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Name/Company	Bio	Status
<p>Bill Cunningham <i>TD Commercial Banking District Vice President</i></p>	<p>Bill Cunningham is District Vice President for TD Commercial Banking based in Surrey, BC. He has previously worked for TD Bank Group offices in Richmond, BC, Calgary, AB and Burnaby, BC, and was the Executive Director and Senior Advisor for the Government of Canada’s Minister’s Regional Office in Vancouver.</p> <p>He is currently the Chair of Simon Fraser University’s Board of Governors, and is on the Board of Directors of the Down Syndrome Research Foundation. Previously, has also served on the boards of the SFU Alumni Association, the Vancouver Society of Children’s Centres, TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, and the InnerChange Foundation.</p> <p>He is a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal recipient, and in 2011, he received TD’s Advancing Together national award for community service, and Cunningham holds a master of business administration from SFU, and a bachelor of commerce from University of Alberta.</p> <p>"As District Vice President for TD’s Fraser Valley Commercial Banking District located at our flagship office on King George and 104th Ave, and as Chair of Simon Fraser University’s Board of Governors, I have seen first-hand the positive impact of the exciting development of Surrey’s downtown centre. With the tremendous opportunity ahead of Surrey, we also have important challenges for our downtown community. I hope to help contribute solutions to these challenges and opportunities by being a part of the Board of the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association."</p>	<p>New</p>
<p>Wolfgang Degemann <i>Eurocan Industries - Owner</i></p>	<p>For over fifty years, this extraordinary businessman and visionary is the quintessential immigrant success story. From labourer to restaurateur to developer to business mentor, he continues to balance phenomenal success with commitment to culture and community. A co-founder of the Langley BIA, Wolfgang has built a business legacy in large-scale construction and business/real estate development, consulting and liaising with top international financial and business institutions. He was instrumental in Whistler’s early development and in bringing Vancouver’s Expo 86 to fruition.</p> <p>City Centre has been his family home and business location for decades, with his new 10,000 square foot Eurocan offices and residential complex providing a wealth of professional services for business owners.</p> <p>Now semi-retired from his family business, he is a major supporter of local business development through his world-wide contacts and is currently working on creating a European Cultural Centre in the Fraser Valley.</p> <p>"I am very proud to work closely with all parts of the community, the BIA and RCMP to help transform the neighbourhood and make downtown Surrey a major business centre and economic force."</p>	<p>Current Director</p>
<p>Robert Dominick <i>Vice President – WestStone Group President & CEO – Lightyear Digital Theatre (Canada) Ltd.</i></p>	<p>As Vice President of the WestStone Group, Robert is responsible for acquiring land, overseeing feasibility studies and taking developments through their design phases to obtain a Development Permit. WestStone currently has over 1.8-million sqft of buildings under construction or under permit processing in 5 different developments within Surrey City Centre. WestStone’s city centre <i>West Village</i> development, one block from City Hall, will contain over 2,500 homes in an urban village setting. WestStone is creating <i>Innovation Village</i> a 550,000 sqft medical facility and senior’s independent living development adjacent to Surrey Memorial Hospital. In 2015 WestStone donated \$1-million to SFU Surrey Campus.</p> <p>In 2010 Lightyear donated \$400,000 to SFU Surrey Campus.</p> <p>Robert joined the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association as a Director in 2008 and served two terms as President from 2009 to 2010 and 2010 to 2011. Robert has been the chair of the Economic Development Committee since 2010.</p> <p>Robert also served on the Advisory Council of SFU’s Faculty of Communications, Art and Technology.</p> <p>"I have felt privileged to have served as a Director of the Downtown Surrey BIA. In 2005, in my role as Vice President of the WestStone Group, we had a vision that one day the centre of Whalley would become a thriving metropolis and, as such, we acquired land in what is now Surrey City Centre. I have a strong commitment to Downtown Surrey, to see it grow and see it prosper. I also have a strong commitment to caring for the community that we love to work and grow in. I would be honoured to serve a further term as a Director."</p>	<p>Current Director</p>
<p>Soleman Hashmi</p>	<p>Soleman Hashmi received his B.Sc. from the University of British Columbia. He</p>	<p>Current</p>

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	<p>went on to complete his Bachelors of Laws from the University of Saskatchewan. Part of his law degree was completed at Oxford University in England. Mr. Hashmi practices Personal Injury, Car Accident Claims, Real Estate and Corporate law in Surrey, BC. He is fluent in French, Urdu, Punjabi and Hindi. He also speaks Spanish. Mr. Hashmi is active in the community.</p> <p>Soleman believes in Downtown Surrey. Not only does he have his law practise here but he also owns the property.</p> <p>In his spare time he enjoys going to the gym and exercising too much.</p>	<p>Director <i>Appointed summer of 2015 to fulfill a vacancy</i></p>
