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REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD NAMES NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Directors Jen Ford and Vivian Birch-Jones move into new positions for 2021

Pemberton, BC – The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) Board elected its Chair and Vice-Chair for the coming year at its meeting on November 25.

Resort Municipality of Whistler Director Jen Ford, who formerly served as Vice-Chair, was elected as Board Chair, replacing outgoing Chair Tony Rainbow. Electoral Area B Director Vivian Birch-Jones was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

“I appreciate the Board’s confidence and I would like to thank my colleagues for their support,” said Director Ford. “I welcome the opportunity to serve the Board and constituents of the SLRD as Chair,” said Director Ford.

Ford thanked outgoing chair, Electoral Area D Director Tony Rainbow, for his service as Board Chair. “We are all indebted to Director Rainbow for his leadership over the past two years, particularly through the unprecedented challenges of operating in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Ford. “Director Rainbow has been a passionate advocate for the people of this great region, and I look forward to stepping into the role of Chair to continue this important work.”

The SLRD is governed by a 10-member board of directors consisting of four electoral area directors and six municipal directors (one director from the District of Lillooet, one director from the Village of Pemberton, two directors from the Resort Municipality of Whistler and two directors from the District of Squamish).

The positions of Chair and Vice-Chair are elected annually by the SLRD Board of Directors.

The current SLRD Board of Directors:

- Sal DeMare, Electoral Area A
- Vivian Birch-Jones, Electoral Area B (Vice-Chair)
- Russell Mack, Electoral Area C
- Tony Rainbow, Electoral Area D
- Barb Wiebe, District of Lillooet
- Mike Richman, Village of Pemberton
- Jack Crompton, Resort Municipality of Whistler
- Jen Ford, Resort Municipality of Whistler (Chair)
- Karen Elliott, District of Squamish
- Doug Race, District of Squamish

In addition to serving on the SLRD Board, Directors also serve on standing and select committees as well as on external boards, committees and commissions representing a broad range of issues. The full list of these appointments for the coming year is available on the [SLRD website](#).

SLRD Board meetings are generally held in the SLRD boardroom at 1350 Aster Street in Pemberton on the fourth Wednesday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. (if convened virtually) and at 10:30 a.m. (if convened in person). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SLRD Board meetings are currently being held virtually, and are livestreamed on the SLRD website.

The meeting schedule, location details, agendas and minutes are available on the [SLRD website](#).

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About the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Located in southwestern BC, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is a local government federation consisting of four member municipalities (the District of Lillooet, the District of Squamish, the Village of Pemberton and the Resort Municipality of Whistler) and four unincorporated, rural electoral areas (A, B, C, and D). Headquartered in Pemberton, which is the approximate geographic centre of the region, the SLRD delivers a wide range of local, regional and sub-regional services to approximately 42,665 residents (2016 Census).

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