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MROO Appoints New Interim President

Keith Robicheau to Take Over Leadership of Municipal Retirees Organization Ontario

TORONTO, June 15, 2020 – The board of directors of Municipal Retirees Organization Ontario (MROO) today appointed Keith Robicheau interim president pending a formal vote at the association's annual general meeting. That meeting was to take place today but has been deferred until September 14 due to COVID-19.

Mr. Robicheau succeeds William Harford who has been MROO's president for the last nine years (three consecutive three-year terms), the maximum period of service. Mr. Harford will now assume the role of past president and will continue to have a seat on the board of directors.

"MROO's board and I are delighted to welcome Keith as interim president pending the 'official' vote," said Mr. Harford. "We were fortunate to have a number of good candidates for the role, but Keith was the unanimous choice of the selection committee. The board is confident that Keith will help MROO meet our members' needs and ensure our governance and structure are able to accommodate future growth."

Like MROO's other 24,000-plus members, Mr. Robicheau is an Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) pensioner. During his career, he held various government-related positions with municipalities in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario. Mr. Robicheau's most recent roles were as the chief administrative officer in Norfolk County and North Bay. He has also held board positions in various organizations, including the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and the Ontario Municipal Administrators Association.

Protecting the pensions and enhancing the quality of life for all OMERS pensioners.

About Municipal Retirees Organization Ontario

Municipal Retirees Organization of Ontario (MROO) was created as a not-for-profit corporation in 1977. We speak on behalf of all Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) pensioners and provide services to 24,000 members. MROO is the largest OMERS retiree organization and the only one with membership open to retirees from all walks of local government life – former union, non-union and management employees of municipalities, police services, fire services, libraries, school boards, health units, electricity distributors, children's aid societies, and other employers in the OMERS pension plan. We are an independent, non-partisan organization formed to voice the interests of all OMERS retirees to OMERS and governments of all levels, represent our membership in legislative matters that affect retirees, and provide services that benefit our members. In addition to advocacy in favour of the OMERS pension plan and retirement income adequacy, MROO offers members health, dental, travel, home, and auto insurance coverage; scholarships for members' relatives; and ongoing communication on retirement issues. For more information and to join MROO, please visit www.mroo.org