

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

About the Board

Economic Development Lethbridge is an arm's length organization, supported by the City of Lethbridge, governed by a 25-member volunteer Board of Directors and managed by a team of professionals dedicated to promoting economic prosperity in Lethbridge. EDL Board Members are drawn from a diverse cross-section of the community with the intention of best accomplishing the mandate and objectives of the organization.

As a governance Board, members are tasked with:

- setting the strategic direction for the organization through four-year business plans aligned with the municipal funding cycle
- providing direction, proactive leadership and sector-based expertise
- establishing governance policies that support the mandate of the organization
- hiring and evaluating the CEO

In 2017, Board members provided guidance and leadership to many important initiatives including the transition to the Lethbridge Destination Management Organization, Place-Brand Research as well as Team Lethbridge. Board members also contribute to the local entrepreneur community through mentorship and network opportunities connected to the Tecconnect centre for entrepreneurship and innovation. On occasion, Board members may attend conferences and participate in global volunteer missions related to their industry experience and expertise. Board members serve a two-year term with the option to extend their service for a second term as re-appointed by the Board.

Meet Our Board



Aboriginal

Rob Crow

Agriculture

Engineering

Past President

City of Lethbridge

Chris Spearman has served as President of the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce since 2008 and has served on several sub-committees in that time. In addition, he served five years (2008-2013) on the Energy Efficiency Task Force. He is proud of his community and is happy to network with various groups to help Lethbridge grow. He has served on a number of non-profit boards at the local, provincial, and national level, and volunteers and works with a number of non-profit groups throughout Lethbridge. Jenn has most recently joined the community Covenant Health Board, served as an ambassador for our city as a representative of Team Lethbridge, and is the past-president of Lethbridge's Allied Arts Council.

Arts & Culture

Education

Chamber of Commerce

City of Lethbridge Councillor

Mark Campbell

City of Lethbridge Mayor

Chris Spearman

City of Lethbridge Manager

Bramwell Strain

Commercial

Robert Kinniburgh

Construction

Richard Thiessen

County / Airport

Klaas Vander Veen

Environment

Kathleen Sheppard

Finance

Jason Sentes

Industrial

Terry Friesen

Lethbridge College

Sandra Dufresne

Multicultural

Richard Odei-Wontumi

Not-for-Profit

Jennifer Schmidt-Rempel

Regional

Mark Brown

Retail

Kevin Brees

Seniors

Pat Santa

Service

Sandra Mintz

Sports/Recreation

Todd Caughlin

Technical / Research

Chris Stasiuk

Tourism

Marie Milsom-Galeana

Transportation

Brad Beerling

University of Lethbridge

Dr. Erasmus Okine