



The Empire Club of Canada Announces 2024-2025 Board of Directors

Eight newly elected Directors join strong Board focused on delivering an exceptional upcoming 121st season of events

(TORONTO, ON) July 8, 2024, – The Empire Club of Canada has elected eight new Directors to the Board of Canada’s go-to forum for conversations that matter. The elections, alongside the confirmation of Jenna Donelson as the new Chair of the Board of Directors, occurred on Thursday, June 27th at the Empire Club’s Annual General Meeting.

The Club enters its new season fresh off the success of a robust 120th season with approximately 25,000 people attending its virtual and in-person events and characterized by a continued focus on strengthening the club’s commitment to equity and quality.

"As we embark on a new season, I am excited about the future of the Empire Club. This coming fall, we will welcome prominent speakers such as Premier Doug Ford, Eric Chassard, President and CEO of Bruce Power and Marit Stiles, Ontario's Leader of the Official Opposition," said Jenna Donelson, chair of the Board of Directors. "As Canada’s podium of record, speakers who come to the Empire Club know that their messages will endure as part of our country’s history."

The Board of the Empire Club of Canada is comprised of 35 Directors. They are the cornerstone of the organization, actively championing its mission to foster meaningful connections and constructive dialogue on a wide range of topics that impact Canadians and the global community.

"I am honoured to serve as Chair and look forward to working with a committed slate of directors to make this year successful. The historical relevance of our club has always spoken to me. When I look back throughout our 120-year history, I find conversations on topics that are similar to the dialogues Canadians are engaging in today. It is as important as ever for leaders from diverse sectors to be able to come to the Empire Club's podium to connect and communicate with Canadians." said Donelson.

The Club and its directors are optimistic about the future of Canadian thought leadership, and the Club’s role in fostering intellectual growth and driving meaningful discussions.

Welcome to our newly appointed Directors:



Dina Awad
Partner,
Dentons LLP

Andrew Brander
Vice President,
Crestview Strategy

David Clarke, B.A, J.D.,
Head of Government Affairs,
TMX Group

Nicole Foster
Director, AWS Global AI/ML and Canada
Public Policy,
Amazon

Reza Jafer
Director of Business Development, Canada,
Trivest Partners

Dil Mann
Director, Investment Banking, Scotiabank
Global Banking & Markets

Steven Mantifel
Director,
Office of the President and CEO,
Hydro One

Josie Scioli
Board Member, Business Executive and
Strategic Advisor

Board of Directors 2024-2025 Season

Executive Officers:

Jenna Donelson, Chair
Executive Director, Government Relations,
Queen's University

Marsha Seca, 1st Vice-Chair
President,
Broad View Advisory Inc.

Sean McCaughan, 2nd Vice-Chair
EVP, Chief Operating
and Strategy Officer,
OEC

Saurabh Popat, 3rd Vice-Chair
Director of Business Development, Ontario,
Telus Health

Carrie Bois, Treasurer
Chief Executive Officer,
C+B Consulting

Rick Roth, Secretary
Vice-President, Strategic Communications,
Ontario,
Global Public Affairs

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Board Members:

Dina Awad
Partner, Dentons LLP

Amanda Bassin
Founder & President,
Persuit Group Inc.

Lori-Ann Beausoleil, FCPA, FCA
Corporate Director, Audit Committee Chair
Strategic Business Advisor and
Retired PricewaterhouseCoopers Deals and
Advisory Partner

Chris Benedetti
Managing Partner,
Sussex Strategy Group

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Kulvir Singh Gill
Senior Strategist, Clareo

Kelly Jackson
Vice-President, External Affairs and
Professional Learning,
Humber College

Reza Jafer
Director of Business Development, Canada,
Trivest Partners

Dr. Rahim Karim
President & CEO,
Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine

Michael Kobzar
National Director of Sales,
Transmission Systems,
Siemens Energy Canada

Arthur Kong
Director of Project Development,
Next Generation Manufacturing Canada

Sarah Letersky
Senior Vice-President
& National Health Practice Lead,
Rubicon Strategy

Dil Mann
Director, Investment Banking, Scotiabank
Global Banking & Markets

Steven Mantifel
Director, Office of the President and CEO,
Hydro One

Dr. Gordon K. McIvor
President, Empire Club Foundation

John McKenna
Interim Director of Operations,
Liberal Party of Canada



Sheamus Murphy
Partner & Federal Practice Lead,
Counsel Public Affairs Inc.

Tenny Nigoghossian
Fundraising and Strategic Consultant,
Arts & Culture Sector

Sal Rabbani
Immediate Past Chair,
Empire Club of Canada
Managing Partner, Advisory Services, BDC

Daniel Safayeni
Vice-President, Policy
Ontario Chamber of Commerce

Josie Scioli
Board Member, Business Executive
and Strategic Advisor

Benjie Thomas, FCPA, FCA
CEO, KPMG Canada

Caitlin Tolley
Legal Counsel, Indigenous Justice Division
Minister of the Attorney General, Ontario

Antoinette Tumnillo
President,
Antoinette Tumnillo & Associates Inc.

Sue VanderBent
CEO,
Home Care Ontario

Mike Van Soelen
Partner,
Oyster Group

Flavio Volpe
President,
Automotive Parts
Manufacturers' Association

About The Empire Club of Canada

Established in 1903, the Empire Club of Canada, a non-profit organization, is celebrating its 121st Season. As Canada's go-to forum for conversations that matter, the Empire Club produces more than 40 thought leadership events annually that connect people to ideas and each other.

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