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Dear ACEC-SK Members,

As you know, our long-serving Executive Director, Beverly MacLeod, is retiring from ACEC-SK at the start of June. She has been a stalwart leader and servant for our association for many years. Her outsized contributions will be missed and her impact will be felt for years to come.

In my role as ACEC-SK Chairperson this year, I've had the opportunity to lead the Board's efforts to find the next individual to fill the Executive Director role. To support this search we used the services of Essence Recruitment, a Saskatchewan-based recruitment agency. Through an exhaustive effort, I am pleased today to announce the outcomes of this search process.

Effective June 3, 2023, Mark Cooper will be joining ACEC-SK as its next Executive Director. Many of you may know Mark from his decade of leadership at the Saskatchewan Construction Association. The ACEC-SK Board is thrilled to have been able to recruit a candidate of Mark's experience, strength, and capabilities. We know that he will ably carry on the legacy of leadership our association has come to expect.

While Mark will be assuming the role of Executive Director, his engagement with ACEC-SK will look different than a traditional leadership role. During the recruitment process, Mark and the ACEC-SK Executive engaged in extensive discussions about the purpose and goals of the association and the kind of change management that might be required in the near future. Mark is joining ACEC-SK under contract, in a part-time capacity, to help re-imagine the association and solidify its footing as we aim to become even more effective and impactful on your behalf. Through the duration of his contract with ACEC-SK, Mark will continue serving in other professional capacities. The expectation is that he will work with ACEC-SK to grow the association, refine its mandate, and build out the next generation of the staff team.

Mark and the ACEC-SK Board will be working closely over the Summer and the early Fall to define specifics regarding a new strategy for the association. During this time you can expect to be engaged by Mark. He wants to hear from each of you about your vision for the future and how ACEC-SK can most effectively serve you.

If you're not familiar with Mark, here is a bit of his background:

Mark received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Regina and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Royal Roads University. He is a certified

negotiator and mediator and a Project Management Professional. Mark has a LEAN Yellow belt, is a trained adult educator, and just recently completed the Director's Education Program through the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Mark is the CEO of Prairie Clean Energy, a Saskatchewan-headquartered bioenergy company, and also serves as CEO of Signal Consulting, a local consulting firm through which Mark is contracted to ACEC-SK. Prior to these current roles, Mark served for a decade as President and CEO of the Saskatchewan Construction Association. He has also served as Director of Policy and Communications for the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association and worked for the provincial governments of both Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Mark currently sits on the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Board of Directors where he chairs the governance committee. He's previously served in leadership roles on the boards of the Regina Food Bank, the Canadian Construction Association, the Friends of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Government House Foundation, and the Al Ritchie Community Association.

Mark, his wife Kimberley, a high school teacher, live in Regina raising their two-year-old daughter Isabella and trying to keep up with their two dogs - Seamus and Wallace.

We wish Beverly MacLeod the best as she starts a new chapter in her life, and are extremely pleased to welcome Mark Cooper as the new leader of ACEC-SK!

Sincerely,



Nick Wright, A.Sc.T.  
2022-23 ACEC-SK Chair of the Board of Directors