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RCMP Heritage Centre Names New CEO Board of Directors announces Marty Klyne as its new Chief Executive Officer

REGINA—The RCMP Heritage Centre Board of Directors officially announced today that Marty Klyne will serve as the organization's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) effective February 13, 2017.

"We are looking forward to welcoming Marty to the Centre," Board Chair Tracy Fahlman said. "In addition to his strong leadership skills, marketing savvy and a solid business acumen, Marty brings an intimate knowledge of the Centre to this position."

The search for a new CEO started in September 2016 after Al Nicholson, current CEO and retired RCMP member, announced his retirement.

"We thank Al for his exemplary leadership over the past five years. He has built a strong foundation and ensured that the organization continued to move forward both strategically and operationally," Fahlman said.

After a Canada-wide executive search, the Board concluded that Klyne's strong track record of success as a CEO, and his demonstrated ability to develop, lead and execute strategic direction with impressive results, made him the outstanding candidate for this role.

"It is an incredible honour for me to lead and serve this organization dedicated to sharing the story of the RCMP, one of the most recognizable symbols of Canada," Klyne said. "I am looking forward to working with my team making valued contributions in the eyes of our stakeholders. The Heritage Centre has enjoyed tremendous growth under Al Nicholson's watch and we will take that momentum and advance."

Over the past twenty-five years, Klyne has developed a broad base of senior management experience steeped in leadership centered on strategic management. Since 2015, he has been serving as the Chief Operating Officer of the Queen City Sports and Entertainment Group (Operating as the Regina Pats Hockey Club). Prior to this, Klyne was the Publisher / CEO of The StarPhoenix and Leader-Post, President and CEO of the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation (SGC) which operates Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw, and President & CEO of the Regina Regional Economic Development Authority (RREDA).

Klyne is no stranger to the RCMP Heritage Centre. During his tenure as President and CEO of RREDA in the late 1990s, he formed a steering committee along with committee Chair Don Black to oversee the development of the feasibility study for the RCMP Heritage Centre. Through RREDA, funding and vital partnerships were formed to conduct the study and further develop a business plan to put that strategy into action. The Centre opened in 2007 and will celebrate its 10th Anniversary in May 2017.

To learn more about the RCMP Heritage Centre, please visit www.rcmphc.com.



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About the RCMP Heritage Centre

Incorporated under the Non-Profit Incorporation Act of Saskatchewan, the RCMP Heritage Centre is an independent, not-for-profit, charitable organization committed to being the world's premier institution commemorating Canada's iconic Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The Centre owns and operates a 65,000 sq. ft. facility that opened on May 23, 2007 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Located on the grounds of the RCMP Academy "Depot" Division, the story of the RCMP is appropriately shared, where cadets are trained and their story begins. This majestic facility houses artifact based exhibits, state-of-the-art installations, live events, a retail operation, a theatre, youth programming, artifact storage, and administration offices.

About Marty Klyne

Since 2015, Klyne has been serving as the Chief Operating Officer of the Queen City Sports and Entertainment Group (Operating as the Regina Pats Hockey Club). Prior to this, Marty was the Publisher / CEO of The StarPhoenix and Leader-Post, divisions of Postmedia Network Inc. During that period he successfully led those two major daily newspapers through a period of tremendous change, transforming them into one modern integrated organization that is able to succeed in the constantly evolving world of digital media.

Previous to Postmedia, he served as: President and CEO of the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation (SGC) which operates Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw; President & CEO of the Regina Regional Economic Development Authority (RREDA); Executive Vice-President of MAACO Systems Canada; and, President & CEO of SaskNative Economic Development Corporation, following management positions with Royal Trust Corporation of Canada and the Mercantile Bank of Canada.

As part of his commitment to community, Klyne serves on a number of committees and boards including: FHQ Developments Ltd. Board of Directors; Saskatchewan's Labour Market Task Force; Regina Palliative Care Inc.; and, Economic Development Regina. His past commitments on boards and committees are many including, to name a few: Chair of the National Aboriginal Economic Development Board; Vice Chair of SaskPower's Board; Globe Theatre Board; Mackenzie Art Gallery Board; and, the Foundation Board of the Ignite Adult Learning Corporation. He also served on the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala Board and was President of Grey Cup 2003.

Born and raised in Regina, Klyne graduated With Distinction from the University of Regina holding a degree in Business Administration (Finance) and is a proud recipient of the 2013 Alumni Crowning Achievement Award for Distinguished Professional Achievement.

