

## News Release

### **Advisory Council Announced for the BC Agenda for Shared Prosperity** *12 civic leaders from across British Columbia's social and economic sectors to guide process*

**October 11, 2012 (Vancouver, BC)** - The Business Council of British Columbia and the BC Chamber of Commerce announced today that a group of 12 respected and civic-minded British Columbians have agreed to sit as members of an Advisory Council to the recently announced BC Agenda for Shared Prosperity. The Council will play an important oversight and commentary role within the BC Agenda initiative which aims to establish greater connectivity between the province's economic developments and the interests and opportunities of British Columbians.

"We are fortunate to have the commitment and contributions of these outstanding and trusted British Columbians from a diverse cross-section of social and economic sectors from our province," said Greg D'Avignon, President and CEO, Business Council of British Columbia. "This diversity in perspectives and common passion for our province will bring a unique, informed and balanced approach to our process."

The Advisory Council reflects the diversity of British Columbia with representatives from leading BC industries such as mining, finance and real estate and also post secondary leadership, First Nations, labour and the NGO sector.

"As part of the BC Agenda for Shared Prosperity we will be holding regional meetings with local Chambers of Commerce to include perspectives from British Columbians across all regions of the province," said John Winter, President and CEO, BC Chamber of Commerce. "Members of the Advisory Council will be participating in our regional meetings to listen to British Columbians and engage in a new tone of conversation about future opportunities for British Columbians."

The Advisory Council members of the BC Agenda for Shared Prosperity are:

- Janet Austin, Chief Executive Officer, YWCA Metro Vancouver
- Kim Baird, Strategic Initiatives Director, Tsawwassen First Nation
- Stephen Butz, President and Executive Officer, YMCA of Greater Vancouver
- Eric Carlson, CEO, Anthem Properties
- George Iwama, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Northern British Columbia
- Reid Johnson, President, Health Sciences Association of BC
- Pierre Lebel, Chairman and Director, Imperial Metals Corporation
- Gerry Martin, Co-Owner, Kra-Mar Investments

- Andrew Petter, President and Vice Chancellor, Simon Fraser University
- Sharon Singh, Principal Advisor Energy, Rio Tinto
- James Tansey, ISIS Executive Director, Associate Professor, Sauder School of Business, UBC
- Carole Taylor, Chancellor, Simon Fraser University

The *BC Agenda for Shared Prosperity* is an innovative plan to inform and advance public discussion in BC around the broad objective of providing a robust policy foundation for building and maintaining a strong provincial economy that fulfills the long-term potential of the province. The first regional meeting of the BC Agenda for Shared Prosperity will take place with the Cranbrook Chamber of Commerce on October 24.

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