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# Release

### **Quesnel Community Foundation appoints new Board**

**Quesnel, BC, July 21, 2009:**

The Quesnel Community Foundation held its Annual General Meeting on June 22 and has confirmed the election of its new Board. Elected to three year terms were Roy Josephy, Shirley Keen and Doug Service.

Alex Coffey was named the Foundation's president, replacing Bob Norman who has served the Foundation since a Steering Committee was formed to develop a community foundation in 2000.

Roy Josephy and Shirley Keen were welcomed as new Board members to the organization. Doug Service joined the Board in January. The Board's other members are Simon Turner - Vice President; Kevin McKelvie - Treasurer, Lorna Townsend - Secretary, and Brian Rankin, former President and Vice President.

Alex Coffey is a lawyer who retired following 34 years in practice. Mr. Coffey was involved in the Rotary Club of Quesnel for over 30 years, and was its President in 1984-85. He was Assistant Governor of Rotary District 5040 (Cariboo) for 3 years. He also served as President of the Quesnel Curling Club, the BC Interior Curling Association, and Friends of Barkerville. He is an honorary life member of Curl BC, and has a BA in Economics and an LLB. He is married and has two children.

"We welcome the experience and knowledge our new members bring to the work of our community charity," stated Coffey. "Our Board serves an essential role in supporting philanthropy and enhancing the quality of life in our community. I am confident our new members will contribute greatly in building on the past successes of the Foundation and in facing new challenges and opportunities."

**The Foundation is a charity created  
for the lifelong benefit of our community.**

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Roy Josephy was born and raised in Quesnel and received a diploma in landscape horticulture in 1982. He is a co-owner and manager of Richbar Nursery/Golf and a partner in Icon Homes. Roy has worked with Quesnel Youth soccer and is a past President of the Quesnel Construction Association and Past Chair of the Northern BC Construction Association. He has three children aged 15- 19 and is again saving for university.

Shirley Keen is a Certified General Accountant who moved to Quesnel in 1980. She worked for Rigsby Lea Barr and the City of Quesnel prior to becoming self-employed in 1990. She has three children and is originally from Vancouver. Ms. Keen is looking forward to spending time with the Foundation as a volunteer.

Doug Service is a retired teacher and administrator who served for 34 years in Quesnel. He has a Masters in Education from the University of Victoria. He currently works for the University of Northern British Columbia. He is a Director of the Quesnel Seniors Center and is married with two children and two grandchildren.

President Coffey expressed gratitude to retiring Board member Norman for his “outstanding dedication and the important contribution he has made over the years.” Mr. Norman served a number of terms, beginning in 2001 on the Foundation Steering Committee, and was the organization’s Vice President prior to becoming President.

The Quesnel Community Foundation is a charity created to meet the community’s needs by growing and managing permanent investments. Our endowment totals over \$700,000. The interest from these investments is provided as grants to community groups each year. Since 2002, the Foundation has given away over \$115,000.

In May, the Foundation assisted local organizations with grants totaling \$15,000. The Baker Creek Enhancement Society, the Quesnel Aquatics Club, the Alex Fraser Park Society, the Quesnel Women’s Resource Centre, the Quesnel S.P.C.A., and the Quesnel Technics Gymnastics Club received grants.

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