



Rita Winn

Rita is director, Lovell Drugs Limited, and the vice-chair of The Neighbourhood Pharmacy Association of Canada (Neighbourhood Pharmacies).

Before being director of Lovell Drugs, Winn was the general manager and COO of Lovell Drugs Limited for past 22 years. Her responsibilities included leading the direction of the organization's operations as well as the short- and long-term strategy and vision of Lovell Drugs Ltd. Her role included leading the management team to develop and implement operational plans, pharmacy marketing, creation of company culture, and human resources. Prior to joining Lovell Drugs, Rita enjoyed a 20-year career with Big V Pharmacies Co. Ltd. as Store Manager as well as Director of Operations. Rita was the 2020 recipient of the Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy's Pillar of Pharmacy Award.



Max Beirsto

Max is a Credentialed Business Valuator and Intermediary with EVCOR (*Enterprise Valuators Corporation*), a Canadian Valuation and Business Brokerage firm with experience in over 300+ pharmacy valuations, sales, and acquisitions. Max has 20+ years of M&A experience in the Canadian Retail Pharmacy Industry. He is previously a pharmacy owner, and is a pharmacist by background.

Max is currently a member of the Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy's board of Directors.



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Mike Jaczko

Mike Jaczko is a Partner & portfolio manager with KJ Harrison, a Toronto based private investment firm. He provides discretionary investment management and strategic advice to high net worth individuals and their families, including pharmacy owners.

Mike has 30+ years of mergers and acquisitions experience in the Canadian retail pharmacy industry, and 20 years of experience in Canadian wealth management industry.

He is a trusted advisor to pharmacy owners, and advises on broader issues of wealth management.

Mike is a pharmacist and a past pharmacy owner.



Chris Juozaitis

Chris graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1982. He managed several pharmacies in the southern interior until 1988 when he purchased a shared ownership of Howe Sound Pharmacy in Gibsons BC. Howe Sound was well known as a teaching site for Universities across Canada for the next 30 years.

Chris became a Certified Geriatric Pharmacist (CGP) in 2006 and in 2010 Chris took part in the British Columbia Medication Management Project. This brought a much more Clinical Care focus to the pharmacy and in 2011 the pharmacy moved locations and expanded into a Patient Centered Care model with 4 dedicated intake stations.

Chris joined with 5 pharmacy specific partners across Canada and formed AdhereRx. A training/consulting company focused on the premise that better patient care yields better profitability.

Chris continues to be involved with both companies out of his Gibsons location.



Bruce Winston

Bruce Winston is an entrepreneur and pharmacist, having graduated from the University of Alberta in 1985. One year later, with the assistance of his two mentors, he purchased his first pharmacy in north Calgary.

In 2004, he founded Apex Pharmacies Ltd., which now operates 20 pharmacies in Alberta under the Sandstone Pharmacies brand. Bruce's current position at Apex is president and he is a director. In this role, Bruce is responsible for the overall operations, management and financial control of the corporation's business.

Bruce is also a board member of the Alberta Pharmacists' Association where he currently holds the position of president.

Bruce retains a deep personal commitment to the practice of pharmacy. He says he could not have accomplished what he has in pharmacy if he did not have mentors who provided meaningful guidance early in his career. He hopes that he has similarly helped young pharmacists along the way and is committed to working diligently to advocate for the profession and to ensure it remains financially sustainable for a new generation of pharmacists.



Ryan Fullerton

Ryan graduated from the University of Toronto in 2009. Having been raised in a pharmacy as the son of a pharmacy owner, he moved quickly into purchasing his own pharmacy, Browns Pharmacy in Walkerton in 2010. He worked to expand the care offered at Browns Pharmacy over the years, adding sterile compounding and renovating the store to allow for optimal use of technology, full scope pharmacy technicians and pharmacists at intake counters.

Ryan has partnered with several pharmacists to expand into new locations and now operates 4 pharmacies as head of operations.

Ryan is deeply committed to health and wellness initiatives, serving on the local boards for the Hospital Foundation, Physician Recruitment and COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force among others. His belief is that it is mandatory for pharmacy ownership to be approached from the perspective that the health aspect of pharmacy must be prioritized over the business aspect in order to best help both its patients and its staff.