

# Library and Archives Canada Foundation welcomes Dr. Mike DeGagné as new Director

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## News release

September 29, 2021 – Roseann O’Reilly Runte, Chair of the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) Foundation and Leslie Weir, Librarian and Archivist of Canada, extend a special welcome to Dr. Mike DeGagné, President and CEO of Indspire, Canada’s largest Indigenous charity, as the newest member of the LAC Foundation’s Board of Directors.

Dr. DeGagné is an experienced university administrator who has successfully increased research funding, led the Indigenization of the post-secondary education sector and negotiated comprehensive land claims during his tenure with the federal public service. He has dedicated much of his work to Indigenous health and became the founding Executive Director of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, a national organization dedicated to addressing the legacy of Canada’s Indian residential school system.

Dr. DeGagné is a published author, recipient of the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario as well as the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal, among many other notable accolades.

Dr. DeGagné’s experience as an administrator and his passion for education, reconciliation and healing will serve the LAC Foundation’s mission in supporting not only Library and Archives Canada, but also by increasing awareness of our histories among all Canadians.

Presided by Roseann O’Reilly Runte, the LAC Foundation Board of Directors is also comprised of: Jacques J.M. Shore, Michael Adams, Shelley Ambrose, Rory Capern, Ronald Cohen, Blake Goldring, Kevin Hanson, Marlene Jennings, Jon Dellandrea and Deborah Yedlin.

## Quotes

“The LAC Foundation is truly delighted to welcome Dr. Mike DeGagné, who recognises and values Library and Archives Canada’s mandate and mission. In addition, he is a strong supporter of sharing stories and developing skills and passion such as literacy and love of reading with a focus on accessibility through digitization.”

*Roseann O’Reilly Runte, Chair of the LAC Foundation*

“Library and Archives Canada is thrilled about Dr. Mike DeGagné’s new role in support of the organization’s work. We look forward to benefiting from his personal and professional experience along with his passion for sharing and exchanging stories that he brings to the LAC Foundation’s Board, as it continues to work on increasing awareness of our collections and our histories.”

*Leslie Weir, Librarian and Archivist of Canada*

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