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## **The SDRCC Announces Three New Board Members**

Montréal (Québec) - The Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) is proud to welcome three new directors. Joining the Board of Directors for three-year mandates, on December 1, 2021, are Ms. Katie Damphouse, Mr. Kevin Kelly and Ms. Alice Strachan.

Katie Damphouse (Waterloo, ON) completed her Master's of International Development at the University of Guelph and her Bachelor's of Education at the University of Ottawa. A certified mediator with 15 years of experience, she is committed to offering diverse populations a respectful and safe space to address their disputes. In her current role as the Academic Freedom & Tenure and Policy Officer with the Faculty Association of the University of Waterloo, she helps employees navigate sensitive issues of workplace accommodation, discipline and harassment.

Kevin Kelly (Alberta, AB) is a Chartered Arbitrator and mediator with over 27 years of experience in the areas of Alternate Dispute Resolution, Real Estate, Estate Planning and Business Law. He holds a Bachelor of Laws with distinction in Administrative Law and Commercial Law from Cardiff University. Since 2016, he is a learning group facilitator and assessor for the Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education. Alongside his career as a lawyer, he currently serves on several boards, tribunals, committees and commissions and has a strong passion for sport in Canada.

Alice Strachan (Georgetown, ON) is a consultant, facilitator, mediator and trainer certified in Alternate Dispute Resolution. She applies her mediation expertise for victims and offenders using a restorative justice approach. In 1983, she completed an Honours Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology from University of Waterloo with a speciality in Sports Medicine. Prior to her career in Alternate Dispute Resolution, she worked with the PGA of Canada, among others. She currently is a quality improvement specialist for Ontario Health and a principal consultant for AMS and Associates.

"The experience and knowledge of each new member will greatly benefit the SDRCC, athletes and sport communities across Canada," said the Honourable Pascale St-Onge, Minister of Sport and Minister responsible for the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec. "I want to congratulate them on being named to the SDRCC Board of Directors, and I thank them for contributing their time and expertise to help create a safe, welcoming and inclusive Canadian sport system."

"Katie, Kevin and Alice bring an impressive combination of skills and experience to our Board of Directors", added Brad Kielmann, chairman of the Board of Directors of the SDRCC. "They join a team determined to help create a culture of fairness, integrity and respect in Canadian sport. I also want to recognize the retiring Board members who have proudly served the SDRCC and thank them wholeheartedly for their invaluable contribution."

More detailed biographies of SDRCC Board members are available at <http://www.crdsc-sdrcc.ca/eng/about-bod>.

### **About the SDRCC**

The SDRCC is a not-for-profit corporation created by federal legislation and funded by the Government of Canada. The mission of the SDRCC is to provide the sport community with a national alternative dispute resolution service and strengthen the culture of fairness in Canadian sport by resolving disputes quickly and efficiently and to provide expertise and assistance regarding alternative dispute resolution. The SDRCC is also mandated by the Government of Canada to implement an independent safe sport mechanism at the national level.

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