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## Calgary Health Trust announces new Board Chair, three vice chairs

Mr. Bill Sembo takes over from longtime philanthropic leader Mrs. Ann McCaig

CALGARY – Calgary Health Trust today announces the appointment of new governance leadership, including a new chair and three vice chairs.

Mr. Bill Sembo, an energy and financial industry veteran with a long-standing commitment to philanthropic organizations in Calgary, will serve as the new Chair of the Board. He will succeed retiring Board Chair Mrs. Ann McCaig, who served the organization as chair for 12 years.

Board members Mr. Sandy Edmonstone, Mr. David Routledge and Ms. Lesley Conway have also been named vice chairs and will each lead strategic initiatives that will propel the organization forward. In addition, the new governance leadership will steward new partnerships and relationships while continuing the 21-year legacy of the organization.

Calgary Health Trust's new board governance brings a breadth of experience in multiple sectors and strong relationships throughout the city and Alberta. (Bios included)

"Moving forward, we are looking at three areas that will make a big impact to the future of health care: education of the public, applied clinical research, and excellence in care," said Mr. Sembo. "There is an opportunity for Calgary Health Trust to continue to evolve and grow alongside the health care system and to help lead innovation and excellence in care."

This strategic focus strengthens Calgary Health Trust's commitment to the community found in its pillars of building world-class care, impacting Albertans and their families, and improving the quality of life for those who live here.

Calgary Health Trust is one of the largest health care fundraising organizations in the Calgary area. Its unique model as a zone-wide fundraising organization for Alberta Health Services hospitals and programs provides the ideal platform to continue to build excellence in health care through collaboration.

"We are excited to continue to work in partnership with the Trust to help keep Calgarians healthy and to pursue new philanthropic opportunities," said Linda Hughes, Chair, Alberta Health Services (AHS) Board. "We welcome the new leadership and thank them for their dedication to health care and to Albertans."



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Mrs. McCaig continued the legacy of her late husband and founder of Calgary Health Trust, Bud McCaig, who believed more could be achieved in health care when foundations worked together.

During her time as Board Chair, Mrs. McCaig co-chaired the Music in Motion, Encore and Interlude events; oversaw Calgary Health Trust's involvement in the Reach! Campaign; and supported countless initiatives, such as the development of the Interventional Trauma Operating Room (ITOR), the second of its kind in the world, at Foothills Medical Centre's McCaig Tower.

Mrs. McCaig will serve as Chair Emeritus of Calgary Health Trust and continue to champion the strong tradition of support for health care among Calgary's philanthropic community.

Mr. Sembo has a long-standing history of support for philanthropic organizations throughout Calgary, including campaigns for REACH!, a \$312-million partnership between the former Calgary Health Region, the University of Calgary and Calgary Health Trust; building excellence at Alberta Children's Hospital; the YMCA's Growing Strong Together Community Campaign; and Hull Child and Family Services. In addition, he has served on Calgary Health Trust's Board of Directors since 2015, as well as served as Chair of the Foothills Development Council.

"Calgary is a wonderful place to live," said Mr. Sembo. "It has a strong philanthropic record of community support. From the arts to homeless to health care and other social needs, philanthropy gives us all something to be proud of and to share in. That is why I am pleased to bring my experience from the private sector into my role with Calgary Health Trust in advancing health care."

All appointments are effective May 24.

Calgary Health Trust is a Calgary-based charity focused on fundraising that will transform health care in Alberta. The incredible generosity of our donors has helped to raise more than \$427 million for health care since 1996. Funds raised benefit Foothills Medical Centre, Peter Lougheed Centre, Rockyview General Hospital, South Health Campus, many community health programs and 12 Carewest care centres in our community. For more information about Calgary Health Trust and its strategic priorities, visit calgaryhealthtrust.ca

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