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## **Canadian Centre for Food Integrity Elects New Officers and Directors at Annual General Meeting**

**Guelph, ON. April 25, 2023** – The Canadian Centre for Food Integrity (CCFI) held its Annual General Meeting on April 19, 2023, announcing the election of new officers and directors. Mike Dungate was elected as President, Julie Dickson Olmstead as Vice President, and Darlene McBain as Secretary-Treasurer, bringing their extensive experience in the agri-food sector to the CCFI's leadership team.

In addition to the newly elected officers, three directors were re-elected, including Jean-Marc Ruest, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Affairs and General Counsel of Richardson International Limited, Darlene McBain, Director, Industry Relations at Farm Credit Canada, and Adele Buettner, Founder and President of AgriBiz Communications Corp. They will continue to provide valuable insights and support to the organization.

The board of directors welcomes Michael Graydon as a new director. Mr. Graydon is the CEO of Food, Health & Consumer Products of Canada (FHCP), a leading industry association that represents major food, beverage, and consumer products companies. With over 20 years of visionary CEO leadership experience across multiple industries, Mr. Graydon has repositioned FHCP as a driving force on industry issues, such as Canada's Healthy Eating Strategy, environmental sustainability, and product labelling. Prior to joining FHCP, he was the President of Parq Holdings (PHLP), and he previously held senior roles at prominent corporations, including British Columbia Lottery Corporation, Mega Group, J.D. Sweid, Sobeys, The Keg Restaurants, and Carling O'Keefe Breweries.

"Mr. Graydon joins a talented and dedicated group of individuals who are committed to promoting trust and transparency in Canada's food system," said Mike Dungate, Chair of the CCFI's Board. "We look forward to working together to advance the CCFI's mission."

Mr. Graydon joins the following individuals who are currently serving on the CCFI board:

- Stéphane Beaudoin, President, Gestbeau Inc. and Magon Inc.
- Adele Buettner, Founder and President, AgriBiz Communications Corp.
- Mike Dungate, former Executive Director, Chicken Farmers of Canada
- Timothy Kennedy, President and CEO, Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance
- Nicole McAuley, Head of Communications and Public Affairs, BASF Canada Agricultural Solutions
- Darlene McBain, Director, Industry Relations, Farm Credit Canada
- Shanna Munro, General Manager, Diversey Canada
- Mary Robinson, farmer and agribusiness owner
- Jean-Marc Ruest, Senior Vice-President, Corporate Affairs and General Counsel, Richardson International Limited

**About the Canadian Centre for Food Integrity**

The Canadian Centre for Food Integrity (CCFI) is a national charity with a clearly defined mandate to help Canada's food system earn public trust by coordinating research, resources, dialogue, and communications. For more information, visit [foodintegrity.ca](http://foodintegrity.ca) and follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter.

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