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**RICHMOND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Richmond, BC, Canada June 21, 2011 -- 100 Business leaders representing the Richmond Chamber of Commerce gathered in the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 for the Richmond Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting & Conference to elect the new Board of Directors.

Tony Kwan, the recent Chair of Richmond Chamber of Commerce presented a summary of the Chambers accomplishments over the past year. Topics included the Chambers new communication strategy and strengthened business links to China.

Those in attendance were treated to a presentation from Elizabeth Specht, ED, Volunteer Richmond on the newly formed 'Richmond Circle of Friends' and a powerful presentation from Keynote Speaker Doug McCann (past President of Ikea, North America) on 'Growing Leadership - Growing Results'.

Tony commented "It has been an extremely busy and exciting year for our Chamber. Our board and our staff have worked hard to advocate for Richmond businesses and we expect continuing local and International interest in business opportunities which will benefit chamber members and the Richmond business community."

The Richmond Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the following Board for

2011/2012.

**Executive**

**Lisa Wong, Chair, Partner, Beavis, Wong & Associates**

**Barry Grabowski, Vice Chair, Partner, Cohen Buchan Edwards**

**Rob Akimow, Corporate Secretary, Sales Consultant, The Richmond Review**

**Brian Williams, Corporate Treasurer, President, Ashton Service Group**

**Tony Kwan, Immediate Past Chair, Partner, Pryke Lambert Leathley Russell  
LLP**

**Directors**

**Mike Karamanian, Digitech Renewable Printer Cartridges for One Year Term**

**Bonnie Chiu, Maple Freight Partnership for One Year Term**

**Howard Harowitz, Howard Harowitz Consulting Ltd. for One Year Term**

**Dana Westermark, Oris Consulting Ltd. for Two Year Term**

**Lori Chalmers, Richmond News for Two Year Term**

**David Coons, Trinity Western University for Two Year Term**

**Todd Laycraft, TD Commercial Banking for Two Year Term**

**John Miles, Vancouver Airport Authority for Two Year Term**

**Returning Board Members who have One Year remaining are:**

**Colleen Chambers, TSX Toronto Stock Exchange**

**Gerard Edwards, Incisive Marketing Inc.**

**Board of Governors**

**Raymond J Segat, Chair Board of Governors, Vancouver Airport Authority**

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The Richmond Chamber of Commerce is a broad-based non-profit membership association, celebrating over 85 years of commitment to make Richmond the most prosperous and favorable place to do business.

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