



## **B.C. PROGRESS BOARD BIOGRAPHIES**

### **David Black, Chair**

David Black is president and owner of Black Press, the largest private newspaper publisher in Canada. Black Press has approximately 95 newspapers and 14 regional web press operations. The company has grown significantly over the past 27 years. Company operations are located mainly in British Columbia, Alberta, Washington State and Hawaii. Black received an engineering degree at UBC in 1969 and an MBA at Western in 1971. He currently lives in Victoria.

### **David Emerson, Past Chair**

David Emerson is president and chief executive of Canfor Corp. From 1992 to December 1997, Emerson was president and CEO of the Vancouver International Airport Authority. He has also served as deputy minister to the Premier, deputy minister of Finance for B.C., chairman and CEO of Canadian Western Bank, and president of B.C. Trade Development Corporation. Emerson holds a doctorate in economics from Queens University, and master's and bachelor degrees in economics from the University of Alberta. His current directorships include BC Gas Inc., Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada. He is vice-chairman of Canadian Council of Chief Executives, chair of B.C. Ferry Corporation and chair and director of Genus.

### **Lawrence Bates**

Lawrence Bates is president and chief executive of Sun-Rype Products Ltd. He has been with Sun-Rype for 32 years and has held several senior positions including director of marketing and sales, vice-president of marketing and sales, and vice-president and general manager. Prior to joining Sun-Rype, Bates worked in food distribution management. He serves on the boards of the Food Processors of Canada, the Kelowna General Hospital Foundation, and the Processed Apples Institute in Atlanta, Ga. Bates attended the University of Saskatchewan, business administration program.

### **Alex Campbell**

Alex Campbell is president and co-founder of Thrifty Foods, which operates 18 stores on Vancouver Island and one store in Tsawwassen. The first Thrifty Foods grocery store opened in Victoria in 1977. The company has more than 2,800 employees, and a market share of 40 per cent on Vancouver Island. It also includes wholesale grocery and produce distribution to more than 60 other independent grocers within B.C. Campbell received an honorary doctorate of laws from Royal Roads University in 2000, has been awarded the Order of B.C., and is the recipient of numerous community and industry awards.

### **Herman Driediger**

Herman Driediger is a UBC graduate with a career in banking, the livestock feed industry and livestock production, commercial construction, and the equipment rental industry. He is the CEO of Driediger Investments Ltd. Driediger has held numerous positions in local provincial and federal agricultural organizations, associations, policy advisory boards and task forces. He has been a member of policy advisory boards to both provincial and federal ministers of agriculture. Community involvement includes a presidency of the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce and most recently - the last six years - as chairman of the Abbotsford Airport Authority. He is also a member of the B.C. Institute of Agrolgists and Agricultural Institute of Canada.

### **Norman Keevil**

Dr. Keevil obtained his B.A.Sc. at the University of Toronto in 1959, and his Ph.D. at the University of California (Berkeley) in 1964. He joined Teck Corporation in 1962 as vice-president of Exploration and became executive vice-president in 1968, president and chief executive in 1981, and chairman and CEO in 2000. On Aug. 1, 2001, he became non-executive chairman of the merged Teck Cominco Limited. In May, 1993 Dr. Keevil received an honorary doctorate of laws from the University of British Columbia. In October 1996 he was named Master Entrepreneur of the Year; in 1997 received the Viola R. MacMillan Developer's Award from the Prospectors & Developers Association and in 1999 won the Inco Medal Award from the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Dr. Keevil is a director of the Mining Association of Canada, a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

### **Eva Lee Kwok**

Eva Lee Kwok is chair and CEO of Amara International Investment Corp. She formerly served as president and managing director, Melcorp Mercantile Inc.; vice-president Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada; president and CEO Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology. She serves as a director of CK Life Sciences International (Holdings) Inc., Telesystems International Wireless Inc., Bank of Montreal, Air Canada and Husky Energy Inc. She previously served as a director of Fletcher Challenge Canada Ltd., Clarica Life Insurance Company, Coca-Cola Beverages Ltd, AT & T Canada Long Distance Services, Melcorp Mercantile Inc., Scott Paper Ltd. and Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Corporation. Lee Kwok has attended The Senior University Administration Course at the University of Western Ontario and holds a master of science degree from University of London (England). She is a director of Canada's Outstanding CEO of the Year Award program and a member of the advisory board for the National Awards in Governance, the Conference Board of Canada. She is named as one of the National Post's 50 top business women.

### **Jill Leversage**

Jill Leversage is managing director of investment banking at TD Securities Inc. Prior to this, she served as the head of RBC DS' Alternative Energy Sector for North America. Leversage holds a bachelor of commerce from the University of Calgary. She is a designated chartered accountant and a chartered business valuator, and is a past treasurer of the B.C. Chapter of Chartered Business Valuators. She serves as a director for the BC/Yukon Chapter of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and has also been actively involved in the United Way Campaign as head of the finance section.

### **Jeff Mallett**

Jeffrey Mallett is the former president and CEO and member of the board of directors of Internet media giant Yahoo! Inc. Joining the company in 1995, Jeff was instrumental in building Yahoo! into one of the 30 most recognizable global entertainment and media brands. Prior to Yahoo!, Mallett was vice-president and general manager of the consumer products division of Novell Inc. and a founding executive team member and vice-president of reference software. As a director of telecommunications company Island Pacific Telephone, Jeff contributed in taking the company from a start-up to being acquired by Cable and Wireless in 1987.

Jeff is currently an owner and member of the executive committee of the San Francisco Giants baseball team as well as an investor and board member of the Canadian Baseball League. He owns Vineyard Knolls Golf Club in Napa, Calif., as well as an independent vineyard growing world-class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes for local Napa wineries. Born in Vancouver, Jeff grew up in Victoria and attended the University of Victoria on a soccer scholarship where the all-Canadian was a member of the National Finalist team in 1982. He participated as a member of the Canadian National and Olympic soccer team program for two years.

