

### **Bruce Galts** **Chair 2022/23**



Bruce is a native of Lethbridge and grew up working on the family farm, in livestock operations, and the homebuilding industry. After high school he attended Montana State University, receiving his degree in electrical engineering. Upon graduation, Bruce and his wife Shanaley moved to Seattle, Washington where he worked for Boeing for more than 10 years before the returning to Lethbridge and the family operated Galko Homes, founded in 1972 by Bruce's father Marvin. After re-entering the homebuilding business, Bruce earned the designation of Certified Master Builder, Master Home Renovator, obtained his license as an Associate Real Estate Broker, and is currently president of company.

Galko Homes has been an industry leader for nearly 50 years and won many awards for home design, safety, and customer service, as well as Builder of the Year nine times in eleven years. In addition to Galko Homes, Bruce also has ownership in Genuine Siding and Roofing, Galko Renovations, Silverbook Developments, Paul Davis Restoration Lethbridge, and most recently, Paul Davis Restoration Okanagan Valley.

In addition to his commitments in these various enterprises, Bruce enjoys board work and giving back to the community. He has served on many boards including BILD (Building Industry and Land Development – Local, Provincial, and National), BuiltGreen Canada, Economic Development Lethbridge, and the University of Lethbridge Senate. Of those boards, Bruce has served as chair for BILD Lethbridge and Alberta, Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce, and Alberta New Home Warranty. His involvement with these organizations has allowed him to gain insight and experience in partnering with municipal and provincial governments and other stakeholders, helping to find solutions to the issues facing the building industry and businesses in general. Building strong relationships has been a proven formula for continued success.

In addition, Bruce and Shanaley are both active supporters of many local non-profits and are proud members of Lethbridge Rotary. They have been married for 34 years and have two great sons, Brian and Nathan. During downtime, the family enjoys golfing, skiing, camping, and retreating in Shanaley's stomping ground in the Whitefish, Montana area.