

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Metrolinx Board of Directors

From: Alba Sandre Taylor, Corporate Secretary

Date: September 12, 2019

**Re:** Appointment of Officers

### Recommendation

#### **RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the individuals identified below be appointed to the offices set out opposite their name, effective as of the dates indicated:

Name	Office	Effective Date
Laura Cooke	Chief Communications Officer	July 8, 2019
Jennifer Gray	Treasurer	September 12, 2019
Linda Irrsack	Corporate Controller	July 29, 2019

**AND THAT** after giving effect to the foregoing resolution, the incumbent officers of Metrolinx are confirmed as set out in Schedule "A" to the Corporate Secretary's September 12, 2019 Board report.

# Background

Metrolinx is authorized to appoint officers pursuant to Section 15 of the *Metrolinx Act, 2006* and Section 4.1 of By-Law No. 1.

Brief biographies for the new officer appointments are set out in Schedule "B". Laura takes over the Chief Communications Officer role from Jamie Robinson who provided support and leadership while acting in this role during the transition. David Gould announced his retirement earlier this year, after many years of dedicated service at Metrolinx. Linda joins Metrolinx as Corporate Controller, with bank signing authority, and, in addition to Chief Financial Officer, Jennifer Gray will assume the title of Treasurer.

After giving effect to the recommended resolution, the incumbent officers of Metrolinx will be as set out in Schedule "A".

### <u>Attachment</u>

Schedule "A" Incumbent Officers of Metrolinx (effective September 12, 2019)

Schedule "B" Officer Biographies

Respectfully submitted,

Alba Sandre Taylor, Corporate Secretary

# Schedule "A" **Incumbent Officers of Metrolinx**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
1.	George Bell	Vice President, Safety & Security	28/Nov/2016
2.	Thom Budd	Vice-President, Network Infrastructure	24/Jul/2017
3.	Gerry Chaput	EVP, Program Management	22/Oct/2018
4.	Mark Childs	Chief Marketing Officer	28/May/2018
5.	Mark Ciavarro	Vice President, Pre-Construction Services	28/Nov/2017
6.	Matt Clark	Chief Capital Officer	06/May/2019
7.	Laura Cooke	Chief Communications Officer	08/Jul/2019
8.	Annalise Czerny	Executive Vice President, PRESTO	17/Jul/2018
9.	Don Dinnin	Vice President, Procurement Services	14/Jul/2014
10.	Fawad Ebraemi	Vice President, Operations and Deployment PRESTO	26/Mar/2018
11.	Spencer Gibbens	Head Sponsor	28/May/2018
12.	Mathieu Goetzke	Chief Planning Officer (A)	15/Apr/2019
13.	Jennifer Gray*	Chief Financial Officer	06/Dec/2018
	Jennifer Gray*	Treasurer	12/Sep/2019
14.	Lorraine Huinink	Vice President, Corporate Real Estate	03/Apr/2018
15.	Andre Lalonde	Vice President, Transit Operations	28/Feb/2018
16.	Linda Irrsack*	Corporate Controller	29/Jul/2019
17.	Gunta Mackars	Vice President, Design Excellence	02/Aug/2017
18.	Greg Percy*	Chief Operating Officer	09/Nov/2013
19.	Heather Platt*	Executive Vice President, General Counsel	02/Nov/2018
20.	Jessalynn Selby	Vice President, Customer Service Delivery (A)	09/Oct/2018
21.	Ian Smith	Deputy Chief Operating Officer	22/Apr/2019
22.	Alba Sandre Taylor	Corporate Secretary	07/Dec/2018
23.	Phil Verster *	President and Chief Executive Officer	02/Oct/2017
24.	Helen Ferreira-Walker	Chief Human Resources Officer	03/Nov/2014
25.	Michael Wolczyk	Vice President, GO Capital Infrastructure	09/May/2014
26.	Leslie Woo	Chief Development Officer (A)	15/Apr/2019
27.	Donald Wright*	Chair	13/Aug/2018

<sup>\*</sup> Banking Signing Officer

# Schedule "B" Officer Biography

### Laura Cooke, Chief Communications Officer

As Metrolinx's Chief Communications Officer, Laura oversees all aspects of Metrolinx's communications including corporate reputation, internal and external communications and media relations, and government, community and stakeholder engagement.

Laura is a proven communications professional with more than 25 years of experience working in regulated industries in both the private and public sectors; drawing on substantial experience in the areas of Communications Strategy, Reputation Management, Media Relations and Crisis Communications, Public Affairs, Government and Stakeholder Relations, Customer Service, Corporate Social Responsibility, and First Nations and Metis Relations.

Prior to joining Metrolinx, Laura was the Senior Vice President, Customer and Corporate Relations for Hydro One; leading the integration of the utility's service, communications and relationship functions in support of its growth and privatization. Laura has been drawn to organizations that operate within the public trust to deliver economic and societal benefits. Laura's experience working in large, customer operations like Hydro One, Air Canada, and Transport Canada, have cemented her commitment to the values of safety and service.

Laura studied Public Relations at Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology.

### Laura Irrsack, Corporate Controller

Linda Irrsack comes to Metrolinx with over 10 years of executive level finance experience, and significant operational and strategic exposure within the construction, services, mining and metallurgical (manufacturing of metals), and Consumer Package Goods/distribution industries. Linda's experience includes all aspects of financial planning and reporting for both publicly traded and private organizations, most recently Scotia Bank, where she was the Director Global Payroll, and Carillion Canada Inc. where she was the VP Corporate Finance. Furthermore, her experience includes managing governance within a controls/compliance culture, operational planning, treasury and cash management, payroll, and process review and change management within the finance and support functions.

Linda's professional experience is supplemented by an Executive MBA from Western University, and a CPA and CMA.