



## **Motor Dealer Council of BC Appoints President**

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Victoria BC - The Motor Dealer Council of BC (MDC ) today announced the appointment of Ken Smith as the President of the Motor Dealer Council of British Columbia, said chair Bob Stewart.

"The MDC and the Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development are working cooperatively to ensure an effective transition is concluded by March 31, 2004," said Motor Dealer Council Chair Bob Stewart. "Our vision is to protect the consumer in a developed industry and because of the retail motor vehicle industry's support the Council has confidence that the changeover will go smoothly."

The MDC is a new organization that will be delegated responsibility for administration and enforcement of the BC Motor Dealer Act and its regulations by the provincial government, as described in the Motor Dealer Amendment Act 2003.

The MDC is the one of the first examples in the province of a "delegated administrative authority" and represents an alternative administrative structure for the delivery of public service by the provincial government. The provincial government will maintain responsibility for policy and legislation governing the licensing of motor dealers, including and future changes to the Motor Dealer Act and continuing oversight of the MDC.

Smith, of White Rock, BC, has over 25 years of experience in regulatory enforcement and leading organizations through complex change. Smith is currently staffing the MDC Burnaby headquarters and liaising with key ministry and industry personnel in areas including dealer licensing and renewal, training and licensing of salespeople, compliance of the Motor Dealer Act and consumer relations and education.

Working with Stewart to develop a full Board of Directors is Vice Chair George Morfitt of Victoria, Shell Harvey, of Victoria, Neil Kalawsky, of Castlegar and Anne Salomon, of Langley.

For more information on the MDC, please visit [www.mdcbc.com](http://www.mdcbc.com) or contact Lynea Carlson at Synachor Management Inc., 101-1124 Fort Street, Victoria. BC, V8V 3K8;

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