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CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCED AT THE CENTRE FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Centre for Workforce Development's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Sandi Ramsay as the organization's new Executive Director. Ramsay brings a wealth of experience having served in leadership roles in the non-profit sector for over 20 years.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am delighted to welcome Sandi to her new role with the Centre for Workforce Development," says Board President Emilie Leneveu. "Her proven track record in strategic leadership, program development, communications, adult education, government relations and community engagement align seamlessly with the goals of our organization."

Ramsay expressed her enthusiasm for joining the <u>Centre for Workforce Development</u>, stating, "I am honored to lead such a dynamic organization with a strong, historic and proactive commitment to workforce development. I look forward to working collaboratively with the board, staff, government and community partners to build upon the foundation laid by my predecessor Brad Labadie, and to continue advancing our mission as your expert on the local labour market in Hastings, Prince Edward and Lennox & Addington Counties."

Brad Labadie, who has served as the organization's Executive Director since 2016 is retiring from the role to further entrepreneurial interests. President Leneveu noted, "Brad's contributions have been invaluable, as his leadership has played a significant role in advancing the mission and goals of our organization."

During Labadie's tenure, the Centre for Workforce Development achieved substantial progress in enhancing labour force development initiatives throughout the region. "Under Brad's guidance, the CFWD has become a hub for innovation, collaboration, and excellence in preparing individuals for the ever-evolving demands of the workforce," adds Board Vice-President Lisa Anne Chatten.

Labadie expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to lead the organization, saying, "It has been a privilege to serve as the Executive Director of the Centre for Workforce Development. I am proud of the achievements we have accomplished together, and I am confident that the organization is well-positioned for continued success with Sandi Ramsay at the helm."







The Centre for Workforce Development extends its gratitude to Brad Labadie for his dedicated service and welcomes Sandi Ramsay to her new role. The organization looks forward to a seamless transition and the continued success of its programs under Ramsay's leadership.

The Centre for Workforce Development is your expert on the local labour market in Hastings, Prince Edward and Lennox & Addington Counties. Funded in part by the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario, it operates as one of 26 non-profit Boards across Ontario with a focus on local labour market research and workforce development. To learn more visit <u>CFWD.ca</u>.

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