

Fort Calgary prepares for historic shift with new Board appointments

May 8, 2019 (Calgary, AB)—Fort Calgary is planning a historic shift in its program under the leadership of new Board members and a new President & CEO.

“This is an exciting time for our city and our country as we all hear the call to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Each of us have a role to play, as do museums and other public spaces,” says Board Chair Robin Lee. “Fort Calgary will play a leading role in sharing the stories and truths of our history and this site.”

Recent Board appointments were meant to both strengthen the governance of the society charged with administering the 40-acre site, while also enriching perspectives about the future of Fort Calgary. In the coming years, Fort Calgary will realize the completion of its masterplan with the construction of the New Museum Project.

The New Museum Project will continue to tell the important story of the North West Mounted Police and this National Historic Site, while acknowledging its context within Indigenous histories and relations. This effort is being governed by the Board, alongside advisors representing the RCMP and RCMP Veterans’ Association, and an Indigenous Advisory Committee with representatives from the Treaty 7 Nations and Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3.

“This is a historic shift for Fort Calgary, layering our current story with the stories of many others,” says new President & CEO Alison Pidskalny. Joining the organization in December 2018, Alison brings over 20 years of experience as a proven community builder, fundraiser and marketing and communications leader. “At the same time, it is vital that we ensure the organization is standing on a solid foundation of good governance and strong community relationships.”

Board and Management are actively raising funds for the New Museum Project, while continuing the deep work with the community to realize this shift.

“This project couldn’t be timelier or more topical,” says past Chair Doug Mills. “This is a moment in our history as a city and a country where we are being called upon to learn, understand, and act. Fort Calgary will be an authentic place for our community to do that.”

A list of Fort Calgary’s Board of Directors and Indigenous Advisory Committee is attached.

For more information about the New Museum Project, visit <https://www.fortcalgary.com/new-museum-project/>.

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