



Introducing

## *Mike Shepherd*

A lifetime credit union member, Mike's credit union leadership journey began 33 years ago when he was first elected to the Board of Directors of Prosperity ONE Credit Union. After serving the board for nine years (the last two as the Vice-Chair), he resigned from the board and a career in finance and accounting at Weyerhaeuser Canada to accept a full time senior management position with the credit union where he concluded his career as the President and CEO in 2013.

During Mike's rewarding credit union career, he was honoured to receive the Alan Marentette Manager of the Year award (by the Ontario Credit Union Managers Association) in 2008, local recognition as the Milton Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Business Person of the Year, and federally as a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013.

Now retired, Mike is excited to continue serving the credit union system by bringing over 30 years of credit union, financial, governance and leadership experience to the FirstOntario board of directors. He has served on and led the boards of many organizations during his career and strongly believes that combining his strategic vision, proven governance, leadership and financial knowledge both inside and outside of the credit union industry and from both sides of the board table would provides a proficiency that few others can bring to FirstOntario.

Mike strongly believes in the values and principles of the credit union movement, one that is grounded in respect, appreciation and a mutually beneficial relationship with its members. He is enjoying the opportunity to work with FirstOntario's strong senior management team and dedicated board of directors.