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Appointment of David Witty, PhD as Executive Academic Advisor

PCU-WHS is pleased to announce the appointment of David Witty, PhD, RPP, FCIP, MRAIC, as Executive Academic Advisor. David brings many decades of experience, spanning the post-secondary, professional and non-profit sectors in a broad range of frontline, senior executive, and everything in between, positions.

He moved into the education field as Lecturer and Director of Continuing Education at UBC in the School of Community and Regional Planning, followed by Lecturer and Development Advisor at Simon Fraser University. He became Dean of Faculty of Architecture at the University of Manitoba, and he spent eight years at Vancouver Island University as Provost and Vice President Academic.

One of David's passions Is urban design and community planning where he has worked for various organizations in Manitoba and BC, including as Director and partner of an award-winning planning and landscape architecture practice based in Winnipeg and Saskatoon. He was Head of Planning for Parks Canada covering the Prairie Region including the Northwest Territories.

In recognition of his many achievements, he is the recipient of the Manitoba Southeast Tribal Council Recognition of Service to First Nations (2009). In 2016, he received CIP's President's Award "in recognition of an outstanding lifetime contribution to professional planning in Canada". He is a Member of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and an Honourary Member of the Council for Canadian Urbanism. In 2019, he was awarded a Life Member in the Planning Institute of British Columbia. Until the Master of Community Planning at Vancouver Island University was discontinued in 2026, David was Senior Fellow Urban Design at Vancouver Island University.

"We are extremely pleased that David has decided to join PCU-WHS and share his tremendous experience and expertise, always driving an 'Innovation and Thought-Leadership' agenda, as we strive towards expanding PCU-WHS academic and professional development programming and most importantly, continue building a Global Centre of Excellence in Integrated Workplace Health".
Wolfgang Zimmermann, President, PCU-WHS

"I have always treasured opportunities associated with meaningful enterprises and institutions that contribute meaningfully to society. Therefore I am excited about contributing to PCU-WHS as the acknowledged centre for workplace health sciences". *David Witty*

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