<p>Brad Howard <i>PCI Developments Corp. Senior Development Manager</i></p>	<p>Brad is responsible for overseeing the development of PCI's land adjacent to the King George Skytrain station at Fraser Highway and King George Boulevard. He has been working in the real estate development business in the Lower Mainland for nearly 17 years and has direct project experience with all types of development from multi-family to retail, office and industrial projects. He enjoys being active in the communities in which PCI works and, when not working, Brad volunteers his time as a youth soccer and baseball coach in North Vancouver. When able, Brad volunteers his time to local charities and community organizations and he has a particular interest in supporting the Team Finn Foundation; a North Vancouver-based charity that promotes awareness of and raises funds for pediatric cancer causes. Brad lives in North Van and is married with 3 young kids.</p> <p>Being relatively new to PCI and it's development plans adjacent to King George Station, Brad is keen to get involved in the revitalization of the downtown Surrey community and is excited at the prospect of working with a talented and diverse group of professionals on behalf of the members of the BIA.</p>	<p>New</p>
<p>Barb Lambert HSBC Bank Canada Premier Relationship Manager, Personal Financial Planner, Associate of the Institute of Canadian Bankers.</p>	<p>Barb has worked for HSBC for 34 years and spent the last 15 years in the downtown Surrey Branch where she specializes in helping business owners with complex financial needs grow and manage their family wealth. Through HSBC she has lead and worked on various charity fundraising initiatives for United Way and Children's Hospital.</p> <p>As an 18 year resident of the area, she has raised her family here and contributed to the betterment of our schools by being a member of the Parent Advisory Committee. She believes strongly that we should create positive change by being involved in the communities where we live and work.</p> <p>"I'm extremely excited about the era and pace of change that we are currently seeing taking place in Surrey and I'm looking forward to having a larger role to play with a guiding influence towards an increasingly vibrant, sustainable, safe and liveable downtown."</p>	<p>New</p>
<p>Michael McNaught</p>	<p>Michael is a new design and strategic development leader, with expertise is synergies between Urban Development, Healthy Living and Life Long Learning, for Stantec Architecture.</p> <p>His recent award winning projects are the New Cloverdale Recreation & Senior Centre, SFU School for Contemporary Arts and the LEEG Gold, Surrey Memorial Hospital Critical Care Tower. The community design strategy for the Hospital was widely accepted and was developed using a successful '3 Levels of Community Care Strategy – City Care, Campus Care & Personal Care.</p> <p>His dedication to overseeing projects throughout all stages has allowed Michael to build strong client relationships, convincing business cases, and lead the design team to create exceptional forward thinking award winning projects that inspire people.</p>	<p>Current Director</p>
<p>Michael Nielsen <i>Sprite (Computers) Multimedia Systems Owner / Manager</i></p>	<p>Mike opened Sprite Computer Systems in 1983 and setup the store in Whalley. It was the only store of its kind on this side of the river. "But I could see even back then that this community was experiencing phenomenal growth and this was the place to be. Beyond managing Sprite I was also very involved in our sales and service departments, always going that extra mile to support our customers and the surrounding community."</p> <p>Passionate about our community and always looking to get involved, Mike first joined the Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association in 2005. Serving on the board as a director for 8 years and also sat on the safety committee.</p> <p>Mike is also passionate about the environment, and currently serves as a director with the Burns Bog Conservation Foundation. Ther mandate now that the Bog has been preserved is to raise money for a Nature Center. Mike is also the president of his 93 unit townhouse complex Strata where he has served on the board for 7 years.</p> <p>"I would like to be a director on the Downtown Surrey BIA as I feel that it's very important to have a voice in the community in which you work and or live. The association has made a real difference in the downtown core, and although much has</p>	<p>Past Director</p>

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	<p>been accomplished since its inception, we can all agree there is still much we can do. This has been my place of work for 33 years and I have a genuine interest in making this a successful and thriving area of Surrey. Thank you for your consideration.”</p>	
<p>David Pel <i>Owner, David Pel & Company Inc.</i></p>	<p>Lauded as the top one percent of CGA graduates in Canada in 1983, David Pel opened his thriving City Centre accounting practice, David Pel & Company, in 1991. David joined the Whalley BIA in 2001 in the second wave of foundation members and has always believed that real change in City Centre can only be affected by commercial development.</p> <p>Currently, the First Vice President of the DSBIA, he has served on the board since its inception in 2003, functioning as Treasurer, Vice-president, Finance Committee Member, and Membership Community liaison person. David also serves his community on the SFU Advisory Board and as Treasurer of Classis and the Ministry of Seafarers for over 12 years.</p> <p>“I got involved to be a part of social change here. I saw that joining the BIA was an opportunity to affect that change – to encourage business to move here instead of away from. I think the BIA has done great work.”</p>	<p>Current Director</p>
