

# NEWS RELEASE

## Real Estate Council Elects New Chair, Vice-Chair for 2009/10 Term

VANCOUVER, July 22, 2009 -- William R. Brown of Brown Bros. Agencies Limited, Victoria, has been elected as Chair of the Real Estate Council of British Columbia for the 2009/10 term. Gerry Martin of B.C. Farm & Ranch Realty Corp., Abbotsford, was elected as Vice-Chair. They were elected to their positions at the July 21st meeting of the Council in Vancouver.

There are 16 members of the Real Estate Council including three members appointed by the provincial government. Thirteen members are chosen through an election process open to all real estate licensees in the province. The elected members are comprised of three representatives and nine brokers representing the various provincial counties. One individual is elected as the strata/rental property management member. The three government appointed public members are Danny Leung of Richmond, Bruce Turner of Courtenay and newly appointed member John Nagy of Richmond.

**Newly elected to the Council for a two-year term are:** Abdul R. Ghouri, Royal Pacific Realty (Kingsway) Ltd., Vancouver; Patrick O'Donnell, Prudential Sussex Realty, West Vancouver; and R.E. Michael Ziegler, Newport Realty Ltd., Victoria.

**Re-elected Council members for a two-year term are:** William R. Brown, Brown Bros. Agencies Limited, Victoria; Elizabeth (Liz) C. Tutt, Re/Max Nyda Realty Inc., Chilliwack; Bryon R. Brandle, Re/Max Armstrong, Armstrong and Re/Max-Vernon, Silver Star; and James (Jim) Gordon McNeal, Royal LePage Prince George, Prince George.

**Council members with one year remaining in their terms are:** William (Bill) Binnie, Royal LePage Northshore, West Vancouver; William (Bill) Phillips, Whistler Real Estate Company Limited, Whistler; Ann Petrone, Re/Max Kelowna, Kelowna; John Finlayson, Osborne Realty Services (1992) Ltd., Duncan; Marshall Cowe, Royal LePage Coronation West Realty, Coquitlam; and Gerry Martin, B.C. Farm & Ranch Realty Corp., Abbotsford.

The Real Estate Council of British Columbia is a regulatory agency established by the provincial government. Its mandate is to protect the public interest by enforcing the licensing and licensee conduct requirements of the *Real Estate Services Act*. The Council is responsible for licensing individuals and brokerages engaged in real estate sales, rental and strata property management. The Council also enforces entry qualifications, investigates complaints against licensees and imposes disciplinary sanctions under the Act.

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