

## Session 9

### Collaboration, Engagement, and the Promotion of Community Wellbeing

#### Bernie Blais



**Bernie** Blais is the President & CEO of Bruyère Continuing Care. With over 30 years as a health care executive, Bernie has focused on significant transformational change leading to organizational and system restructuring. He is bilingual and completed his Masters Degree in Public Administration with Distinction at the University of Manitoba and is certified as an Executive Coach (CEC) at Royal Roads University, Victoria, BC.

Bernie is known for his passion for leadership development and a strong advocate of lifelong learning. The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

#### Karen Farbridge



Karen Farbridge has served as Mayor of the City of Guelph from 2000 - 2003 and 2006 to present day. She also served as a Ward Councillor from 1994 – 2000.

Karen is the Chair of the Leadership Group for the Community Wellbeing Initiative (CWI). Facilitated by the City of Guelph, the CWI has embraced the eight domains of the Canadian Index of Wellbeing and is engaging the community in the development of action plans around each domain and discussions on how it will impact overall wellbeing.

Karen has a B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. from the University of Guelph.

## **Ross Kirkconnell, B.A., MSc.**



Ross Kirkconnell is the Executive Director of the Guelph Family Health Team and Lead for the Guelph Health Link. Previously Ross worked in leadership positions with the Wellington-Dufferin CCAC and the Ministry of Health & Long-term Care.

Ross has been involved in a number of initiatives aimed health system improvement, including: the Board of the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario, Waterloo-Wellington Palliative Care Advisory Committee, the Guelph Community Well-Being initiative and the Sounding Board of the Ontario Change Foundation.

Ross has a B.A. from McMaster University and Master of Science from the University of Guelph.

## **Chief Bryan M. Larkin**



As the Chief of the Guelph Police Service, Bryan provides senior leadership and facilitates the administrative and operational delivery of policing to the city of Guelph, while fostering relationships with community stakeholders, partners and citizens. He is committed to enhancing the effectiveness of policing services while developing strategies to build a strong, vibrant and healthy city.

Over the course of his career, he has held a number of positions including; Community and Media Relations, Special Assignments, Traffic Services, Human Resources, Recruiting, Media Officer, Executive Officer to the Chief of Police, and Superintendent of Patrol Services. He has lectured extensively at both the Canadian and Ontario Police Colleges.

Chief Larkin holds a Police Leadership Diploma from Humber College and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Guelph.

## Norman E. Taylor



Norm has been an independent consultant, educator, author and researcher for over 34 years. Since 2008, Norm has spent much of his professional life in Saskatchewan as a Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Justice: Corrections and Policing. His 2009 Future of Policing report set the stage for the enterprise approach to community safety that led to that Province's Building Partnerships to Reduce Crime strategy.

He and his team were instrumental in helping to create, launch and guide the high-profile Prince Albert model, and are now supporting several similar models currently being adopted in Ontario and across Canada.