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RROC Announces New Board Chair, Vice Chair

The Regina Regional Opportunities Commission (RROC) Board of Directors elected acting Board Chair Tony Coppola as Board Chair on October 15, 2009. James Rybchuk was elected as Board Vice Chair.

"We are very pleased to welcome Tony and James into their new leadership positions on the RROC board," said RROC President and CEO Larry Hiles. "Their guidance and expertise will be invaluable as RROC strives to ensure the Regina region is a vibrant hub of economic activity."

Coppola was a member of the Tourism Regina board for two years. He became a RROC board member in the spring when RROC was created out of a merger between Tourism Regina and the Regina Regional Economic Development Authority (RREDA). Coppola is the Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration for the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation (SGC).

Coppola is looking forward to his roll in guiding RROC's future. "Tremendous optimism and opportunity surround the Regina region. RROC is uniquely positioned to bring together research, partnerships and capital to increase investment, employment and tourism opportunities for our region," he said.

Rybchuk served on the RREDA board for five years and is a partner with McDougall Gauley LLP. Rybchuk said he is honored to serve as RROC's Vice Chair. "I'm excited about the opportunity this affords to build upon the great work Tourism Regina and RREDA have done creating an environment where our businesses, residents and visitors have unlimited opportunities for success," he said.

The changes to RROC's board were made as former Board Chair Harvey Granatier resigned last month to pursue other business ventures. Coppola had been the Vice Chair at the time of Granatier's resignation.

Other RROC board members are:

- **Tracey Bakkeli** - Business/Management Consultant.
- **Leon Brin** - Management consultant; former Executive Director, Tourism Regina.
- **Neil Donnelly** - Vice President of Marketing and Events, EVRAZ Place.
- **Marty Klyne** - Publisher, Regina Leader-Post.
- **Rick Krieger** - Managing partner, McNally's Tavern; partner, Broken Rack Billiards, Midnight Media.
- **Greg Maindonald** - Vice President and General Manager, EVRAZ Regina Steel.
- **Lisa Wilson-Sturm** - Director, Corporate Communications, CAA Saskatchewan.
- **His Worship Mayor Pat Fiocco.**

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