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## **AAA Elects Three New Council Members**

New Council members elected from eight candidates in annual election

**Edmonton, AB 05/29/2020** – Members of the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) recently elected Council members from a slate of eight candidates to fill three vacant seats on the AAA Council.

Greg Beck, Architect, AAA was re-elected, while Tiffany Whitnack, Architect, AAA and Barry Johns, Architect, AAA were elected to new terms on Council. Tiffany became a registered architect in 2016 and brings significant board experience to her new role. Barry is a Life Member and long-serving volunteer with the AAA. He recently served as the AAA's Director of Practice and was awarded the 2020 Tom Sutherland Award at the AAA's Annual General Meeting on May 21.

The two open Council seats were vacated by Immediate Past President Coben Christiansen, Architect, AAA and Dean Russell, Architect, AAA.

Johanna Power, Intern Interior Designer, AAA and Temitayo Ajibade, Intern Architect, AAA were also appointed as intern representatives on Council.

Gordon Murray, Architect, AAA assumed the role of Council President after serving as Vice President and Chair of the Professional Development Advisory Committee.

These members began the 2020-2021 Council term on May 21, 2020.

"I welcome our new Council members and look forward to working with them over the coming year," said AAA Executive Director Barbara Bruce. "The experience they bring will support Council's efforts to become a high-performance board."

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## **Background**

The Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) is a self-governing professional association legislated by the *Alberta Architects Act*. The AAA serves the public



and its members by administering the standard of practice for the professions of architecture and interior design in Alberta.

The Council election is a multi-step process that follows the timelines as set forth in AAA Bylaws and begins in early January when nominations (self-candidacy) open. Voting opens at least 30 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting and newly elected/re-elected or acclaimed Council members are announced at the AAA's AGM in May.

In 2019, the AAA moved towards a competency-based model for recruitment. Competencies include:

- Experience with AAA committees and/or boards
- Experience with other boards and governance
- Understanding of the role of the AAA as a regulatory body
- Ability to commit the time required to serve on Council

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