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**DAVID ASPER APPOINTED CHAIR AT CENTREVENTURE
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

CentreVenture Development Corporation is pleased to announce the appointment of David Asper to the position of Chairperson, effective July 19, 2000. Asper, a founding member of the CentreVenture Board will be joined by new Board Members Ginny Devine, John Hodgert and Chuck Loewen. The two remaining positions, including a provincial government appointment, will be filled in the near future.

The new directors join existing Board Members Ida Albo and Lloyd McGinnis, both of whom served with the Development Corporation since inception in June, 1999.

“This is the next step in the process towards the revitalization of downtown,” said founding Chairperson, Mayor Murray, as he completes his one-year term. “The founding Board has served well in providing the tools for Centre Venture’s success and it’s rewarding to see the private sector steer the next phase in this public-private partnership.”

CentreVenture thanks departing Board Members Cheryl Ashton, Garry Hilderman, Brad Hughes and Duane Shuttleworth for their hard work and commitment in the past year.

Creating a climate for business and government to work in partnership towards the revitalization of Downtown Winnipeg is a primary objective for CentreVenture Development Corporation.