### **Gerry Martin**

Gerry Martin is co-owner and corporate secretary of Northern Drugs Ltd., a chain of drug stores operating in Northwest B.C. and is also president of Shames Mountain Ski Corporation. Martin is actively involved in a variety of community and professional activities. He is a director and past president of the Chain Drug Association of B.C., a fellow, governor and first vice-chair with the B.C. Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Northern Medical School Program Action Committee, the Terrace 2010 Community Benefits Team, and the Terrace Northern Medical Programs Trust.

Martin has been the recipient of numerous awards including Terrace Business Person of the Year (1988), the Whitehall-Robins Bowl of Hygeia Award (a Canadian-U.S. award recognizing outstanding community service by a pharmacist), Fellow of the B.C. Chamber of Commerce, and Terrace Business Executive of the Year (2000). He holds a bachelor of science in pharmacy (1965) from the University of British Columbia. Married with two adult children, he resides in Terrace.

### **Jim Pattison**

Jim Pattison is chairman, chief executive and sole owner of the Jim Pattison Group, Canada's third-largest privately held company. The Jim Pattison Group has more than 25,000 employees, annual sales of \$5.2 billion and assets totaling over \$3.1 billion. With investments in Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Europe, Asia and Australia, the Jim Pattison Group is involved in a wide variety of industries including food services, packaging, manufacturing, communications, entertainment, transportation and export services. Pattison was born in Saskatoon, and has lived in Vancouver since 1935. He serves as a director on a number of boards.

### **Martha Piper**

Martha Piper is president and vice-chancellor of the University of British Columbia. Prior to joining UBC in 1997, Dr. Piper was vice-president for research at the University of Alberta, and dean of the university's faculty of rehabilitation medicine. She received her PhD. in epidemiology and biostatistics from McGill University in 1979, her M.A. in child development from the University of Connecticut, and her B.Sc. in physical therapy from the University of Michigan. Dr. Piper was appointed to the National Advisory Board on Science and Technology in 1994 and, in 1996, to the board of the Advisory Council on Science and Technology.

### **Jeet Sandhu**

Jeet Sandhu is a small businessman involved in the furniture, appliance and electronic business in Kamloops since 1970. He has developed and sold a franchise of 12 electronic stores in British Columbia, Alberta, and the Northwest Territories. He is actively involved in Rotary, Gyros, the Kamloops Art Gallery and various other ongoing community projects. Sandhu was born in India and has spent most of his life in Canada.

### **Carol Seable**

Carol Seable is president and CEO of Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Ltd. She is president of the Columbia Valley Airport Society and director of the Columbia Valley Community Association, Tourism Rockies, and Fairmont Business Association. She is past director of the B.C. Aviation Council, the Pacific Rim Institute of Tourism, and Canadian Liver Foundation. She is also past vice-president of the BC & Yukon Hotels' Association and the Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce and past vice-chair of Tourism B.C. Seable lives in Fairmont.

### **Ken Shields**

Ken Shields, a commerce graduate from UBC, has been an active member of the business and financial community for more than 25 years. Shields helped establish the institutional firm of Goepel Shields & Partners Inc. in 1989. In 1998, the firm merged with McDermid St. Lawrence Securities Ltd., which subsequently became Raymond James Ltd. Shields serves as president and CEO. He is a director of TimberWest Forest Corp. and has served as a past-governor of the Vancouver Stock Exchange, past-president of the Vancouver Society of Financial Analysts, and past chairman of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada. Shields is also a member of the Accounting Standards Oversight Council, and a member of the board of the Council of Business and the Arts in Canada.

### **Mark Shuparski**

Mark Shuparski is the president of Pacific Capital Investments. He is the former executive vice-president of Bentall Capital and is one of the founding partners of the firm. Bentall Capital is a fully integrated real estate service company with industry-leading expertise in investment management, property services, development services and merchant banking. The firm was founded in April 2001 and currently has in excess of \$6 billion of real estate assets under management. Prior to forming Bentall Capital, Shuparski was president and CEO of Bentall Corporation, a position he held from January 1995. He holds an MBA from the University of Western Ontario and a bachelor of environmental studies from the University of Waterloo.

### **Brian Surerus**

Brian Surerus is the president of Surerus Pipeline Inc. With 30 office and mechanical personnel maintaining day-to-day operations, the company has employed up to 450 people at any one time and has laid more than 4,000 kilometers of pipeline through some of the most formidable terrain in the country. Surerus Pipeline Inc is the largest pipeline company in B.C. and one of the most successful pipeline companies in Northwestern Canada. For 30 years, Surerus Pipeline Inc. has played a significant role in the development and stability of the economy in Fort St. John.

### **Doug Whitehead**

Doug Whitehead was appointed president and chief executive of Finning International Inc. in April 2000. Prior to joining Finning, he was president and chief executive of Fletcher Challenge Canada and a director of the board.

Whitehead is a director of Ballard Power Systems Inc., B.C. Gas Inc., Belkorp Industries, and the Conference Board of Canada. He is a member of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, a member of the board of governors for the Business Council of British Columbia, and a member of the UBC Commerce Faculty Advisory Board. He is past chairman of the board of Finlay Forest Industries Ltd. and TimberWest Forest Ltd. Whitehead is active in fundraising initiatives for the United Way and was general campaign co-chair of the United Way of the Lower Mainland in 1997. Whitehead is a member of the Capilano Golf and Country Club. He enjoys golf, skiing, and jogging. He holds a bachelor of applied science in civil engineering from the University of British Columbia and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario.

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