

Media Release

CPABC recognizes four North Vancouver CPAs as Fellow

VANCOUVER, January 30, 2020 —The Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (CPABC) is proud to recognize North Vancouver's Jane Butterfield, FCPA, FCA, Karin Kirkpatrick, FCPA, FCMA, David Pohl, FCPA, FCMA, and Kevin Smith, FCPA, FCA with a fellowship (FCPA), the highest distinction that is bestowed upon a CPA within the accounting profession. Nominated and selected by a committee of their peers, CPABC's Fellows are leaders, innovators, and mentors known for their dedication and commitment to their communities and to the CPA profession.

Jane Butterfield, FCPA, FCA is a senior governance consultant with WATSON Inc. in Vancouver, where her perspective on business structures, finance, and governance is regularly sought by diverse organizations and her peers. Active in her community, Butterfield has lent her expertise to Douglas College as a board governor and chair of its Audit and Finance Committee. As chair, she oversaw the implementation of a comprehensive enterprise risk management system. Butterfield also volunteered for many years as a Director, and as Finance Committee Chair, with the B.C. and Yukon Division of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Karin Kirkpatrick, FCPA, FCMA is the chief executive officer at the Family Services of Greater Vancouver (FSGV). Within the community, she is a board member with the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade and Family Services Canada. Kirkpatrick also mentors women in the Royal Canadian Air Force to develop leadership skills in non-traditional roles. In recognition of her accomplishments, Kirkpatrick was named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women by Women's Executive Network in 2019. She was included in the Canadian Board Diversity Council's annual Diversity 50 list in 2014, received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012, and appointed to the Provincial Court of BC's Judicial Council in 2011.

David Pohl, FCPA, FCMA is the president and founder of Naturally Good Enterprises Ltd., a natural food distribution company that he founded in 2015 after retiring from a distinguished career with the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC). Over his career, Pohl has also served as a leader with the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (HKCBA), where he is currently president of the Vancouver chapter of HKCBA and a national board director. Pohl is also dedicated volunteer in his community. He served on RBC's After School Grants Project, which supports organizations helping at-risk children. Since 2003 he has volunteered with Pacific Parklands Foundation, and as its current president he has brought financial sustainability to the foundation and enabled more children to access environmental stewardship programs. In addition, from 2008 to 2010, he served as a board member with the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. His community volunteerism was recognized with the Governor General's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers in 2015.

Kevin Smith, FCPA, FCA, is the executive vice-president and chief financial officer of the real estate development firm Intracorp. His key accomplishments include streamlining Intracorp's finance, accounting, and IT teams, and growing the company from eight real estate development projects to over 40. In his community, Smith provides strategic and operational leadership as a member of UBC's Board of Governors and has served as chair of UBC's Audit Committee, where he advised the board and president in advancing UBC's strategic plan. He has also volunteered as a board director and treasurer with Hollyburn Country Club and Highlands Little League.



Quote from Lori Mathison, FCPA, FCGA, LLB, president and CEO of CPABC

"We are extremely proud of Jane, Karin, David, and Kevin. These four FCPAs have truly distinguished themselves amongst their peers through their contributions to both the CPA profession and their communities. We are thrilled to recognize the four North Vancouver members' outstanding accomplishments. They are an inspiration for other business professionals in the province."

NOTE TO JOURNALISTS: Individual profiles and publication quality photos of the recipients are available by request.

About CPA British Columbia

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