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Incident: **New Police Board Members**

Abbotsford – July 2, 2010.

The Abbotsford Police Department is pleased to welcome two new members to the Abbotsford Police Board. Karen Matty and Michael McWhinney will join the existing members Mayor George Peary, Jon Eaton, Jatinder Sidhu, Ted Strocel and Deborah Lehmann.

The Police Board is a civilian governing body which receives its authority under the Police Act. Police Boards perform the following governing functions:

- Employer of sworn and civilian staff
- Policy and direction setters
- Financial overseers
- Discipline authorities for policy and service complaints
- In consultation with the Chief of Police, the Police Board establishes the objectives and priorities of the Abbotsford Police Department
- Approves the budget as prepared and presented by the Chief of Police prior to its submission to municipal council for approval. The Police Board also negotiates and approves the collective agreements.

Police Board members are not paid; they voluntarily contribute their time and efforts to benefit our community.

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Background of the two new members:

Karen Matty

Karen Matty has been involved in construction, property management and development for 38 years. She is the president of her family group of companies and continues to be active in the growth and management of the business.

Mrs. Matty enjoys community planning and promotes good stewardship along the way. She has served for 5 years on Abbotsford's Economic Development Commission, and is currently serving on Abbotsford's Affordable Housing Committee and Technical Advisory Committee. Karen served eight years on Abbotsford's Airport Authority Board. Other volunteer positions have included: Abbotsford Downtown Business Association, Abbotsford Foundation, and Honorary Board Member UCFV.

Karen is a proud mother, grandmother and wife. She enjoys gourmet cooking, organic gardening, and traveling.

Mike McWhinney

Mike McWhinney has lived in Abbotsford with his wife, Kathleen, and their 2 children since 1997. Mike has over 34 years of management experience in operations and human resources management in the federal public sector, with more than 20 of these years in senior executive positions. His most recent senior appointments include Executive Director General, Human Resources (Infrastructure) with the Canada Border Services Agency; Director, Surrey Tax Centre, Canada Revenue Agency; Regional Director, Human Resources, Canada Customs and Revenue Agency; Director, Canada Customs, Metro Vancouver District. Mike has been recognized for his leadership and innovation in public service and since retiring in 2008 has provided executive consulting services on a contract basis.

Mr. McWhinney is a graduate of Simon Fraser University and the National Defence College of Canada and is an alumnus of the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference. Mike was a volunteer Team Leader for the Vancouver Winter Olympics 2010 and has been an active volunteer backstage crew member in productions of Fraser Valley Stage over the past 10 years. Mike is an active old car restoration enthusiast, a rugby fan, and likes to try to golf.

"I am extremely pleased to have Karen Matty and Michael McWhinney join our Police Board," said Mayor George W. Peary. "They are two very strong individuals whose talents will add to the deliberations of this very important Board in our City."

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