



# 2025 SHAREHOLDER ELECTION NEWS

## 2025 Director Election and 2025 Annual General Meeting

Dear Shareholders,

At the 2025 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (AGM), Shareholders will select Directors for nine open Board positions. The candidates standing for nomination for election for Director at the 2025 AGM are:

- Elizabeth Burke-Gaffney (Incumbent)
- Chad Gareau (Incumbent)
- Kari Griffith (Incumbent)
- Todd Hawkwood (Incumbent)
- Dave Lantz (Incumbent)
- Walsh Mannas (Nominating Committee Recommended Candidate)
- Sabina Shah (Incumbent)
- Kelly Smith (Nominating Committee Recommended Candidate)
- Jessica Thomas (Nominating Committee Recommended Candidate)
- Michael Wetherup (Nominating Committee Recommended Candidate)

A brief introduction of the incumbent candidates is provided in this publication. Please see the attached [letter](#) from the Nominating Committee Chair for an introduction to the Nominating Committee's Recommended Candidates.

A Shareholder election package will be mailed to Shareholders on Friday, February 14, 2025. This package will include information describing the attributes, expertise and experience of all candidates standing for election. Shareholders will additionally receive election information leading up to the AGM.

The Calgary Stampede's 2025 AGM will take place on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in the BMO Centre at Stampede Park, starting at 5 p.m. Please mark your calendars.

Sincerely,

LaVonne Walt  
Executive Vice President – Communications and Volunteer Services & Corporate  
Secretary, Calgary Stampede



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## Board Incumbents (up for re-election)



### **Elizabeth Burke-Gaffney**

Elizabeth has experience in the energy (Oil & Gas) sector, having held positions of increasing responsibility in strategic planning, corporate structures, stakeholder relations, finance, and governance. She has continued to learn throughout her professional career, having received her Corporate Directors ICD.D designation. She holds a bachelor's degree (Honours) from the University of Toronto and a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma, College of Law.



### **Chad Gareau**

Chad was born and raised in rural Saskatchewan with strong agricultural roots. After completing his Commerce degree, Chad moved to Calgary in 2001 to pursue a career in the energy and logistics industries. Chad held various senior executive roles at both ATCO and Trimac, leading finance, strategic planning and development. Chad has been a passionate Stampede volunteer since 2010 and Board member since 2023.



### **Kari Griffith**

Kari is a successful owner of a joint venture real estate company and a top-producing Realtor®. With a heritage deeply rooted in Alberta, she proudly represents the fourth generation of Albertans in agriculture. Serving 35 years on several agricultural, promotional and board committees, and as the 1990 Stampede Queen, she brings strengths in governance, strategy, leadership, marketing, and business development. Kari holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Calgary.



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### **Todd Hawkwood**

Todd's marketing and communications experience in the arts & cultural sector includes a variety of organizations such as Alberta Ballet, Arts Commons, Vertigo Theatre, One Yellow Rabbit Theatre, Broadway Across Canada, Cirque du Soleil and Cavalia, to name a few. He is also involved in real estate ventures focused on manufactured home communities, as well as agriculture land leases.



### **Dave Lantz**

Dave is a visionary entrepreneur with more than 40 years of diverse business experience. He is an influential leader with a wide range of knowledge, expertise and solid communication skills. Dave is well respected in the agriculture community, and his agri-business operations span two provinces. He studied heavy-duty mechanics at SAIT and is a proud supporter of the Calgary Stampede Foundation.



### **Sabina Shah**

Sabina is a partner with Carscallen LLP practicing corporate and securities law, with over 22 years of experience in governance, legal risk management, commercial transactions and financings. She leverages her leadership and strategic planning experience to deliver results in complex business environments. Born and raised in Calgary, Sabina is a passionate volunteer and community leader.