



DIRECTORS' FORUM CO-OPERATIVE MARKS 40th ANNIVERSARY WITH SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

GUELPH, ON – APRIL 25, 2024. The Directors' Forum Co-operative (DFC) Board of Directors is delighted to announce that they will be running their Annual fall conference back-to-back with the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario (FSRA) conference this year.

"The second edition of FSRA's Directors' Conferences will be held at the same venue as the Directors' Forum conference the two days before, which makes it even more convenient for those planning to attend both events," says Mehrdad Rastan, Executive Vice President, Credit Union and Insurance Prudential, FSRA.

The Directors' Forum conference will take place on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27 at the Hilton Mississauga-Meadowvale. The FSRA conference will take place in the two days preceding the Forum, and will host mutual directors on Thursday, October 24, and credit union directors on Friday, October 25. They will be hosted and run as two unique conferences, and registration will also be managed separately.

This is an exciting initiative and a wonderful way to mark the special year, providing directors who are planning to attend both events with numerous perks including:

- 1. Greater value** as there will be no registration fee for credit union and mutual directors attending FSRA's conference, so directors are getting three-and-a-half days for the price of the DFC's conference registration alone. This means even *more* learning and professional development opportunities, *more* interactive engagement through table discussions, and *more* networking time than ever before!

2. **Greater cost savings** as delegates will only have to travel once, therefore saving on both travel and accommodation fees. The venue's accommodation rates are reasonably priced, and the parking fees for delegates are waived.
3. **Greater accessibility** as directors can elect to stay for both conferences, and because the venue is located close to the airport, making it easier for those who are travelling by plane.

Adds Tim Foster, Chair of the Directors' Forum Co-operative: *"This is a special year for the Directors' Forum as we celebrate forty years of providing system directors with unique learning, networking and professional development opportunities. Both FSRA and the DFC are working hard to build capacity and strengthen the system. We are excited to see this year's programming come to fruition, and to welcome credit union, caisse populaire, and mutual directors from across Canada at the event this fall!"*

Stay tuned for information about the Directors' Forum conference sessions, speakers, registration, and other announcements coming very soon!

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About the Directors' Forum Co-operative

For the past 40 years, the Directors' Forum Co-operative (DFC) has provided professional development, education, and networking opportunities for board directors. Our programming includes a series of virtual governance sessions, an annual hybrid conference, and a virtual AGM.

For more information

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