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## **Urban Development Institute of Nova Scotia Announces Bill MacAvoy as New Executive Director**

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The Urban Development Institute of Nova Scotia (UDI) is pleased to announce the appointment of Bill MacAvoy as its next Executive Director, effective August 1, 2026.

MacAvoy succeeds Stephen Adams, whose retirement was announced earlier this year following many years of dedicated leadership and service to the organization and the development industry in Nova Scotia.

MacAvoy brings extensive experience in commercial real estate, development, and industry leadership, including as principal owner of the local Cushman & Wakefield brokerage operation in Nova Scotia. His background spans brokerage, development, strategic advisory and community engagement work, and long-standing involvement in the province's real estate and development sector.

Following a rigorous recruitment process led by a committee of the Board of Directors that considered several highly qualified candidates, MacAvoy's appointment was unanimously approved by the Board.

"Bill is exceptionally well respected across the industry and brings tremendous experience, relationships, and leadership to this role," said Andrew Inch, President of UDI Nova Scotia. "UDI and our members are navigating a critically important period for housing and development in Nova Scotia. Bill's knowledge of the industry and collaborative approach will help continue UDI's strong advocacy work and constructive engagement with government and stakeholders."

UDI represents members across the land development, homebuilding, construction, consulting, and real estate sectors. In recent years, the organization has been actively engaged on issues including housing supply and affordability, planning and permitting reform, infrastructure investment, labour challenges, taxation, and policies to support sustainable growth across the province.

"Stephen Adams has provided outstanding leadership to UDI and the industry over many years," Inch added. "On behalf of the Board and membership, we thank Stephen for his dedication and contributions, and we are grateful he will remain through July 31 to support a smooth and seamless transition."

“I am honoured to join UDI at such an important time for Nova Scotia,” said MacAvoy. “The development industry plays a vital role in addressing the province’s housing and economic needs, and I look forward to working closely with UDI members, government, and industry partners to help advance thoughtful, sustainable growth across our communities.”

Adams welcomed the announcement and transition plan.

“It has been a privilege to serve UDI and work alongside so many committed industry leaders over the years, and I thank UDI for the opportunity to work with the board, members, and industry partners,” said Adams. “Bill is an excellent choice to lead the organization forward, and I look forward to working with him over the coming months to ensure a successful transition.”

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