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MOUNT LEHMAN CREDIT UNION CEO ARLET WILDE TO RETIRE *BC Credit union leader leaves a legacy after 40 years of service*

Burnaby, BC – Arlet Wilde, former CEO of Mount Lehman Credit Union (now Mount Lehman Financial), now Special Advisor to G&F Financial Group* has formally announced her intention to retire on February 26, 2022.

Arlet’s career in the credit union system spans 40 years and three provinces. She has made considerable contributions to the Canadian credit union system, always putting her employees and members first in every decision she makes as a leader.

Many will know Arlet from her 30-year tenure with Sherwood Credit Union (now Conexus) in Saskatchewan. It was there that Arlet started work as a file clerk, gaining experience across departments and moving into leadership roles where she guided the business forward through fearless and strategic thinking, always with a people-first lens. A first in her accomplishments as a leader: Arlet managed Sherwood Credit Union’s Main Branch and wealth management group, establishing a relationship-based sales culture. Arlet then served as VP of Brokerage Services, followed by VP of Strategic Solutions, and finally, VP of Marketing and Corporate Communications. Over her many years as an integral leader for Sherwood Credit Union, Arlet developed and implemented a customer relationship strategy and program, as well as referral and cash rewards programs to the benefit of the credit union’s members. Arlet was a key player in the growth of Sherwood Credit Union and left a legacy of operational and strategic initiatives that have led to the strong credit union it is today.

From Saskatchewan, Arlet then moved to Alberta, where she managed a branch for Servus Credit Union in High River for seven years. In 2013, High River experienced severe flooding which displaced over 100,000 people. Arlet supported the community in rebuilding through her roles as Board member with the Rotary Club and the Highwood Golf Club.

Arlet moved to BC in 2017, where she accepted a position as Chief Executive Officer for the long-standing community co-operative, Mount Lehman Credit Union. While guiding employees and members through unprecedented challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, Arlet worked closely with the Board of Directors to find a partner and secure the future for their 1,600 members. On January 1, 2022, Mount Lehman Credit Union merged with G&F Financial Group.

In her retirement, Arlet plans to return to her home province of Saskatchewan to spend time with family and friends.

“We thank Arlet for her service to our credit union, our credit union sector and communities in BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan,” says Lewis Bubl , Board Chair at G&F Financial Group. “We wish Arlet all the best in the next phase of her life, she can feel confident that G&F Financial Group will continue to put our members and communities first, offering the personalized service and thoughtful financial advice that sets our members up for success in life.”

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