and CEO of Frantic Films. He is the creator, producer and executive producer of many successful and award-winning projects. A former lawyer with prominent law firm McMillan, he focused on corporate finance and entertainment law. He is the first recipient of the Lions Gate Innovative Producer Award, one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40, received the I.H. Asper Broadcast Entrepreneur of the Future Award and was named the Canadian Film and Television Production Association's Entrepreneur of the Year in 2008. He is the past-chair of the Canadian Media Producers Association as well as chair of Canada's National Screen Institute. He also sits on the board of the Manitoba Business Council and is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

## Lisa Malbranck

Lisa Malbranck (Winnipeg) is a proud Franco-Manitoban and the co-owner of the Diamond Gallery, a family-owned retail jewelry business in operation for 30 years, and a GIA-certified gemmologist and jewelry designer. She is also the Manitoba member of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business national board of governors.

#### Fred Meier

Fred Meier (Winnipeg) will become the sixth President and CEO of Red River College on July 6. Meier is currently the clerk of executive council and secretary to cabinet for the Province of Manitoba and was appointed April 4, 2017. Previously, he held senior leadership roles, being appointed to the deputy minister level in 2010, and serving as deputy minister of conservation and water stewardship; municipal relations; Crown services; and sustainable development. In addition to his responsibilities as deputy minister, he was appointed associate clerk of the executive council in 2015. Throughout his career, Meier has overseen economic development initiatives in sectors such as forestry, mining and manufacturing, as well as the advancement of indigenous inclusion in Manitoba's economy. Meier graduated from the University of Manitoba with a bachelor of science in agriculture and a master of science.