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# News Release

## Quesnel Community Foundation welcomes new Board members

Quesnel, BC, June 23, 2008:

The Quesnel Community Foundation has confirmed the appointment of five new Board members at its Annual General Meeting.

Kevin McKelvie, Simon Turner, Alex Coffey, Tobias Lawrence, and Chris McIver were welcomed to the organization. A Board manages the Foundation whose other members are Bob Norman, President; Brian Rankin, Vice President; Lorna Townsend, and Dawn Dubuc. The Board also thanked Ron Rasmussen, Liz Neave, Peter Walsh, Dr. Ellen Facey, and Deborah Grantham for their contributions as they ended their service to the Foundation.

“We welcome the experience and knowledge our new members bring to the work of our community charity,” stated Norman. “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.”

Kevin McKelvie will serve as Treasurer. He was born and raised in Quesnel and has been an agent for 26 years with Sun Life Financial (formerly Clarica), and holds his Chartered Financial Planner, Chartered Life Underwriter, and Certified Financial Planner designations. Mr. McKelvie was a member of the Canada Pension Plan Advisory Board for 5 years. He has been involved with many voluntary and industry organizations, including the Community Futures Development Association of the North Cariboo, and most recently, the Rotary Club of Quesnel. He is married and has three children.

Simon Turner will serve as Secretary. He is a Financial Planner with the Royal Bank of Canada. Mr. Turner has lived in Quesnel since 2002, after emigrating from England in 1990. He is an active member of the Rotary Club of Quesnel, and served as President from 2006 to 2007. Mr. Turner is a former Board member and volunteer for the Quesnel Youth Soccer Association. He is married and has two sons.

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for the lifelong benefit of our community.

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Alex Coffey is a lawyer who recently retired after 34 years in practice. He spent the vast majority of his legal career in Quesnel. 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. Mr. Coffey completed a BA at the University of Victoria and his LLB at UBC. 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.

Tobias Lawrence has a background in forestry and communications, and is Constituency Assistant to MLA Bob Simpson. She moved to Quesnel in 2007, and is president of the Quesnel Theatre Action Group and the Cariboo North Constituency Association. She is also a director at large for the northern division of the BC Canadian Institute of Forestry, a member of the Quesnel Spirit of BC committee, and the YES committee for the Quesnel Multicentre. She is a Forest Technologist, has completed a program in Geographical Information Systems, and is working toward obtaining her RPF status and a degree in Natural Resource Science Management. [nancylilienweiss@shaw.ca](mailto:nancylilienweiss@shaw.ca)

Chris McIver is the Vice President, Lumber Sales for West Fraser Mills Ltd. Prior to his current role, he held various sales and operational positions within West Fraser. Chris has a Bachelor of Commerce degree, majoring in marketing, from the University of British Columbia. He will serve as the Public Relations/Marketing Committee Chair. He is married and has two children.

President Norman also expressed gratitude to retiring Board members Ron Rasmussen, Liz Neave, Peter Walsh, Dr. Ellen Facey, and Deborah Grantham for their “outstanding dedication and the important contributions they have made over the years.” Mr. Rasmussen served a number of terms, beginning in 2001 on the Foundation Steering Committee, and was the organization’s Treasurer. Directors Neave, Walsh, and Facey each served two three-year terms, while Grantham served a three-year term. Ms. Neave served as the Grants Committee Chair, Mr. Walsh was the Public Relations and Marketing Chair, Dr. Facey was Secretary, and Ms. Grantham was the Gala Co-Chair.

The Quesnel Community Foundation is a charity created to meet the community’s needs by growing and managing permanent investments. Our endowment totals over \$640,000. The interest from these investments is provided as grants to community groups each year. Since 2002, we’ve given away over \$100,000.

In April, the Foundation assisted local organizations with grants totalling \$25,000. Organizations who received grants included the Auxiliary to GR Baker Memorial Hospital, the Cariboo Ski Touring Club, Quesnel Aquatic Club, Quesnel Community Living Association, Quesnel & District Palliative Care Association, Quesnel Residential Care Society, and the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program.

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