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SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORTER JOINS ROUNDTABLE

KELOWNA – British Columbia’s permanent Small Business Roundtable is gaining a valuable local business voice from the Okanagan with the appointment of Robert Fine to its board, announced Rick Thorpe, Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister responsible for Regulatory Reform.

“Robert’s broad economic development experience and diverse business background will ensure a strong voice for the Okanagan on the Small Business Roundtable,” said Thorpe. “His energy, passion and optimism for small business will be valuable assets to the roundtable.”

With a degree in Urban Economics from the University of Toronto, Fine has been in British Columbia since 1989, and worked for the Sea to Sky Economic Development Commission until 1996. He is currently the executive director of the Economic Development Commission in the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

“We welcome Robert to the roundtable,” said Linda Larson, Small Business Roundtable vice-chair. “His wide-ranging work with local, municipal and federal economic development associations will add value and regional diversity to the roundtable.”

“Being part of the roundtable represents a real opportunity for small businesses in the Okanagan, and across the province, to be heard,” said Fine. “I’m thrilled to have the chance to work on their behalf with the members of the roundtable, and continue to develop a strong small business future for British Columbia.”

The Small Business Roundtable was established in October 2005 to consult with small business and advise government and the small business sector on issues, strategies and potential actions to make it easier to do business in British Columbia. The roundtable’s members are small business leaders who represent regions, industries and associations throughout British Columbia.

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