

Moosehead President & CEO Named Chair of ESJ Board

Andrew Oland to take over from interim board chair, Martin Chiasson

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Saint John N.B. –Enterprise Saint John (ESJ) is pleased to announce that **Andrew Oland** has been elected to the chair of the board, effective January 18, 2018. The move comes as some notable changes are occurring within ESJ, including the addition of new CEO, Ron Gaudet as well as four recently appointed board members.

“I’m excited to be coming in at this time - a time of change and recommitment. The Greater Saint John Region is an exceptional community with significant potential. The Board and Staff are determined to build on our strengths with a view to a more prosperous future. Creating a stronger entrepreneurial culture, helping our businesses grow and inviting investment and people to join our community is our ultimate aim and one I believe strongly in,” says Andrew Oland, who is also President & CEO of Moosehead Breweries.

He looks forward to continuing to work with the ESJ board, including recently appointed board members, Louis Labelle, Cathy Simpson, Andy McPherson and Sue Harley.

"It is the perfect time for a leader of Andrew’s caliber and experience to take the helm of the board. We both want to focus on the basics of regional economic development- job growth, workforce expansion and encouraging local and external companies to invest in Saint John in 2018.," says ESJ CEO, Ron Gaudet.

The Enterprise Saint John Board and Staff are grateful to interim board chair, Martin Chiasson for his consistent dedication, leadership and guidance.

"It was my pleasure to serve on an interim basis, while we worked to find our new CEO and board chair. Andrew has always been a strong addition to our board. Andrew has a passion for Saint John and knows it is only by working together, Greater Saint John will grow," says Chiasson.

ABOUT Andrew Oland- Andrew is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Moosehead Breweries. He is the sixth-generation member of his family to lead the 150-year-old Oland-family brewing business. Andrew serves on several Boards of Directors including Beer Canada, Atlantic Institute for Market Studies (AIMS), and EPC Industries Limited. He is also an Advisory Board member of the Faculty of Business at UNB Saint John. He is a passionate believer that immigration is essential to the long-term prosperity of New Brunswick and volunteers his time mentoring new Canadians.

ABOUT Ron Gaudet- Ron is the CEO of Enterprise Saint John. He has spent the last seven years leading a number of economic development agencies including Windsor- Essex, Region of Waterloo and has done project work with several Ontario communities including the City of Guelph, West Lincoln and Huron County. He also served as a special advisor on Innovation Strategies for the University of Windsor's, Innovation Centre and Industrial Courtyard. He is originally from New Brunswick and prior to his move to Ontario, he was the President and CEO of the Greater Moncton Economic Development Corporation (GMEC).

ABOUT Enterprise Saint John- Enterprise Saint John is the regional economic development agency serving Grand Bay-Westfield, Saint John, Rothesay, Quispamsis and St. Martins. Our region's growth comes from creating new start-ups, helping businesses grow and attracting and retaining businesses to the region. The ESJ Board works with the **Regional Oversight Committee (ROC)**, to choose new volunteer board members. ROC is made up of our region's five mayors and two representatives of the private sector partners who invest in ESJ. It also works with the board to develop annual key performance indicators.

ESJ Board Members: Andrew Oland (Moosehead Breweries), Martin Chiasson (Loosen Up Consulting), Mary Keith (J.D. Irving), Terri Riedle (Revolution), Paulette Hicks (Delta Saint John), Gary Lawson (Lawson Creamer), Eric Poirier (Bell Aliant), Sue Harley, Cathy Simpson (T4G), Louis Labelle (Irving Oil) & Andy McPherson.

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