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Sharing ideas critical: Brambilla

Tino Brambilla, manager of insurance services with Manitoba Hydro since 1999, is the recipient of the 2015 RIMS Ontario chapter's Donald M. Stuart Award. The annual award, presented at the RIMS Canada Conference in Quebec City, is considered one of the profession's highest honours. After joining Centra Gas Manitoba (Westcoast Energy) in 1997, Brambilla helped consolidate the organization's insurance and risk management programs when it merged with Manitoba Hydro and when Winnipeg Hydro was purchased. "Since I began in the profession, risk management and the risks our organizations face have certainly evolved," said Brambilla. "One of the greatest assets risk professionals have is each other. Sharing ideas and experiences is so critical to what we do." Pictured: Darius Delon, chair of RIMS Canada Council; Tino Brambilla; Paul Provis, president of RIMS Ontario Chapter; Mary Roth, RIMS executive director; and Rick Roberts, RIMS 2015 president. IP

Robert Lewis will remain a shareholder and assume the role of director, insurance distribution.



Lewis

The acquisition marks Rogers' entry into the Ontario marketplace.

Gallagher picks up two Victoria firms

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. has acquired Christie Phoenix and affiliate Discovery Insurance Services of Victoria, B.C.



Flint

Christie Phoenix, which serves clients throughout the province, was founded more than 40 years ago.

Discovery was established more than 20 years ago. Former managing partner **Chris Flint** and his associates will continue operating the businesses in



Keenan

their current locations under the direction of **Ken Keenan**, head of Gallagher's Canadian brokerage operation.

Wasylenko heads IBAS

Sheldon Wasylenko was elected president of the Insurance Brokers Association of Saskatchewan at its annual meeting in October. Wasylenko, 52, works alongside his father **Norbert** and brother **Shawn** at the family-owned Rayner Agencies in Saskatoon.



Wasylenko

Wasylenko looks after the firm's IT, human resources and financing. He is also a member of the Insurance Brokers Association of Canada's technology committee.

IIC chair

Bob Tisdale has been elected chair of the board of governors at the Insurance Institute of Canada.

Tisdale is president and coo of Pembroke Insurance Company, Pafco

Insurance Company and Ivantage Insurance Brokers; he is also a vp with Allstate Canada Group. He previously served as chair of the CIP Society and is a past-



Tisdale

Lynn Oldfield, president and ceo of AIG Insurance Company of Canada (vice-chair and governor-at-large); and **T. Neil Morrison**, immediate past-chair.

Investing in seniors

Johnson Insurance, a member of RSA Canada Group, is investing \$250,000 over five years to support a Retired Teachers of Ontario Foundation initiative on the health and wellness of older adults. The firm will provide an immediate \$50,000, followed by a series of four annual investments until 2019.

"The quality of life of seniors in Canada is a priority for Johnson Insurance," said **Ken Bennett**, Johnson's president and senior vp of RSA Canada's Lifestyle Insurance. "We recognize the valuable role the Foundation has in addressing our shared vision of improving quality of life for seniors, and we are proud to support initiatives that help fuel a healthy future and increased longevity of our population."



Bennett

Entrepreneur awareness

Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, Desjardins Group and National Bank are supporting an entrepreneur awareness initiative in La Belle Province. The initiative, deployed over three years, is designed to foster the best conditions to encourage young people to consider entrepreneurship as a career choice.

According to **Michael Sabia**, president and ceo of la Caisse, entrepreneurs who establish small- and medium-sized businesses employ close to 60 per cent of the labour force in Quebec, making entrepreneurship key to economic growth in the province.

Added **Monique Leroux**, president and ceo of Desjardins Group: "Over the next 10 years roughly 100,000 Quebec businesses will change hands, but only 19 per cent of Quebecers are interested in becoming entrepreneurs themselves. Compare that to 27 per cent in the rest

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of Canada, and you see we're running the risk of losing successful businesses and good jobs, especially in non-urban areas."

To learn more, visit devenirentrepreneur.com.

Making an impact

The Co-operators has awarded \$93,747 in grants from its Impact! Fund to the projects of 21 young Canadians who demonstrated leadership and ingenuity in sustainability.

The projects range from a First Nations community garden to a mobile app that maps clusters of disease and their links to environment patterns.

"The passion and resourcefulness of these young sustainability leaders is inspiring, and we're pleased to provide financial support to help their projects make a bigger impact in their communities," said **Kathy Bardswick**, president and ceo of The Co-operators. "As the

Impact! program continues to grow, it is creating a network of change agents whose potential to contribute to a healthier, more equitable tomorrow is virtually unlimited."



Bardswick

Since its creation in 2009, the Impact! Fund has provided \$526,400 in grants to support 91 sustainability projects.

IBC supports seniors

The Insurance Bureau of Canada is donating \$14,000 to community groups in Nova Scotia that promote safety initiatives for seniors.

"IBC is proud to support safety initiatives for Nova Scotians of all ages, especially seniors, as they have done so much for us," said **Amanda Dean**, vp, Atlantic, IBC. "Feeling safe on the road, at home

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Drivers' top fear? Black ice

Canadians dislike driving in winter. A recent national State Farm Canada survey of 1,300 drivers found 86 per cent of Canadian motorists believe they are good drivers, but as soon as the snow flies, 66 per cent say people drive horribly. "Winter is a fact of life in Canada, and it's obvious the majority of Canadians are uncomfortable driving in the winter for a number of reasons," said John Bordinon, media relations, State Farm. "Shorter daylight hours, driving through snow, scraping ice, cold temperatures and sudden weather changes are factors that affect driving conditions and a person's mood behind the wheel. All the more reasons to not let things like phones, noisy passengers and pets distract you from the road." The survey results indicate the biggest concern for winter driving is black ice, with the second biggest concern being freezing rain. IP