



## **News Release**

### **Sunshine Coast Economic Development Board Appointed**

Sechelt, BC— March 30, 2016 — Appointments were announced for members of a regional economic development entity at the March 24, 2016 Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) Board meeting.

Last November, the Sechelt Indian Government District, SCRD, Town of Gibsons and District of Sechelt approved a Sunshine Coast Economic Development Charter. The implementation of the charter and the creation of an economic development entity are key objectives in the SCR D Strategic plan.

“The intent of the regional partnership is to enhance the work of those agencies currently receiving local funding to undertake economic development initiatives,” says Garry Nohr, SCR D Board Chair.

Each local government was asked to appoint a representative to a temporary steering committee that would finalize the work needed to establish a regional entity, including a more detailed exploration of possible organizational structures. The steering committee began the recruitment process for Board Members of the Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development entity in January 2016.

“We were seeking individuals with expertise and passion in areas that include, sustainability, technology, agriculture, outdoor recreation, economic diversification, local investment, to name a few, as well as collaboration with First Nations, which is a priority in the SCR D’s strategic plan,” says Chair Nohr. “We are very excited to join forces with the appointees to achieve greater results with a regional economic development plan.”

The following candidates were appointed: Robin Chauhan, David Chisholm, Maria Hampvent Shelley McDade, Cheryl McNicol, Celia Robben, Alan Skelley, Tanya Smith, and a representative from the shíshálh Nation.

“With these appointments now confirmed, the Steering Committee has fulfilled its mandate,” says Chair Nohr. “A joint transitional meeting with the newly appointed members and the Steering Committee will be scheduled in mid-April.”

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