

2017 SDAB Member Biographies

John Attrell (Second Vice-Chair)

Initially appointed to the Board in 2010

Mr. Attrell is a practicing professional structural engineer with in excess of 30 years of experience in the design of buildings in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Ontario. He has also been involved in community work for more than 15 years and has served on the board of his community association as director of Planning Transportation and Land Use for the past ten years. Mr. Attrell has served on several City of Calgary committees and roundtables dealing with land use, development, and planning.

Current 2-year term expires 2017 December 31

Catherine Butlin

Initially appointed to the Board in 2017

Catherine Butlin is a senior corporate commercial lawyer and native Calgarian with a keen interest in the complexities and challenges that development in Calgary presents. She practised litigation early in her career and clerked with the Court of Appeal and Court of Queen's Bench. She worked as a journalist in Alberta including three years as a reporter at the Calgary Herald before attending law school. She served as corporate counsel for a Calgary aggregate mining and concrete products company during a growth period and is familiar with the complexities of developing heavy industrial operations in close proximity to residential areas. She is a registered locum with the Law Society of Alberta. She enjoys giving back to the community in a variety of ways including volunteer work in the recovery community.

Current 1-year term expires 2017 December 31

Katherine Camarta

Initially appointed to the Board in 2014

Katherine Camarta is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario in Politics, Queen's University in Law and Mount Royal University in Journalism. She has been practising law in Calgary since 1979; firstly in private practice followed by practice in the oil and gas, pipeline and electricity industries. She has considerable experience in the areas of corporate finance, securities regulation, energy project development, energy and environmental regulation and corporate and commercial transaction work. Mrs. Camarta also currently sits on the Board of Directors of a charitable foundation promoting medical research.

Current 2-year term expires 2017 December 31

Bill Chomik

Initially appointed to the Board in 2016

Mr. Chomik holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of British Columbia and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Alberta. A registered architect with the Alberta Association of Architects and other jurisdictions across Canada, he has been involved in the design of over 600 buildings as well as the creation of a number of master plans worldwide over a span of nearly four decades. Currently working as a senior principal with a large international architecture and planning firm, Mr. Chomik has held a wide number of relevant community positions including member of the Calgary Planning Commission, chair of the Calgary Urban Design Review Panel, and board member on Calgary Economic Development. He also served as president of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, and is currently president of a large condominium corporation as well as a member of the University of Calgary Senate.

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Brian Corkum

Initially appointed to the Board in 2011

Mr. Corkum is a graduate of Andrews University in Berrien Springs Michigan with a Bachelor of Architecture. He is registered as an Architect with the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) and has been working in the field in Calgary for the past 15 years. Brian's understanding of development and planning stems from his involvement in a variety of significant projects in Calgary and the province of Alberta. These projects include institutional, commercial office, healthcare, master planning and urban design. He is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accredited professional and focuses on sustainable development.

Current 2-year term expires 2017 December 31

Carolyn Dahl Rees

Initially appointed to the Board in 2017

Carolyn Dahl Rees has over 30 years experience as a regulatory and commercial lawyer in Alberta, with a career that has spanned private, corporate and public practice. She has focused for a number of years on the electricity industry, with her current role involving the management of legal, trading compliance and operations compliance functions for a major electricity generator, with a focus on electricity market rules and reliability standards across North America. Prior to her current role, Ms. Dahl Rees was Vice-Chair of the Alberta Utilities Commission and led the Commission as its Acting Chair upon its formation in 2008. She is a seasoned adjudicator in regulatory proceedings in

Carolyn Dahl Rees (cont'd)

Alberta, having also served over a 20-year period as a Member of the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, as an Acting Member of the Alberta Natural Resources Conservation Board and for other provincial and federal agencies as well, while practicing law in energy and commercial transactions. Ms. Dahl Rees was admitted to the Alberta Bar in 1982 after completing her studies at Rice University (BA) and the University of Toronto (MA, LLB).

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Thomas Debicki

Initially appointed to the Board in 2017

Mr. Debicki is a graduate of the Technical University of Wroclaw in Poland with a Master of Science in Architecture. He brings 30 years of experience working within the city of Calgary as well as diverse international experience working in architectural and urban design in Germany, France and Poland. Past architectural projects include the design of commercial, institutional and medical facilities. In addition, some urban design projects include master plans for large resorts, university campuses, and retirement-oriented developments.

