



Left to right, Wynnobel, Werbicki and Vitt. Missing, Brandon Sutherland.

Vitt new SDCF Chair; Werbicki in as Co-Chair

The Selkirk & District Community Foundation is pleased to announce its new executive, with Deborah Vitt in the Chair's position.

Vitt has been a member of the board since July 2022 and is excited about her new role and the future of the Foundation.

“I’ve learned so much more about our communities since joining the board and I continue to be impressed with the commitment of so many people to so many worthwhile causes,” Vitt said.

“This past year has been especially meaningful. The research for our second Vital Signs report has provided our team with a greater understanding of the needs in our communities. Meeting with folks who are present day in and day out in making Selkirk, St. Andrews and St Clements the best they can be has been a real privilege and I look forward to my term as Chair person. As we all live into the report’s findings, this coming year proves to be an exciting one for all of us.”

For Vitt, the power of volunteerism can’t be understated.

“I have lived in this community for over 40 years and throughout my time here, I have seen first hand the importance and power of volunteerism. Volunteers are such a key asset to so many of our organizations. We all have a gift or skill to share and our communities are able to thrive as a result of that sharing.”

Vitt takes over for David Thorne, who wishes his colleague all the best in her new role.

“Deborah’s got the right stuff for this type of work,” Thorne said.

“She’s committed and caring and she’s not afraid to get her hands dirty and do the real work to move a project forward. She’s been a force on this board since the day she joined and I’m so happy to see her step into the Chair’s position.”

Ryan Werbicki, who joined the board in July 2024, moves into the Vice Chair’s seat.

“I have had the privilege to serve the Foundation in several roles since 2019,” Werbicki said.

“It is an honour to accept the role of Vice-Chair alongside fellow community leaders who share a commitment to strengthening our region and supporting initiatives that create a lasting impact.

“As I step into this new role, it is not only an opportunity to reflect on the dedicated and visionary community members that have come before me, but also a moment to reflect on our progress and look ahead with excitement as we shape the future of the Foundation in our region.”

Werbicki also described Vital Signs as an eye-opening experience that offered a meaningful glimpse into the heartbeat of the community.

The board is now halfway through its 2022–2027 strategic plan, and Werbicki says their focus remains firmly on addressing the evolving needs of the community.

“The Foundation is a critical partner in our region. When we come together to create something like Vital Signs, we unlock incredible potential. That’s why the work we’re doing right now matters so much,” he said.

Bonny Wynnobel, who joined the board in 2021, continues in the Secretary role, and Brandon Sutherland, board member since 2020, remains the Treasurer.