



Press Release

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The Uptown Rutland Business Association (URBA) bid farewell to a few Directors and welcomed some new faces. At the Annual General Meeting last evening, March 13th, President Dawn Thiessen thanked Curtis Fieseler, June Forman, & Mike Koutsantonis for their many years of service on the URBA Board and then after the election welcomed 2 new faces...Jon Garratt from Whisk Cake Co and Michael Hansen from Benson Law LLP. URBA is thrilled to have new blood as well as members who have the experience behind them to make the organization strong. In the next few months URBA will be announcing new plans for a project that will add color and vibrancy to the already bold community. The Uptown Rutland Business Improvement area includes businesses on Hollywood Rd up Hwy 33 to Prior which includes at all the side streets in-between as well as Rutland Rd from Robson north to McIntosh.

In 2019 URBA's strategic priorities will include: community development, investment attraction, events, promotions and beautification. Rutland is a community that is experiencing rapid growth and the Board is looking forward to making sure that the organization helps its members benefit and prosper from that growth. Below is the list of the other members who will also be serving out their terms and or have agreed to stay for another round.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BUSINESS NAME</u>
Dawn Thiessen	President	Aphrodite In Me Spa
Jamie Needham	1 st Vice President	Interior Savings
Mark Beaulieu	2 nd Vice President	Flashpoint Tattoo Company
Shelley Kvamme -MacDonald	Treasurer	REWIRE Accounting Solutions,CPA



Chandan (Ruby) Dulay	Director	Centex Gas
Dallas Crick	Director	Century 21 Welcome Home Team
Jon Garratt	Director	Whisk Cake Co
Kamal Shoranick	Director	MKS Resources
Michael Hansen	Director	Benson Law LLP
Nick Aubin	Director	Aubin & Associates
Frank Pohland	Director (Appointed)	CTQ Consultants
Kevin MacDougall	Director (Appointed)	Community Policing -RCMP
Don Rampone	Director (Appointed)	Kelowna Chamber of Commerce
Brad Sieben	Ex-Officio	City of Kelowna Councillor
Gail Given	Ex-Officio Alternate	City of Kelowna Councillor
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