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RVH welcomes new board members

At Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre's (RVH) Annual General Meeting (AGM), Charlotte Wallis was named the new chairperson of the RVH Board of Directors for a two-year term.

Charlotte joined the RVH Board of Directors in June 2014 and has recently retired from her role as Regional Vice President at RBC Royal Bank and brings a diverse background in volunteerism and board responsibilities.

"Charlotte brings a diverse background of leadership, knowledge and community experience to this role," says Janice Skot, RVH president and CEO. "She has been an active member on our board for many years, her guidance and immense knowledge in governance and healthcare issues will be vital to the board moving forward."

As governors of the health centre, the volunteer-based Board of Directors act as a link between the health centre and the communities it serves, not only monitoring performance standards and financial accountability, but ensuring RVH delivers on its strategic plan. RVH extended thanks to outgoing chair Michael O'Keefe for his commitment as chair over the past two years. He will continue as past chair.

Also at the AGM Doug Frost, was elected as the board's first vice-chair and Michael Gleason was elected second vice-chair. Karen Hansen was also welcomed as a new member of the RVH Board of Directors. Effective in September, Dr. David Boushy will become president of the RVH Medical Staff Association and Dr. Marco Vennettilli will take on the role of vice president.

The RVH Foundation Board also saw a change in leadership. Doug Moody will be taking on the role of chairperson from John Byles who was thanked for his insight and commitment and will remain on the board as past chair. Doug previously served as vice chair of the Foundation board and has over 34 years of experience as a local business owner and most recently, as the Chief Operating Officer at Barriston Law. Paul Larche was elected as vice chair of the Foundation Board and new members Estelle King and Kelly Whitaker were welcomed.

"RVH is fortunate to have such an extremely skilled and diverse group of people who are remarkably dedicated to the health centre on both boards, each bringing a unique perspective to the healthcare system. Their commitment, leadership skills and dedication to RVH is vital to ensuring the best experiences for the patients and their families," says Skot.

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