

Fisgard President and CEO Wayne Strandlund appointed Royal Roads University Chancellor and Chair



Veteran Victoria businessman, Wayne Strandlund, is the new Chancellor of Royal Roads University. The Royal Roads University Board of Governors has also elected Strandlund its new Chair beginning January 1, 2014. Both Chancellor and Chair positions take effect January 1, 2014.

Strandlund becomes the fifth board Chair and head of the university in Royal Roads history, succeeding Dr. J. Peter Meekison, OC. Appointed by the BC government, Strandlund has been a governor of Royal Roads since August, 2011, serving on the Finance & Audit Committee as well as chairing the Governance Committee in 2013.

"Wayne has been a valued member of the board," said Meekison. "He is an established local business leader with strong ties to the community, and I am delighted that he has agreed to step into this leadership role."

"Wayne has brought a passion for education and philanthropy," said Royal Roads President and Vice Chancellor Allan Cahoon. "He brings tremendous commitment and valuable experience on community and professional boards."

"It is a great honor to be chosen for this role," said Strandlund. "As Royal Roads enters its 75th year as an institution, including fifty-five years as an outstanding world-renowned Military College, I will do my best to uphold the institution's stellar performance and reputation, and to guide and support Royal Roads' significant educational contribution to the people of BC."

Born in Saskatchewan, the eldest of eight children, Wayne earned an Honors Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Victoria. He is the founder and CEO of Fisgard Capital, a Victoria-based family-owned mortgage banking and investment fund. He has spent his business career since 1967 in real estate-related business activity, including construction, development, property management, project supervision, real estate valuation and mortgage investment banking and management.

A member of the Canadian Real Estate Association since 1968, Wayne is a past-president of the Victoria Real Estate Board, the British Columbia Real Estate Association and the Victoria Conservatory of Music. He is a former member of the Real Estate Council of British Columbia (a provincial regulator), a former governor of the British Columbia Notary Foundation, a former director of the Victoria Symphony and the Pacific Rim Artisan Association. He has represented the real estate industry on the Treaty Negotiations Advisory Committee and the British Columbia Expropriation Association. He is a founding member of the Canadian College for Chinese Studies where he lectured to foreign students on the subject of Canadian Securities. In addition to founding a publicly-traded real estate developer and performing receiver and trustee duties during the course of his career, Wayne is a member of the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals and the National Association of Exempt Market Dealers as well as a number of other investment and real estate-related trade associations.

In addition to his role as Chancellor and Chair of Royal Roads University Wayne is a director of the Real Estate Compensation Fund Corporation and a member of the Victoria Symphony Business Advisory Council.

Committed to the community as an imperative the Strandlund family is involved in education, sports, arts and culture, its principal sponsorship being the Victoria Symphony where the family has sponsored many fund-raising events and special concerts and concert series notably the *Mozart Festival*, the *Beethoven Festival* and *Symphony in the Summer*. Wayne is the patron of Maestra Tania Miller, Victoria Symphony's music director and conductor. The family also sponsors many community sporting events and clubs as well as Victoria Ballet and Dance Victoria. The family is a regular contributor to charities, the most prominent being the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

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