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BDDC's New Board Elected at the Annual General Meeting

Don Naylor – New Chair

Brampton, ON— Recently the Brampton Downtown Development Corporation (BDDC) held its 3rd Annual General Meeting at Rose Theatre Brampton and elected a new Board of Directors. Officers were elected at the BDDC Board meeting on May 26, and the following appointments were announced: new Chair, Don Naylor; Vice Chair, David Harmsworth, who also chairs the Marketing & Communications Committee; and Secretary, Neil Davis, who also chairs the Development Initiatives & Partnerships Committee.

Don Naylor was first elected to the BDDC Board in 2007 as an Owner representative. He is Owner and Principal Landscape Architect of Don Naylor & Associates Ltd, a company he founded in 1982 and which is located in Downtown Brampton. Looking ahead for the year to come, Don articulated his vision, "We are all here because we believe in the potential of downtown. Great results all start with great ideas. We all have to be very creative thinkers because as we all know building a better downtown is a complicated exercise. If we work together there is nothing we can't accomplish."

Attracting new business to downtown Brampton is on top of the list of BDDC's strategic priorities. "I don't think we have the luxury of waiting for people to find out that there are new business opportunities emerging in downtown. We need to go to the businesses we think belong here and can succeed here and show them what we have to offer." Don added, "We, along with our partners from the City's economic development office and the Brampton Board of Trade must continue on this course of encouraging and supporting new business ventures of all kinds in the downtown."



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Past Chair Richard Prouse, from Prouse Dash & Crouch LLP, was also recognized. Richard has been a leading force in the BDDC and its predecessor Brampton Downtown Business Association (BDBA) for 17 years, through concept, transition and start-up. During his time in office, Richard's vision for a broader mandate for the BDBA resulted in the creation of BDDC. As Past Chair, Richard Prouse will continue to provide his experience and expertise to the Board as a Special Advisor.

Karen Campbell, President of BDDC, remarked: "The achievement of the past Board and the support from the three City Council members on the Board, Regional Councillors Elaine Moore, Grant Gibson and John Sanderson have provided our organization with a clear direction and solid foundation. In particular I salute the leadership of outgoing Chair Richard Prouse and Vice Chair Neil Davis and their untiring commitment and vision to position BDDC as an integral contributor to the evolution of downtown.

The new BDDC Board consists of 9 members, including 6 business representatives and 3 Councillors appointed by the City of Brampton.

The 2009-2010 Board of Directors include:

- Chair, Don Naylor (Don Naylor & Associates Landscape Architecture)
- Vice Chair, David Harmsworth (Harmsworth Decorating Centre)
- Secretary, Neil Davis (Davis Webb LLP)
- Scott Goodison (Goodison Insurance & Financial Services)
- Gregory Schwarze (We Love Tennis)
- Sean Trueland (BMO Nesbitt Burns)
- Regional Councillor Grant Gibson
- Regional Councillor Elaine Moore
- Regional Councillor John Sanderson

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ABOUT THE BRAMPTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Brampton Downtown Development Corporation (BDDC) is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to strengthen the prosperity, quality and vitality of Downtown Brampton. The BDDC is a public-private partnership between the 350 businesses and commercial property owners in the historic Downtown core and the City of Brampton. Its mandate is to market and promote the downtown to attract new business and investment, as well as represent the interests of its members.