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SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE JOINS ROUNDTABLE

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

“Coralee’s business background and chamber of commerce and local government experience will ensure a strong voice for the Cariboo on the Small Business Roundtable,” said Thorpe. “Her energy, passion and optimism for small business will be valuable assets to the roundtable.”

Oakes, with family roots in Quesnel dating back to the 1930s, is a City of Quesnel councillor and manager of the Quesnel and District Chamber of Commerce.

“We welcome Coralee to the roundtable,” said Linda Larson, Small Business Roundtable vice-chair. “Her business experience in the Cariboo will add value and regional diversity to the roundtable.”

“Being part of the roundtable represents a real opportunity for the voices of small business in the Cariboo to be heard,” said Oakes. “I’m excited about working on their behalf with the members of the roundtable, and working towards a strong small business future in Quesnel and British Columbia.”

The Small Business Roundtable was established in October 2005, with a mandate to engage in a dialogue with small business to identify key issues and opportunities, and develop recommendations to small business and government on strategies to enhance small business growth and success. The roundtable’s members are small business leaders who represent regions, industries and associations throughout British Columbia.

A photo will be available soon at: www.gov.bc.ca/sbr/popt/gallery/

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