Former Capital Health CEO Sheila Weatherill named a Distinguished Citizen

Edmonton—Sheila Weatherill has a well-established career in Alberta and Canada’s health care industry. Currently, a senior advisor to the vice-president of external relations and distinguished executive in residence at the University of Alberta, Sheila served as president and CEO of Capital Health from 1996 until 2008, when the province consolidated its health regions into Alberta Health Services.

As CEO, Sheila was respected for being able to access each opportunity and channel organizational energies to fulfill the board’s vision. She actively strives for building consensus among many different stakeholders to ensure win-win solutions.

In 2009, Sheila played an important role in serving the community when she was selected by Prime Minister Stephen Harper as an independent investigator of the listeriosis outbreak.

During her time as Capital Health’s president and CEO, Sheila supported MacEwan University’s programming and spoke highly of the institution’s commitment to the community. She played an instrumental role in helping the university obtain funding for an accelerated nursing project, which brought students with previous university preparation into the nursing workforce in a shorter period of time. And while at Capital Health, Sheila included representation from MacEwan University on the Capital Health Workforce Planning Committee.

In addition to her commitment to health care, Sheila is active in community and professional organizations, offering her expertise on the boards for Alberta Health Services, Alberta Innovates – Technology Futures, EPCOR (as vice-chair) and Shaw Communications.

Sheila is a member of the Order of Canada, a Hall of Fame inductee on Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women list and a University of Lethbridge Doctor of Laws honoris causa recipient.

An Honorary Bachelor of Arts degree will be conferred upon Sheila Weatherill during the Spring Convocation on Friday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m., at the Winspear Centre.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University is proudly celebrating its 40th anniversary. As a comprehensive university, MacEwan offers more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training. Its philosophy of inspiring minds, providing career opportunities and opening the doors to academic excellence, continues to be its guide as it serves the educational needs of students across Alberta, Canada and the world.

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