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The Search for Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College's Next President Begins

TORONTO, August 8, 2023 – At its annual retreat this past June, the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC) Board of Governors kicked off plans for the search for the next CMCC President. Following an illustrious tenure of 10 years beginning July 1, 2014, Dr. David Wickes will retire and conclude his term as planned on June 30, 2024.

During his tenure, President Wickes spearheaded numerous strategic initiatives that advanced CMCC's academic excellence, expanded research opportunities, fostered the implementation of innovative educational technology, and solidified strong community partnerships. Under his guidance, CMCC retired its long-term debt and significantly strengthened its financial health, maintained high enrolments of very qualified students, and achieved several remarkable milestones, positioning it as a renowned educational institution nationally and internationally.

In 2022, CMCC's DC degree program became the first in the world to achieve accreditation by two separate Councils on Chiropractic Education (US and Canada). Just recently, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities in Ontario renewed the Minister's consent for CMCC's DC degree-granting authority. Dr. Wickes' exceptional leadership during the challenging times posed by the pandemic demonstrated his determination and adaptability, enabling CMCC to navigate uncertainty and emerge even stronger, reinforcing its position as a resilient and forward-thinking institution.

The retirement of President Wickes will mark the beginning of a new chapter in CMCC's history. As CMCC embarks on this exciting search process, it remains committed to maintaining its position as a preeminent institution of higher education, dedicated to academic excellence, innovation, research, patient care, and community engagement. Following his retirement in 2024, President Wickes will continue serving CMCC for an additional year as a consultant to ensure a seamless transition and provide valuable assistance in achieving the remaining goals in CMCC's 2022-25 Strategic Plan.

To conduct the extensive national and international search for a successor, the Board of Governors has engaged the esteemed executive search firm, Feldman Daxon Partners whose proven track record of success demonstrates the values that best align with CMCC's core

values. In accordance with the CMCC Succession Planning and Line of Authority Policy, the Board will also appoint a search committee including Board members, administrators, faculty, staff, students, and other persons.

“As Chair of the Board of Governors, I thank and commend Dave for his exceptional vision and relentless energy, which have elevated our institution to unprecedented levels of excellence and distinction. He and his leadership team made our institution stronger than ever, earning the respect and admiration of the chiropractic profession and the higher education community,” stated Board of Governors Chair, Dr. Greg Woolfrey.

The CMCC President represents CMCC externally and develops and nurtures relationships with alumni, friends, donors, government, and educational partners at the local, provincial, national, and international levels, intending to attract support and create partnerships that advance and align with the institution’s mission and vision.

To explore the opportunity further, see the detailed posting at:

www.cmcc.ca/presidentialsearch or contact prowan@feldmandaxon.com.

About CMCC

The Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College is an academic institution recognized for creating leaders in spinal health. With graduates practicing in 52 countries and faculty who are leaders in their fields, CMCC delivers world-class chiropractic education, research, and patient care. CMCC offers a four-year undergraduate program leading to a Doctor of Chiropractic Degree. This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities until 2030.

Spearheaded by the McMorland Family Research Chair in Mechanobiology with a focus on spine instability, degeneration, and joint dysfunction, CMCC researchers and graduate students contribute to the understanding and management of neuromusculoskeletal conditions. The Toronto campus features modern teaching and laboratory space, including new simulation and biomechanics laboratories with Force Sensing Table Technology® and extends across Toronto through its network of community-based interprofessional clinics that serve diverse patient populations. A not-for-profit, charitable organization, CMCC receives no direct government funding and relies on tuition, donations, auxiliary revenue, and special events for support. More information is available at www.cmcc.ca.

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