



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026**

## **2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RECAP**

Please see below the highlights from the 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede Limited held on March 17, 2026.

### **SPEAKERS:**

President & Chair of the Board, Stuart O'Connor, and Chief Executive Officer, Joel Cowley, addressed the Shareholders with highlights from the 2025 Annual Report to the Community, a look forward at Stampede 2026, an overview of the 2026-2029 Agriculture Strategy and a preview of the vision for the new 20-year Calgary Stampede Masterplan.

Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee, Chad Gareau, reviewed the 2025 Financials, which were formally received by the Shareholders. PricewaterhouseCoopers was reappointed as the Stampede's auditors for 2026. Chair of the Nominating Committee, Cherie Copithorne-Barnes, provided an overview of the organization's recruitment and selection process for Director candidates for the 2026 election.

## **2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board's Elected Officers as Appointed by the Board:

- Stuart O'Connor, President & Chair of the Board
- Cherie Copithorne-Barnes, First Vice-Chair
- David Farran, Second Vice-Chair
- Will Osler, Immediate Past President

Directors Elected by the Shareholders:

- Elizabeth Burke-Gaffney
- Cherie Copithorne-Barnes
- Jennifer Doepker
- David Farran
- Chad Gareau
- Kari Griffith
- Todd Hawkwood
- Justin Heskes
- Paul Kavanagh
- Dave Lantz
- Dave Lougheed
- Cal Malhiot
- Sandy O'Connor
- Stuart O'Connor
- Sabina Shah
- Kelly Smith
- Jessica Thomas

- Wendy Tynan
- Michael Wetherup
- Tracey Zehl

Directors Appointed by the Stampede Board:

- Michael Brown
- Buddie Dixon
- Ravinder Minhas
- Will Osler

Directors Appointed by the Government of Alberta and City of Calgary:

- MLA Myles McDougall
- Mayor Jeromy Farkas
- Councillor Andre Chabot
- Councillor Dan McLean

Read each Director's biography [here](#).