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## News Release

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### Regional Economic Partnership Announces New Board

At the first meeting of Directors following their election at the Fall General Meeting in November, The Central Alberta Economic Partnership directors are pleased to announce their 2023 executive committee and slate of directors.

2022 was the first time CAEP elected a business representative as Chair of the Board of Directors. James Carpenter, business representative for the Town of Olds was acclaimed as the Chair of CAEP for the second year. In his second term as Chair of CAEP, Mr. Carpenter, president of Energy Developers in Olds and Business Development Specialist at First Nations Structures Ltd, says "I am humbled by the vote of confidence from leaders across central Alberta to hold this leadership position and see the role as building on my strengths as a connector. With effective organizations such as CAEP leading regional collaboration, central Alberta communities will be instrumental in helping the province's economy to rebound in the coming year. I am excited about the progress to date and about the work yet to be done."

The full slate of CAEP's 2023 Directors, effective December 14, 2022 is:

#### Executive

Chair	James Carpenter	Town of Olds
Vice Chair	Chief Leonard StandingontheRoad	Montana First Nation
Treasurer	Mayor Jim Wood	Red Deer County
Secretary	Mayor Megan Hanson	Town of Sylvan Lake
Director at Large	Mayor Jean Barclay	Town of Innisfail

#### Directors

##### *Municipal Representatives*

Indigenous Nations	Chief Leonard StandingontheRoad	Montana First Nation
Cities above 20,000	Councillor Bruce Buruma	City of Red Deer
City under 20,000	Councillor Dean Billingsley	City of Wetaskiwin
Towns & Villages	Mayor Barry Kletke	Town of Trochu
	Councillor Chris Vargas	Town of Sundre
	Councillor Joyce McCoy	Town of Didsbury
	Mayor Jean Barclay	Town of Innisfail
	Mayor Megan Hanson	Town of Sylvan Lake
Counties & Municipal Districts	Councillor Faye McGhee	Kneehill County
	Councillor Brenda Knight	Lacombe County
	Mayor Jim Wood	Red Deer County
<i>Business Representatives</i>	Lesley McMahan	Red Deer County
	Pieter Broere	Ponoka County
	James Carpenter	Town of Olds
<i>Associate Representative</i>	Graham Ingham	Red Deer Regional Airport

The new Board's first order of business was approving the January release of the Regional Economic Growth Strategy which was completed with the involvement of stakeholders over the past year and will serve as the organization's strategic plan until 2027.

Central Alberta Economic Partnership elected the 2023 Board of Directors at its Fall General Meeting November 23, 2022 in Red Deer. CAEP extends its appreciation to the general meeting event sponsors Chandos, LocalIntel, McSweeny, and Waste Connections Canada.

Operating since 1998, the Central Alberta Economic Partnership is a member-driven non-profit corporation that convenes business, communities, and people to foster local success and advance the region's competitive advantage. CAEP operates with the generous contributions of our volunteer working groups and members, and the financial support of the Government of Alberta and our municipal and partner members.

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*NOTE: CAEP's offices will be closed for the holidays NOON December 23 , 2022 – January 2, 2023 inclusive.*