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## **New Executive Director Role at Veterans' House Canada for BGen (Retd) Alan Mulawyshyn**

The Board of Directors of Veterans' House Canada (VHC) is pleased to appoint BGen (Retd) Alan Mulawyshyn as Executive Director charged with leading its national growth strategy to develop affordable, supportive housing for homeless Veterans across Canada. Alan begins his new role effective November 1st, 2023.



Alan joined VHC in 2021 after a 40-year career with the Canadian Armed Forces as a military engineer, retiring as a Brigadier-General. He brings to VHC a wealth of experience within the military and Veteran community, an in-depth knowledge of government, and has developed a deep understanding of the complexities of the gaps within the affordable housing environment. Alan is uniquely positioned to help focus and drive forward VHC's Vision.

*"We are thrilled to see Alan's role expand within the organization and know his leadership will create a pathway for both planning and implementing a Veteran-focused and sustainable affordable housing strategy across Canada,"* Veterans' House Canada President and Board Chair, R. Neil Raynor said of his appointment.

In this new role, he will oversee VHC's planning and evaluation, policy development and administration, personnel, and fiscal management.

Alan transitions into this role having been VHC's Deputy Executive Director for the last two years. VHC's founding Executive Director, Suzanne Le helped launch VHC under the Multifaith Housing Initiative into a model to address the growing need for affordable and supportive housing for Veterans experiencing homelessness.

Neil Raynor added: *"Suzanne has championed the cause of providing modern, affordable housing for Veterans for over ten years. The Andy Carswell Building development on the site*

*of the former CFB Rockcliffe in Ottawa is testament to her determination to address the problem of homelessness within the national Veteran community.”*

**Commenting on the new appointment, Suzanne Le said:**

*“It’s been such an honour to work these last 10 years on this shared passion project. Thanks to an amazing amount of support we have been able to take an idea, make it into a building, then make it into a national ambition. It was a gift to have been given this opportunity to serve those who have served. And I know that with the appointment of Alan Mulawyshyn, I am leaving the organisation in the hands of exactly who is needed next. I leave you nothing less than excited for VHC’s future.”*

Since its creation as a charity focused on homeless Veterans, VHC has become a successful model for supportive housing for those Veterans experiencing homelessness. Its pioneering model, the Andy Carswell Building, is set to play a pivotal role within Canada’s affordable housing environment.

**BGen (Retd) Alan Mulawyshyn, Executive Director**

*“I am honoured and excited to become the second Executive Director of Veterans' House Canada. We are entering a new phase with our plans to replicate the success of the Andy Carswell Building in Ottawa across Canada. Sadly the need has never been greater for our homeless Veterans and I want to be part of the solution in rectifying this terrible problem.”*

*“I want to personally thank Suzanne for the absolutely incredible work she has done over the past almost 10 years. Without her vision, enthusiasm, energy, knowledge and professionalism, Veterans' House Canada and the Andy Carswell Building would still be just good ideas. Instead they are real and thriving. I am very much looking forward to this next round.”*

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**Biographical Notes:**

BGen (Retd) Alan Mulawyshyn graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) with a civil engineering degree and has a Master’s degree in Defence Studies from RMC. During his 40-year career in the Canadian Armed Forces he has lived and served across Canada and around the world, including on operational tours on the Iraq/Kuwait border, in Kosovo and in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He retired in 2021.

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