

Media Release

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After more than 6 years at the helm, David Campbell is retiring from his position as Executive Director of the Grand Bend Community Foundation. Pat Morden will become the new Executive Director on April 1.

Campbell has been a powerful force in the Grand Bend area, providing leadership in the non-profit sector and helping to raise and steward funds for the Foundation. Among his many achievements: revitalizing the Community Improvement Coalition (which is currently working on a Community Hub for Grand Bend), supporting the Rotary Community Stage project, helping to increase the Foundation's endowment to \$2.4 M, overseeing granting to local charities of more than \$550,000, and helping to establish the South Huron Community Fund.

"It's been an honour and a pleasure to lead this dynamic organization," says Campbell. "I've come to appreciate the depth and breadth of community spirit in the Grand Bend area, and the talented and committed people who give and volunteer here."

"David has made an enormous contribution to the Foundation and our community," says Chair Judy McDonald. "We are grateful for his dedication and vision, and wish him well in his future endeavours."

Pat Morden has lived in Grand Bend for 13 years. A professional writer and communication consultant, she previously served on the Foundation Board for six years. She has been involved in a variety of other community activities, including Friends of Pinery Park, the Lakeshore Eco-Network, and Huron Shores United Church.

"I'm looking forward to a challenging new role," she says. "We have an exceptional group of volunteers on our board, and an excellent reputation in our community. My job will be to grow the Foundation's support and impact."

The Grand Bend Community Foundation is one of 191 Community Foundations across Canada. Founded in 2000 with the funds from the sale of Grand Bend's PUC, the Foundation manages an endowment of \$2.4 million, provides leadership in the community, and makes grants to local charities. To date, the Foundation has granted a total of more than \$1.3 million.

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