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## **WESTERN DEVELOPMENT MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Western Development Museum (WDM) Board of Directors is thrilled to announce the hiring of Joan Kanigan as the new CEO.

Ms. Kanigan, originally from Saskatchewan, brings with her an impressive resume of experience in museum management and scholarship and has volunteered extensively in both heritage and community-based organizations. Most recently, Ms. Kanigan served as the Executive Director of the Museum of Ontario Archaeology (MOA), as position she held since 2012. Prior to working for MOA, she served as Executive Director of the Brant Historical Society in Ontario, Executive Director of the Museums Association of Saskatchewan (MAS), Heritage Policy Analyst for the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation in the Government of Saskatchewan, and Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Organization of Heritage Languages (SOHL).

Ms. Kanigan is a Certified Association Executive through the Canadian Society of Association Executives (CSAE), has a Master of Arts in Anthropology from Trent University, a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Political Science from the University of Regina, and a Certificate in Museum Management and Curatorship from Sir Sanford Fleming College.

“Ms. Kanigan has an outstanding resume.” says Ken Azzopardi, WDM Board Chair. “She brings with her demonstrated experiences and competencies in Museum management, change leadership, relationship development and fundraising, human resource team building, professional development and communications. I am confident the Museum will continue to thrive under her leadership.”

“I believe museums have a responsibility to make a difference in people’s lives and I am excited to be joining the WDM team as we connect people throughout the province with our collective heritage and each other.” says Ms. Kanigan.

Ms. Kanigan assumes the role of CEO on August 2, 2016.

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