

Changes at the Fort Erie EDTC

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January 4, 2019, Fort Erie, Ontario – Mr. Ric Gorham, Chair of the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation (EDTC) Board of Directors, announced today the departure of the General Manager, Mr. Jim Thibert as of December 31, 2018.

Mr. Gorham praised Mr. Thibert for his 18 years of dedicated service to the EDTC and the Town of Fort Erie. He recognized Mr. Thibert's valuable leadership in driving and strengthening economic development services for the benefit of new and existing industrial, commercial and tourism operators in Fort Erie. Mr. Thibert was a key member of the team to save Fleet Industries and to assist in its transition where the company still operates today as Fleet Canada with 147 employees. He also assumed a leadership role in saving the Fort Erie Race Track and guiding its transition under the operation of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium (FELRC).

Mr. Gorham also announced the recent decision by the Board to promote Caralee Grummett to the position of General Manager of the EDTC effective January 4, 2019. Ms. Grummett has served the EDTC for 11 years, holding the positions of Senior Economic Development Officer, Junior Economic Development Officer and Executive Assistant.

Ms. Grummett holds a Bachelor of Tourism Studies from Brock University and is a Certified Economic Developer (Ec.D.) through the Economic Developers Association of Canada.

Mr. Gorham asserted that Ms. Grummett will be a strong advocate for the promotion and development of economic development and tourism services in Fort Erie. She is a life long resident of Fort Erie and cares deeply about the future of the community.

Ms. Grummett stated, "She is excited to begin this challenging position with the EDTC and looks forward to the opportunity to work with Council and staff of the Town of Fort Erie in its endeavours to determine the best service delivery model for economic development and tourism services in Fort Erie." She added with constant change in the business world, it brings in and of itself, unique opportunities to assist our current industrial, and small and medium business partners as well as tourism focused businesses with growth and development, and to draw and support new businesses looking to locate in Fort Erie.

"I welcome the chance to be a part of creating and building synergies with our partners to sustain and create new jobs and business opportunities in Fort Erie. Fort Erie enjoys a number of strategic advantages, and they can only become stronger with everyone working together."

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