



Healthcare Benefit Trust Appoints New Trustee

March 11, 2014 – Healthcare Benefit Trust (HBT) is pleased to announce that Howard Johnson has been appointed to the HBT Board of Trustees as of March 1, 2014 for a three year term. The appointment of existing and new HBT Trustees is approved by the Health Employers Association of British Columbia (HEABC).

“HBT continues to adapt to address the needs of the health and community social services sectors. As we look at the initiatives HBT has underway today, and look ahead to the need for more flexible and cost-effective services in the future, we welcome Howard to our Board. With over 30 years of experience in healthcare administration and seniors’ independent and assisted living, Howard brings valuable and timely insights into the challenges many of our clients face in managing health benefits costs,” said Ed Robinson, Board Chair.

He added, “On behalf of the Board, I would also like to thank our past Trustees, Bill Boomer, Tom Crump, Terry Duggan and Glenn Sutherland for their dedication, leadership and significant contributions to the positive changes at HBT over the past few years.”

The HBT Board is currently comprised of six Trustees: Ed Robinson (Chair), Alan Cooke, Michael Costello, Zulie Sachedina, Bob Smith and Howard Johnson. These individuals have been selected based on their knowledge and expertise in fields relevant to the effective governance and oversight of HBT, including insurance, finance, investments, actuarial and benefit practice and government experience, as well as knowledge of the healthcare, community social services and not-for-profit sectors.

HBT provides benefits to more than 90,000 employees and their dependents in the health and community social services sectors in British Columbia and the Yukon in accordance with eight provincial collective agreements, for 415 union and non-union groups, across 566 distinct benefit packages. Benefits provided by HBT include: Group Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D), Weekly Indemnity, Long Term Disability (LTD), Extended Health, and Dental.

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