<p>Glenda Sawatzky <i>Vice President, Property Management Western Canada, Dream Realty</i></p>	<p>A Founding member of the Whalley Business Improvement Association Society, now the Downtown Surrey BIA, Glenda has been a key player in commercial real estate for 25 years. She has overseen DREAM’s Western Canada operations from Station Tower since 1997, a flagship asset of a one billion dollar portfolio.</p> <p>She believes that creating a major business hub south of the Fraser River is important to the overall region’s growth, sustainability, and livability. Providing Surrey residents and others with the opportunity to work, live and play in Surrey’s downtown is critical. Professionally and personally, she has a keen understanding of the issues facing Surrey and its downtown core.</p> <p>“We have an opportunity to create a place that we can all be proud of and it’s exciting to be part of this. One can really feel the momentum continuing to grow.”</p>	<p>Current Director</p>
<p>Bill Rempel <i>Vice President & General Manager, Blackwood Partners Management Corp., Central City</i></p>	<p>After receiving his CGA designation in 1988, Bill has spend over 25 years building a phenomenal real estate portfolio. Upon completion of his BOMI Canada RPA and Queens University leadership education, Rempel joined the Downtown Surrey’s Central City in 2010. Committed to sustainability and ‘green’ business buildings, Bill implemented innovative strategies at Central City in social media, reduced hydro consumption and state-of-the-art security technology and safety practices. His numerous business and community-related board positions include: President of the Downtown Vancouver BIA, Burnaby Board of Trade President, International Council of Shopping Centres (ICSC) provincial chair, BC Shopping Centre Association Treasurer/Director, and RCMP Advisory Council. Bill is currently on the Executive of the Light Rail Links Committee.</p> <p>To honour his community contributions, he has been awarded the Certified General Accountants Community Service Award for British Columbia and named Business Person of the Year by the Surrey Board of Trade. Deeply committed to community and his family, he has been a local resident for over 30 years. Bill looks forward to continuing to be part of the process during a very exciting period in Surrey’s development.</p>	<p>Current Director</p>
<p>Tako van Popta <i>McQuarrie Hunter Managing Partner</i></p>	<p>Tako van Popta is a business lawyer, having practiced law at McQuarrie Hunter LLP for the last 25 years. He is currently the managing partner at that firm.</p> <p>Tako lives in Langley where he has been involved with municipal and federal election campaigns for many years, most recently as campaign co-manager for the Langley-Aldergrove Conservative candidate in the 2014 federal election. He has served as board chair of the Langley Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Langley Economic Development Commission, and the Conservative Electoral District Association. Currently he is on the board of the Elim Housing Society which runs a not-for-profit seniors housing complex in Surrey.</p> <p>McQuarrie Hunter has deep historic roots in downtown Surrey and as managing partner, Tako has worked diligently to carry forward that vision for the firm and for the City of Surrey.</p>	<p>New</p>
<p>Andrew Westlund <i>President, Westlund Group of Companies</i></p>	<p>A corporate team builder, entrepreneur and motivational speaker, Andrew brings his drive and sense of adventure to all facets of his life. Living by his “Work hard, play hard” motto, he encourages his hundreds of employees to dream big and follow their vision. From his leading edge, twelve-location APEX Wireless Communications, to THE AGENCY Media Group to SKY Helicopters, resorts and outdoor adventures, Andrew has been creating and running businesses from his North Surrey location for</p>	<p>Current Director</p>

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	<p>over 25 years.</p> <p>Besides his dynamic business and family life, Andrew engages in “adventures with purpose,” visiting over 40 countries, indulging his passions in aviation, motocross and long distance cycling, sustainable city life, and volunteering to improve the lives of disadvantaged people.</p> <p>In 2015, Andrew received the Business Person of the Year Award from the Surrey Board of Trade.</p> <p>“I want to do my part and give back to this community through my input with the BIA as a business owner. We are so marketable, so ready to do business and it’s our time to shine on the world stage.”</p>	
<p>Jason Wong <i>Co-Founder, Beta Collective</i></p>	<p>Jason launched Surrey's first and only co-working space in Spring 2014. Beta is a collaborative work environment that provides affordable office and desk rentals to entrepreneurs, startups, and non-profits. In addition, he hosts and runs several successful professional meetup groups in the City -- regularly providing free learning and networking opportunities to the local business community.</p> <p>“I hope this will be my first of many years of involvement with the DSBIA as Beta Collective continues to deepen its roots in Whalley. And here's why...</p> <p>Apart from being a millennial and father of 2 young children, I believe I bring a fresh perspective on what makes a community vibrant, adaptive, and welcoming to both residents and visitors alike. Though the idea of coworking is quite common in cities throughout the world, it's a concept that didn't exist in Surrey until Beta opened.</p> <p>While the City now has a socially innovative space to call its own, it's but a small piece of what's making Downtown Surrey a welcoming community to live and visit. I think being elected onto the Board would allow me to bring an even greater contribution to its liveability.”</p>	<p>New</p>

In the event a candidate is elected to the Board and needs to resign before the two-year term ends, the position will be filled at the next AGM. The Board of Directors can leave the position vacant or fill the vacancy by appointment until the next AGM.