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G&F FINANCIAL GROUP PRESIDENT GUS K. HARTL TO RETIRE *BC Credit union leader leaves a legacy after 40 years of service*

Burnaby, BC – Gus K. Hartl, President of G&F Financial Group* has formally announced his intention to retire in early March of 2022.

Gus' career in financial services spans over 40 years but he found his home when he became a loans officer in the credit union system in 1985. After several years at First Heritage Savings Credit Union (now Envision), Gus moved to Aldergrove Credit Union, eventually assuming the role of CEO, which he held for 15 years. Aldergrove Credit Union merged with G&F Financial Group in 2021 when Gus assumed the role of President.

During his time in the credit union system, Gus has been an advocate for the cooperative financial services model and has represented his community, his credit union and the industry on many committees and boards. Among others, he sat on the provincial marketing committee, operations committee, Stabilization Central Board and is a Trustee and Past President of The Credit Union Foundation of BC. His other community work includes the Aldergrove Rotary Club and Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce.

Gus' recognition for his involvement and dedication to the community includes being a recipient of the HD Stafford 'Good Citizen of the Year' award from the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce, University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) Distinguished Alumni recipient and the Paul Harris Fellow recognition by the Aldergrove Rotary Club.

In his retirement Gus intends to improve his golf game, travel, spend time with his family and grandkids, and of course continue to be an active member of his community.

"We want to thank Gus for his leadership and outstanding service to our credit union, our credit union sector and the community," says Lewis Bublé, Board Chair at G&F Financial Group. "We wish Gus the best on what's next, secure in the knowledge that G&F Financial Group will continue to deliver a people first cooperative financial services offering to its credit union members."

About G&F Financial Group

With over 61,000 members, 27 locations and \$5 billion in total assets under administration, G&F Financial Group proudly provides a full range of personal and business banking, investment and insurance solutions to our credit union members. With a passion for educating and empowering others to achieve their financial goals, we focus on providing advice tailored uniquely for each member and have supported members and invested in our local communities for 80 years.

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