



Biography



Gayle McPherson

President and Chair of the Board, Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

Gayle McPherson is the President and Chair of the Board of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, and is the first woman elected for this role in the 87-year history of the Fair. Gayle is responsible for the governance of The Royal including overall strategic direction.

Gayle has been deeply entrenched in The Royal family for many years and brings rich experience and a deep understanding of equestrian sport and agriculture to her role as President. She has been involved as a volunteer with the organization for the past 25 years and most recently held the position of Vice President, having served on the Board of Directors/Executive Committee since 1989. Gayle chaired The Royal Horse Show for several years and previously worked on numerous committees including the Steering Committee, Sponsorship, Marketing, Strategic Planning, Hunt Night and Exhibitor Relations Committees.

A graduate of the University of Manitoba, Gayle has been involved for many years in various volunteer projects extending beyond The Royal, including membership on the Board of Directors for Jump Canada, the Eglinton and Caledon Hunt, the Canadian Pony Club, the Erin Township Heritage Committee and the Junior League of Toronto. Gayle also served on the Board of Governors for St. Andrews College in Aurora.

Gayle and her husband, Don, have resided on their horse farm in Erin Township for the past 35 years and Gayle still manages extensive farming operations in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, some of the land being originally settled by her pioneering Scottish ancestors.

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