

From the Valley REN Board: message to partners

July 14, 2017

To our First Nation, municipal, provincial and business community partners,

Effective July 12, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Valley Regional Enterprise Network has appointed W. Coby Milne as interim Chief Executive Officer, continuing the foundational work led by Kelly Ells. Coby will serve in this role until a new CEO is hired.

As you know, Kelly was appointed CEO in November 2014. The board regrettably accepted her resignation on July 10. We are indebted to Kelly for leading the Valley REN in its start-up phase and establishing a foundation on which it can move forward.

Most of you will know Coby as a consultant and specialist in workforce skill development and as Vice-President of Fusion Annapolis Valley. Coby has been on our board of directors since April 2016. This week he stepped down from that role to lead the Valley REN, full-time, during this transition period.

Over the next six months, the Valley REN will sharpen its focus as it works to empower businesses and municipalities to succeed in economic development. Coby's goal during this period is to develop the organization's expertise for the next stage of our mission, which will be characterised by bold, strategic projects to grow the business community and attract new residents and investment.

We thank all of our partners for their support and for their commitment to regional economic development priorities.

We also invite you to share this information with your staff and colleagues. In the week ahead, you can reach Coby at WCMilne@valleyren.ca

With warm regards,

Scott Roberts
Board Chair