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John Gescher

Initially appointed to the Board in 2016

John Gescher is a practicing lawyer. He has over 20 years of experience as in house counsel for two of the largest municipalities in Canada. John has practiced in most areas of municipal law and was previously a member of the Calgary Subdivision and Development Appeal Board from 2005 to 2007. As counsel he has appeared before the courts in Alberta and Ontario, and before numerous boards and tribunals in both provinces.

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Heather Hiscock

Initially appointed to the Board in 2012

Ms. Hiscock holds a Bachelor of Science degree (BSc) from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor of Architecture degree (BArch) from the Technical University of Nova Scotia. She is a registered Architect with the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) with over thirty years experience working on a range of building and urban design projects in Calgary and surrounding areas. Heather is currently co-owner of an architectural practice that has been involved in various types of low-rise building projects over the past 20 years. She has been a board member of several community-based organizations and has served as a volunteer on

Heather Hiscock (cont'd)

various committees including several City of Calgary committees and roundtables dealing with land use, planning, development, and urban sustainability.

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Dale Hodges

Initially appointed to the Board as Council representative in 1984; became a citizen appointment in 2014

Dale Hodges served 10 terms on City Council representing Ward 1 as an Alderman from October 1983 to 2013. He served on and chaired numerous Council committees during his period on Council. He served on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board as a Council representative from 1984 to 2013. He has lived in Northwest Calgary for over 40 years and, prior to being elected to office, was active in his community and served in a volunteer capacity on various civic committees and boards. He has a keen interest in land use and development.

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Martina Jileckova

Previous SDAB member from 2003-2009 and current member from 2014-2017
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Ms. Jileckova has studied Environmental Design (planning) at the University of Calgary and worked as a project development planner. She has volunteered as Planning Committee Chair and Civic Affairs member of a community association, and has co-authored two papers for urban planning conferences. For several years she assisted agencies with planning aspects of their projects. Currently is she is Vice President Housing of the Calgary Homeless Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission it is to end homelessness in Calgary. Ms. Jileckova has extensive experience in land use, planning and development.

Current 2-year term expires 2017 December 31

Sean MacLean

Initially appointed to the Board in 2017

Sean MacLean holds a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning from Ryerson University. He is a Registered Professional Planner (RPP) and Member of the Canadian Institute of Planning (MCIP). Sean is active as a volunteer in his community and has worked for over 7 years in planning and development throughout Alberta. Sean's career has focused on policy planning, development

Sean MacLean (cont'd)

throughout Alberta. Sean's career has focused on policy planning, development planning, urban redevelopment, regional planning, land use policy and the development of long range plans. Sean's diverse array of projects ranges from large regional and sub-regional plans to local development permit applications; including planning Calgary's first greenfield Major Activity Centre.

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Stefne Madison (First Vice-Chair)

Initially appointed to the Board in 2011

Ms. Madison has a Bachelor of Science (BSc) and a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) and is an experienced Calgary lawyer, having been admitted to the bar in 1995, and has been a member in good standing with the Law Society of Alberta for 19 years. She has worked for all levels of government, as well as in private practice and has concentrated her practice mainly in the areas of criminal and administrative law. In addition to her role on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Ms. Madison works full time as a hearing adjudicator for a tribunal under the Solicitor General of Alberta.

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Paul Mazumdar

Initially appointed to the Board in 2016

Paul Mazumdar holds graduate degrees both in architecture and planning. He has earned executive diplomas on Planning Law, Mediation & Conflict Resolution and Public Engagement. For many years he worked as a Planner for The City of Calgary. After retiring from The City he worked as a planning consultant in the private sector. He has over 35 years of experience and knowledge in land use, planning and development, and has insightful understanding of planning policies. He has been increasingly engaged in providing academic mentorship and visiting lectureship at various universities in recent years. He has served as a board member at the Calgary Regional Arts Foundation, and the Alberta Housing Co-operative and is involved in the activities of Canada's Cooperative Housing Federation. He is also been credited with dozens of new age and world music albums collaborating with lead Canadian musicians.

