

Brian Heidecker LLD (Hon) is the Board Chair Emeritus of the University of Alberta, an organization he volunteered with for over 30 years. Brian is an avid "Champion of Education" in all forms. He served as Trustee and Chair of Clearview School Division, on the Canada Council on Learning Board, and chaired the Access to the Future Endowment Fund review.

Brian has vast experience on a multitude of Boards including the Bank of Canada, ATB Financial, Alberta Ingenuity, the Agricultural Development Corporation, the Alberta Securities Commission, the Critical Transmission Review Committee and the 2002 Alberta Financial Management Commission. He was a Board member of Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium during the 2005 renovations and rededication. In addition, he served on countless agricultural and cattle industry organization Boards. In 2000-02, he co-chaired AgSummit 2000, a provincial wide public consultation focused on setting appropriate policies for Alberta's burgeoning agriculture and food industries. Over 2200 Albertans participated.

He is on the Board of the Fringe Theatre Adventures and the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada. He currently chairs the Sawridge Trusts, two First Nations entities originating out of the Sawridge First Nation of Slave Lake.

Brian strongly believes in giving back to the community in which he lives. He is an active member of the Edmonton Horticultural Society and has been their Treasurer since February 2013.

Brian was a successful large scale rancher and businessman in East Central Alberta before retiring to Edmonton in 2000.

Among them, his four grown children have eight University degrees and one Professional designation. He and Donna Bagdan are avid gardeners, living and growing award winning gardens in the West end. Brian and Donna are proud grandparents of four grandsons and two granddaughters.