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SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS APPOINTED

CRANBROOK – Rick Thorpe, Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Regulatory Reform today announced the appointment of Bruce Hryciuk to the Small Business Roundtable, a forum for ongoing dialogue with the small business community across British Columbia.

“Establishing the Small Business Roundtable is the next step toward achieving our goal to make British Columbia the most small business friendly jurisdiction in Canada,” said Thorpe. “We want to hear directly from the small business community about their issues and priorities and how we can work together to improve the economic prosperity of small businesses in British Columbia.”

Thorpe announced the establishment of the Small Business Roundtable last month, and named two vice-chairs at that time: Kevin Evans, Western vice-president of Retail Canada and the chair of the Coalition of BC Businesses, and Linda Larson, currently mayor of Oliver. Thorpe will chair the Small Business Roundtable.

“Appointing Bruce Hryciuk will ensure that our region has a strong voice at the Small Business Roundtable,” said East Kootenay MLA Bill Bennett. “Bruce will bring the unique perspective of the Kootenay business community to the table, and ensure that the viewpoint of small business in our region is well represented in these talks.”

The Small Business Roundtable represents the government’s commitment to recognize and respond to the needs of small businesses in British Columbia. Members are community leaders recognized for their strong contributions to small business around British Columbia. They represent a diversity of regions, industries, associations and small businesses.

They will bring forward to government and the small business sector issues, strategies and potential actions to contribute to small business growth, relieving regulatory burden, improving customer service and optimizing revenue management.

“In order for the new Small Business Roundtable to achieve its mandate, the government has assembled a team of successful business people from a wide range of backgrounds and communities whose job it will be to consult with, listen to, and act to meet the needs of small business throughout the province,” said Hryciuk, senior partner of Hryciuk Gallinger & Co. “Personally, I look forward to consulting with the small business community in the Cranbrook region on Dec. 5.”

The Small Business Roundtable will visit communities in all regions of British Columbia, including 16 communities between now and next spring, and seek feedback from the small business community. The first three Small Business Roundtable consultations will take place Nov. 29 in Prince George, Dec. 2 in Kelowna and Dec. 5 in Cranbrook. To view or download a photo of Minister Thorpe and Bruce Sutherland, owner of PG Mill Supplies and member of the Small Business Roundtable, visit [<url tbc>](#) online.

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