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Robert Merchant

Previous SDAB member from 2002-2010 and current member from 2014

Mr. Merchant graduated from the University of Michigan and is a registered Architect with over 35 years experience in commercial and residential projects. Past vice-president and council member of the Alberta Association of Architects, Mr. Merchant is an active member of a community association assisting in planning related issues. He has volunteered on several City of Calgary planning committees including the Industrial Zoning Review, Restaurant/Drinking Establishment/Entertainment Facility Review, Commercial Zoning Review and Third Party Signage Review.

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Michael Meredith

Initially appointed to the Board in 2017

Michael Meredith holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from McGill University and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of New Brunswick. He has been practicing law since 2006 in the jurisdictions of Ontario, the United Kingdom, and Germany. In 2009 he returned to his hometown of Calgary. He has experience in the areas of banking, corporate law, and commercial law at both national and boutique firms. Currently his focus is on corporate law, real estate, wills, and estates. He is involved in his community association and volunteers with public legal education and teaches adaptive skiing for people with disabilities.

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Andrew Orr

Initially appointed to the Board in 2017

Andy Orr holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from the University of Guelph and a Certificate in Community and Regional Planning from Mount Royal College in Calgary. He is a former Senior Planner with over 33 years experience working for the City of Calgary and retired in 2015. During his tenure he represented The City as a Development Authority on numerous subdivision and development appeal board items and presented land use amendments to City Council.

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Jim Palmer

Initially appointed to the Board in 2016

Jim Palmer has held a variety of senior corporate and operations business and finance manager positions over a 34 year career with a major integrated oil & gas company. He has served on his community association board for over 12 years in various capacities. From 2010-2012, Jim served on the Wood Buffalo Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and as vice chair and chair for the latter two years. He has led many projects both on a professional and volunteer basis related to business process and systems design through to implementation as well as projects focused on business governance and controls. Jim has served as executive member for sports, church and YMCA boards in Calgary and Fort McMurray, and received a number of awards for volunteer and professional accomplishments.

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C. Michelle Pink

Appointed to the Board 2015

Michelle Pink is a graduate of the University of British Columbia (BA), holds her Certified Commercial Investment Member designation, as well as her Real Estate License. With a decade of experience in both residential and commercial real estate, Ms. Pink currently works in the asset management and leasing department for a large public landlord with a portfolio spanning over western Canada. She has been active in her community, as well as sitting on various committees within the commercial real estate industry. In addition to her career and various endeavours, Ms. Pink enjoys an active outdoor lifestyle with her young family.

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Judy Steele

Previous SDAB member from 2007-2009 and current member from 2014

Ms. Steele has lived and worked in Calgary for over 35 years. Most of her career has been in the municipal government sector, particularly associated with the administration of subdivision and development appeals. She also has experience as a former member of a provincial quasi-judicial tribunal and has represented citizens before quasi-judicial boards. She has volunteered extensively and held office for various organizations in and around Calgary.

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Jaydan Tait

Appointed to the Board in 2015

Mr. Tait holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography from the University of Alberta and a Master of Environmental Design degree in Planning from the University of Calgary. Jaydan is a registered professional planner and a full member of the Alberta Association of the Canadian Institute of Planners. He is active as a volunteer in his community and has worked for over 12 years in planning and development for companies in Calgary. Currently he is Vice President of a major residential development corporation.

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Katherine Wagner

Appointed to the Board in 2017

Katherine Wagner is an architect and associate with the national, integrated design firm DIALOG and has undertaken projects within the cultural, institutional and educational sectors. She was elected to the College of Fellows of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada for demonstration of great dedication to bettering her community and profession.

Katherine is a board member of Calgary Arts Development Authority, Chair of the Governance and Human Resources Committee and served two terms as Chair of the Cultural Spaces Investment Process Assessment Committee. Katherine has served on The City of Calgary East Village Design Review Panel, acted as assessor for the Canadian Architectural Certification Board Accreditation Team and participated on the Advisory Committee for Canada Council for the Arts. She is past president of the Alberta Association of Architects and served five years on the Association Council. Katherine recently completed five years as a sessional instructor with the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary.

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Andrew Wallace

Previous SDAB member from 2008-2012 and current member from 2014

Having received his Master's of City Planning degree from the University of Manitoba, Mr. Wallace has worked in the public and private sectors overseeing the development of mixed use and residential projects throughout western Canada. Mr. Wallace brings 15 years of development experience in land use, planning and development. Mr. Wallace has served on several committees that participated in the review of the new land use bylaw of the City of Calgary.

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