



Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Elliott to the position of Executive Director

Vancouver, September 14, 2017 – After a comprehensive search that included stakeholder consultation and national outreach, the Board of Directors of the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation (DPAF) has selected Scott Elliott as the foundation’s new executive director. Elliott succeeds Maxine Davis, who will be retiring from the DPAF after 20 years of service.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to first thank Maxine Davis for her incredible contribution to the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation,” said Board Chair Joy Jennissen. “Maxine has focused her passion on compassionate care for the most vulnerable and unwell persons living with HIV in our community. She leaves the organization on extremely strong footing. It has been an honour to work with Maxine and we wish her all the best in retirement.”

Davis has led the Foundation for nearly twenty years. She oversaw establishment of the original temporary Dr. Peter Centre in an old wing of St. Paul’s Hospital, its transition to a modern facility in 2003, more than doubling its day health program and 24-hour licensed care residence, and adding an enhanced supportive housing program.

“It is a great pleasure to welcome Scott Elliott as Executive Director,” said Jennissen. “We know Scott will bring a similar passion for developing progressive approaches to improving the health and social conditions that impact the lives of people living with HIV. Scott brings an incredible passion, vision and energy and we believe he will be an excellent fit for the organization.”

Scott is a long time Vancouver resident who understands the local community and has a deep love for the city and its people. He most recently served as Chief Executive Officer of imagine1day, a local organization dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities in Ethiopia. He brings a professional passion for leading corporate, philanthropic and community engagement activities cultivated over a 25-plus year career in the not-for-profit world. He previously held leadership roles with the Vancouver Art Gallery, the Vancouver Aquarium, Philanthropic Solutions Inc., Arts Umbrella, Canada World Youth and the BC Persons with AIDS Society.

“It is an honour to take on this role,” said Elliott. “The Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation has an incredible team of clinical leaders, staff, volunteers and donors who will help ensure continuity in the work of compassionately caring for those who most need it, and building on the legacy of the past 25 years.”

Elliott joins the organization on September 18, while Davis’s last day will be September 29 so that they can work closely together to ensure a smooth transition in leadership.

About the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation

The Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation is a not-for-profit health care organization, operators of Vancouver’s Dr. Peter Centre.

The Centre provides compassionate care for persons living with HIV and additional significant health and social vulnerabilities, including mental illness, trauma, addictions, unstable housing, and food insecurity.

Its day health program, 24-hour licensed nursing care residence, and enhanced supportive housing program is widely recognized for its progressive care. The Centre's knowledge translation program is supporting health care organizations throughout Canada and beyond to build their capacity to integrate similar care responses.

Dr. Peter Jepson-Young established the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation prior to his death in 1992. Peter was a young Vancouver physician diagnosed with advanced AIDS in 1986. When his condition became too debilitating to continue practicing medicine, he sought to inform and educate the public and others living with HIV/AIDS via The Dr. Peter Diaries. In 111 television episodes broadcast on CBC TV over two years, Dr. Peter used honesty, pathos and humour to share his experience, bringing a human face and a human touch to the epidemic at a time when too few knew the difference between myth and medical reality.

Fall 2017 marks 25 years since the establishment of the Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation.

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