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South Island Prosperity Partnership Announces Board for 2022/23

(Victoria, BC) At its Annual General Meeting on June 22, 2022, South Island Prosperity Partnership (SIPP) released its **Impact Report 2021-2022** and elected its new board of directors.

“The path forward demands new ideas and the boldness to pursue opportunities for the South Island,” says Emilie de Rosenroll, CEO of SIPP. “I’m confident our board has the expertise and energy to guide SIPP in its work to build a more innovative, diversified, inclusive and sustainable economy.”

Returning Board Members 22/23

- **Frank Bourree, Chair** — Principal & Owner, Bourree + Associates
- **Jennifer Vornbrock, Vice-Chair** — Executive Director, Community & Government Relations, UVic
- **Lindalee Brougham, Treasurer** — Principal, Grant Thornton LLP
- **Kear Porttris** — Director, Indigenous Relations, QM Environmental
- **Geoff Wilmshurst** — Vice-President Partnerships, Camosun College
- **Susanne Thiessen** — Assistant Professor, Indigenous Community Development, School of Public Administration, UVic
- **Peter Cowan** — Co-founder, Innovation Asset Collective; Founder & Principal Consultant, Northworks IP
- **Sonterra Ross** — Director, Finance & Administration, Beacon Community Services

New Board Members 22/23

- **Tony Payne** — Senior Vice President, Technology and Innovation, British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (BCI)
- **Suzanne Bradbury**— Co-owner, Fort Properties Ltd.
- **Basma Majerbi** — Associate Professor, Gustavson School of Business, UVic, and Development Lead, Vancouver Island Impact Investing Hub (VI3Hub)
- **Terry Gunning** — Senior Managing Partner, Technical, DXC Technology

SIPP thanks outgoing board members Craig Norris and Tina Ryan for their valuable contributions.

“I’m optimistic about the South Island’s future,” says SIPP Chair Frank Bourree, re-elected at the AGM for a second two-year term. “SIPP is leading our region’s effort to become a global leader in the \$1.5-trillion sustainable blue economy with the Centre for Ocean Applied Sustainable Technologies (COAST) and supporting the creation of the Indigenous Prosperity Centre (IPC), an Indigenous-led economic development centre, for the region and B.C. Those are two of many SIPP initiatives helping reshape our economy for the future.”

To find out more about SIPP and its key initiatives, please read our online Impact Report 2021/22.

<https://sipp-impact-21-22.ca/>

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About South Island Prosperity Partnership

[South Island Prosperity Partnership](#) is the mandated economic development alliance for Greater Victoria and Southern Vancouver Island. We are a public-private partnership of 10 municipal governments, 9 First Nations, 3 post-secondaries, plus major employers, nonprofits and industry associations.

As stewards of Greater Victoria’s economic development strategy, we collaborate across sectors and municipalities to harness opportunity, accelerate innovation, drive the creation of household-supporting jobs, and grow economic and social prosperity for current and future generations.

SIPP was formed in April 2016 to bolster the region’s economic and social prosperity. This regional economic development alliance comprises nine municipalities, nine First Nations communities, five chambers of commerce, three post-secondary institutions, and many of the region’s non-profits and major employers.

In the seven years since SIPP launched, the organization has grown from 29 to 70+ members and achieved major milestones with a small, agile team and an extensive, engaged network of members and community partners. Find out more about SIPP in our [21/22 online Impact Report](#).