



## **Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) announces changes to its Board of Directors**

OTTAWA, Oct. 25 /CNW/ - The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA), Canada's national addictions agency, today announced changes to the membership of its Board of Directors, which is meeting this week in Halifax.

R.A. (Sandy) Morrison joins CCSA's 15-member volunteer Board as a member-at-large, effective today. Ed Fitzpatrick, a Board member since his Governor-in-Council (GIC) appointment in 1995, retires today after serving three terms—the maximum allowed under CCSA's bylaws.

CCSA's Board is composed of up to six GIC appointments and nine members-at-large. Directors are recruited from a number of sectors including the business community, labour groups and professional and voluntary organizations.

Mr. Morrison, who lives in Ottawa, is currently Chair of the Board of Directors of Nav Canada. He joined Nav Canada this year after a long career with the Brewers Association of Canada, most recently as President and Chief Executive Officer. Among his many achievements there, Mr. Morrison developed, executed and managed the brewing industry's "Responsible Use" programs promoting the moderate use of alcoholic beverages. It was also during his tenure that the Brewers joined forces with other beverage alcohol industry representatives and Health Canada to fund CCSA's Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Information and Consultation Service.

"Sandy is a strong advocate of programs whose aim is to reduce the harm associated with the use and abuse of substances in Canada," said Chief Barry King, Chair of CCSA's Board of Directors. "Most importantly, his significant experience in leadership and governance matters will be a tremendous asset to the Board."

Mr. Fitzpatrick retired in 1991 as Acting Director of Nova Scotia's Commission on Drug Dependency. He also spent many years working with businesses and industries in Nova Scotia to establish Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs) and has been recognized by many national organizations for his pioneer work in this area. He is also a past-president of the Canadian Addictions Foundation and has been active in many volunteer community agencies in Nova Scotia.

"It is fitting that we return to Ed's home city of Halifax to acknowledge his significant contributions to the CCSA Board of Directors and to our organization," said Board Chair Barry King. "The depth of front-line experience he brought to CCSA during his tenure was extremely valuable and much appreciated."

CCSA is Canada's national addictions agency. It was established by an Act of Parliament in 1988 to provide a national focus for efforts to reduce the health, social and economic harm associated with substance abuse and addictions. For more information about the Centre, visit CCSA's Web site at [www.ccsa.ca](http://www.ccsa.ca).

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