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Executive, Management and Board Changes in Canada's Oil & Gas Market

Top Moves



Key positions [were filled](#) at the **Canada Energy Regulator** (CER), formerly known as the National Energy Board. **Peter Watson** was appointed chief executive officer.

Watson has been the NEB's CEO and board chair since 2014. **Damien Côté** has been named lead commissioner and **Kathy Penney** has been named deputy lead commissioner. Other independent commissioners are **Wilma Jackknife**, **Stephanie Luciuk**, **Trena Grimoldby** and **Mark Watton**.



Former Saskatchewan premier **Brad Wall** [has joined](#) **Whitecap Resources Inc.**'s board of directors. Wall will join the health and safety, and the sustainability and advocacy committees. Wall

served as Saskatchewan's 14th premier from 2007 to 2018.



Dan Wicklum [has been named](#) chief executive officer and president of **The Transition Accelerator**. Wicklum was the founding chief executive officer of **Canada's Oil Sands**

Innovation Alliance (COSIA), a position he left in February 2019.



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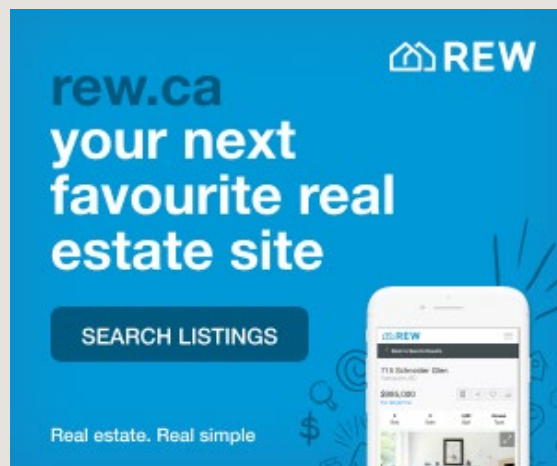
Management Changes

- **Shane Abel** [has been named](#) **Bellatrix Exploration Ltd.**'s new executive vice-president and chief financial officer. Abel will replace **Maxwell Lof**, who will resign to focus on ongoing health issues as of Aug. 31. Lof had been with the company since June 2017. Abel was most recently the chief financial officer of **High Ground Energy Inc.**, a Calgary-based, private equity sponsored oil and gas producer.
- **Kirsten Kusch** has been named vice-president of business development at **PVT Group of Companies**. Before taking the role, Kusch was a sales executive at **Secure Energy Services Inc.**
- **Todd Garman** has been promoted to president of **Iron Horse Energy Services** from his role of vice-president, corporate development at the company.
- **Louise George** [has been named](#) secretary of the **Canada Energy Regulator**. She has worked at the National Energy Board since 1992.
- **Martin Malek** has been named vice-president, business development at **Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd.** He takes over the role from his position of manager, development engineering at the company.
- **Mark Behrman** [has left](#) his position of chief financial officer at **Delphi Energy Corp.**, a role he held for two years, to explore other opportunities. **Darwin Little** has been named interim chief financial officer. Little has more than 35 years of experience working in financial management, asset development and project management. Most recently he worked at **NEP Canada**.
- **Mike Backus** [has been named](#) **Painted Pony Energy Ltd.**'s new vice-president, operations and development. Backus is a professional engineer with more than 22 years of multi-disciplinary domestic and international experience in the energy industry. **Rick Kessy**, chief operating officer, left Painted Pony in late August.
- **Rob Dargewitz** [has been named](#) interim chief financial officer of **Pieridae Energy Limited**, following the departure of **Melanie Litoski**, who left the company to pursue another employment opportunity in early August. Dargewitz was the company's senior vice-president, finance and risk.
- **Jared Ducs** [has been promoted](#) to chief financial officer at **Surge Energy Inc.** from his position of vice-president, finance. He has been with the company for more than nine years.
- **Dustin Hoffman** [has been named](#) **Pipestone Energy Corp.**'s chief operating officer. Hoffman has more than 25 years of experience working at **Encana Corporation** and predecessor companies.
- **Sanjay Bishnoi** [has been named](#) **Enerflex Ltd.**'s senior vice-president and chief financial officer. Bishnoi succeeds **Ben Park**, who held the positions on an interim basis. Bishnoi joins Enerflex from **Caprock Midstream**, a Houston-based, private-equity natural gas, oil, and water oriented midstream venture, where he was the co-founder, and chief financial officer for five years. In addition, **David Izett** has been named senior vice-president, general counsel. Izett joins Enerflex from **Nutrien**, a provider of crop inputs, services, and solutions, where he worked for seven years.
- **Janet Annesley**'s position of senior vice-president, corporate affairs at **Husky Energy Inc.** has expanded to include human resources.
- **Ryan Heath** [has been named](#) chief executive officer of **Toscana Energy Income Corporation**, replacing **Joseph Durante**, who stepped down to take an executive director role. Heath worked most recently as vice-president, land and negotiations at **Paredes Energy Corporation**. **Mark Hadley** has been named vice-president of exploration, and **Ian Schafer** has been hired as vice-president of business development.

Board Announcements

- **Cassie Doyle** has been named chair of the CER's board of directors. Doyle is a former deputy Natural Resources minister and a former board member of the **Alberta Energy Regulator**. Joining the board as vice-chair is **George Vegh**, head of **McCarthy Tétrault's** national energy regulatory practice. Other directors include **Ellen Barry**, **Melanie Debassige** and **Alain Jolicoeur**.
- **John Rossall** [has joined](#) **Peyto Exploration & Development Corp.**'s board of directors. Rossall was most recently the executive director, North America of **Repsol**, and previously president and chief executive officer of **ProspEx Resources Ltd.**
- **Grant Wierzba** has [resigned from](#) **Chinook Energy Inc.**'s board of directors.
- **Valerie Mitchell** [has joined](#) **NCS Multistage Holdings, Inc.**'s board of directors. Mitchell is the chief executive officer of **Corterra Energy, LLC**, which she helped found in 2016.
- **Mary Hemmingsen** has been added to **Bonavista Energy Corporation's** board of directors. Hemmingsen is the executive chair at **Trace Water Solutions Ltd.**

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