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ITA names new directors to Board

Richmond, B.C. – Industry Training Authority is pleased to announce the appointment of two new directors to its Board.

Tracey MacKinnon is a Civil Engineer with over 25 years of experience in consulting and corporate organizations with a focus on project management and talent development. Tracey has held numerous leadership and strategy positions in the Canadian Coast Guard, private consulting, and Shell Canada and is a recognized change leader in building organizations, driven by effective workforce development programs. Currently as the workforce development manager for the LNG Canada project, Tracey has been active in driving results that improve the number of people entering and completing apprenticeship programs, championing diversity, and maximizing employment in the trades for local B.C. residents. Tracey's term is effective May 31, 2019 to May 1, 2020.

Wally Penner is semi-retired as the regional project manager for the Waneta Expansion Project. He has worked with Columbia Power Corporation in the construction of the Arrow Lakes Generating Station and the Brilliant Expansion Generating Station. His passion is working with trades professionals, Indigenous, and local communities on construction projects. His construction experience began on the Hugh Keenleyside Dam and road construction for the Ministry of Highways and Forests. His career also includes working as the regional development liaison officer for the Kootenay Region for 10 years. During this time, he was one of the founding members of the Columbia Basin Trust and was involved in numerous projects in the Columbia Basin. Wally has been involved in his community as chair of the Kootenay Lake District Hospital; Regional Economic Advisory Committee; Nelson Rod, Gun and Conservation Society and served as a director for the Regional District of Central Kootenay. Wally's term is effective May 16, 2019 to May 1, 2020.

"We're delighted to have Tracey and Wally join a board that is strongly committed to an inclusive world-class training and apprenticeship system in our province," said Roberta Ellis, ITA Board Chair. "With their accomplished backgrounds in key trades-related industries, we look forward to their input and their contributions."



Reappointed to the Board for an extended term are Lisa Langevin, Peter Baker, and Thomas Nyce from May 16, 2019 to May 1, 2021. ITA looks forward to their continued contributions to the Board.

ITA would like to thank departing directors Andries Calitz and Jonathan Whitworth for their significant contributions to both the organization and the strengthening of trades in British Columbia.

The Industry Training Authority (ITA) leads and coordinates British Columbia's skilled trades system. ITA works with apprentices, employers, industry, labour, training providers and government to fund training, issue credentials, support apprenticeships, set program standards and increase opportunities in the trades. For more information and a full list of Board directors, visit www.itabc.ca/leadership/board-directors.

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