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Surety Association of Canada Announces Appointment of Mike Cluett as Regional Director – Ontario & Atlantic Canada

February 2, 2026 – Mississauga, ON – The Surety Association of Canada (SAC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Cluett to the position of Regional Director for Ontario and Atlantic Canada effective January 26, 2026.

Mr. Cluett brings over 15 years of experience in external relations, stakeholder engagement, and business development across government, corporate, and community environments. He served three terms (12 years) as a Town and Regional Councillor in Milton and Halton Region, holding various leadership roles while representing municipal and regional interests.



Previously, Mr. Cluett held fundraising relations, business and resource development positions for United Way Halton & Hamilton and Hospice Mississauga. Through these positions, he led external stakeholder engagement and partnership development initiatives. Mr. Cluett holds a Business & Commerce Diploma from Sheridan College and recently obtained the Chang School Certificate in Fundraising Management from Toronto Metropolitan University.

In this role as SAC’s Regional Director for Ontario and Atlantic Canada, Mr. Cluett will be responsible for expanding the use of surety products among construction purchasers and other bond users in Ontario and the Atlantic Canada provinces (Newfoundland & Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island) by promoting the interests of the surety industry with public bodies and other stakeholders. He will work with the Ontario and Atlantic Canada Regional Committees, the Ontario Region Commercial Surety Committee and association staff to consult with local authorities; in both public and private sectors to promote the use of surety bonds and to enhance the image of the surety industry in this key market.

“We are very excited to have Mike join our team in this role,” said Steven D. Ness, President and Chief Operating Officer as he announced the appointment. “He is joining the association at an opportune time as his contributions to the role will assist us in continuing our efforts to provide education and to expand our impact in Ontario and Atlantic Canada that will serve our industry well,” he added.

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About the Surety Association of Canada:

The Surety Association of Canada (SAC) is the national trade advocacy association that represents the interests of the surety industry across Canada. Its members consist of primary surety firms, surety reinsurers, surety/insurance brokers, and other organizations that provide related and complementary services to the surety industry.

While the majority of the surety industry's premium revenue is derived from construction contract bonds, SAC also represents the interests of those organizations that focus on non-contract or commercial surety. SAC does not represent or advocate on behalf of the fidelity bond industry.

Since its formation in 1992, SAC has become a trusted resource for construction purchasers, design professionals, contractors, suppliers and other stakeholders in construction and business communities. SAC has developed its own bond forms in response to industry needs and in consultation with the construction industry.

SAC and its members regularly meet with owners, contractors, other associations and related organizations to educate them about surety bonds and the suretyship process. SAC also monitors legislation across the country that will impact its members and works diligently to advance the surety cause with lawmakers and government officials.

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