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Saint John Region Chamber Board of Directors announces retirement of David Duplisea as CEO

The Board of Directors of the Saint John Region Chamber of Commerce today announced that the CEO, David Duplisea, will be retiring on November 8th.

“David has contributed significantly to the Chamber since he joined to lead the organization more than a decade ago,” says Mohamed Bagha, Chairperson of the Chamber. Under David’s leadership, the Chamber pushed many key initiatives for the best interest of our local businesses in the region, including advocating for better air service with Air Canada, support for Sunday shopping, strategic government investments, and immigration and population growth.”

Under David’s tenure, the Chamber grew by about 150 new members. The Chamber has welcomed business and government leaders, ambassadors, and dignitaries. The regionalization of the Chamber is widely recognized as a success and a model to be exemplified, winning a national award from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Highlights of David’s career include his appointment as Vice President of Strategy, and Special Assistant to the Chairperson, Charles B. Wang, of Computer Associates International in New York. David was also a successful entrepreneur as the president and co-founder of a boutique dot com and web design agency and was Senior Adviser on Smart Grid Strategy for the New Brunswick Department of Energy.

“It’s been an honour to serve our business community in this role,” says David Duplisea, CEO, Saint John Region Chamber. “It’s hard to say goodbye to an organization I’ve been so passionate about and a role I’ve had so much pride filling. However, I’m looking forward to this new chapter and am excited to work with the Board to help find my successor and the new energy they will bring to the table.”

A national recruitment campaign will begin in the coming weeks to find a replacement for the CEO of the Saint John Region Chamber.

“David has created a strong foundation for the new CEO to build on as we start our recruitment efforts,” adds Bagha. “We are optimistic about the future and

finding the next new talent that will continue to support our local businesses as they do the big things to grow our region and province.”

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