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## **THE EASTERN ONTARIO COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT NETWORK CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE AND PROSPER COMMUNITIES IN EASTERN ONTARIO...**

**PRESCOTT-RUSSELL (Ontario), July 18, 2016** — The Eastern Ontario CFDC Network announces the election of **Mr. Bruce Smith** as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the EOCFDC Network.

**Mr. Bruce Smith** who is secretary-treasurer of the Prescott-Russell CFDC replaces **Ms Christine Dukelow** who is the Past-Chairperson and Director for the South Lake CFDC.

“The EOCFDC Network will continue just like in the past, to make fair, careful and enlightened interventions for the betterment of our communities and businesses in the Eastern Ontario region” states **Mr. Bruce Smith**, new Chairperson of the EOCFDC Network.

The Government of Canada’s Community Futures (CF) Program, supports 269 CFDC’s across Canada and through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, it supports 61 Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDCs) – 24 located in the North, and the remaining 37 serving rural Eastern and Southern Ontario. CFDCs offer a wide variety of programs and services supporting community economic development and small business growth.

These community-based, not-for-profit organizations are staffed by professionals and are each governed by local volunteer boards of directors familiar with their community’s needs, concerns and future development priorities.

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