

**Saskatchewan-Ukraine Relations Advisory Committee**  
**List of appointed members**

**David Dutchak**

**Saskatoon**

President and CEO of MD Ambulance Care Ltd. Dave Dutchak was born and raised in Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan. He has been involved in EMS in Saskatoon since 1979. He is the past president of the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, and the Saskatchewan Emergency Medical Services Association (SEMSA). He is currently on the Board of Directors with Emergency Medical Services Chiefs of Canada (EMSCC), and is an appointed member of the University of Saskatchewan Senate. MD Ambulance is the only EMS service in Canada that staffs paramedics in emergency departments, Air Ambulance, ICU, CCU, correctional institutes, tactical paramedics with Saskatoon Police Services and mine sites such as Potash Corporation in Cory, Lanigan and Allan.

**Dr. Natalia Khanenko-Friesen**

**Saskatoon**

Dr. Natalia Khanenko-Friesen is an associate professor of Anthropology in the Department of Religion and Culture, at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan where in 2003 she established the Study Abroad Semester in Ukraine and directs the Prairie Centre for the Study of the Ukrainian Heritage. Prior to coming to Saskatchewan in 2001, she taught at the University of Alberta, University of Toronto and Harvard University. She holds a M.A. in Geography from Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University and a Ph.D. in Anthropology and Ukrainian folklore from the University of Alberta. Dr. Khanenko-Friesen maintains an active research program and publishing record in both Canada and Ukraine.

**Alicia Klopoushak, B.A., B.Ed.**

**Saskatoon**

Alicia Klopoushak is a retired teacher of gifted learners in the Saskatoon Public School Division. She served on a variety of curriculum committees, special subject councils, the Superintendent's Advisory Committee for Gifted Education, and the K-8 Assessment Committee. She is currently president of the Olha Kobylanska Branch of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada (UWAC) at the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Saskatoon as well as a member of the provincial and national UWAC executives. She worked with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress to establish English-language learning classes for new immigrants. She is a member of the education sub-committee of the Saskatchewan Ukraine Relations Advisory Committee.

**Gerald Luciuk, P. Ag., M.Sc.**

**Regina**

As a senior executive and director in sustainable resource policy, science, international development and operational sectors of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (PFRA), Gerald Luciuk has extensive international project experience in Ukraine, China and Russia. He has served as a policy advisor to the Ministry of Agriculture in Ukraine and was active in the PFRA-Eastern Europe Bilateral

Program. He has served as chair of the St. Peter Mohyla Ukrainian Institute, Holy Spirit Ukrainian Orthodox Parish in Regina and Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Club of Regina. He is currently a member of the national governing board of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. Mr. Luciuk is a long-standing member of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists and a vice-chair of the Canada Ukraine Centre Inc.

**Fredrick D. (Rick) Mantey**

**Regina**

Rick Mantey is the Saskatchewan Cabinet Secretary, Clerk of the Executive Council and Deputy Provincial Secretary. He served the governments of Manitoba and Ontario; including as special assistant to the Premier of Manitoba, executive assistant to the Minister without Portfolio (WCB Reform) and special advisor to the Cabinet Secretary. He provided expertise in government and federal-provincial relations in work undertaken by Manitoba in South Africa and Ukraine.

Currently, he serves as a member and vice-chair of both the Saskatchewan Archives Board and the Board of Trustees of the Government House Foundation; and, is a guest lecturer at the universities of Manitoba and Regina.

**Laurent Mougeot**

**Regina**

Laurent Mougeot's 35-year professional career has focused on working with local governments. From city planner to city manager, Laurent's broad experience with civic administration has enabled him to share knowledge and leadership with communities across Saskatchewan, Canada and internationally. His work has taken him to Jamaica, Namibia, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Burkina Faso, France and Haiti.

Laurent is the Chief Executive Officer with the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA). He is also involved with a number of international projects, providing advice to local and central governments on capacity development, land-use planning and strategic advocacy work. Laurent is fluent in French, English, Spanish, and Portuguese, and is learning Ukrainian. He has travelled to Ukraine for work (Lviv, Dnipropetrovsk, and Kyiv) and hosted delegations of civil society representatives and elected officials from Ukraine.

**Holly Paluck**

**Regina**

Holly Paluck has been an educator for 18 years and a school based administrator for 12 years. Her career has allowed her to work within diverse educational environments in both Japan and Canada, with the majority of her experience being within K-12 school settings in British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Currently, Holly serves the Regina Catholic School Division, where she has been the Religion and Family Life Consultant (2007) and has served on many system level committees. She has assisted in the creation of resources for a division-wide observance of the Holodomor (2011), and has provided input and direction for the Division-initiated Gr. 1-8 curricular resources surrounding Holodomor education that meet the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education's learning outcomes.

Holly has been involved with the Ukrainian cultural community since a child as both volunteer and in leadership capacities. As an adult, she has served as Branch President of the St Athanasius

Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada (UCWLC), and as the Second Vice President and Spiritual Co-chair for the Eparchial (provincial) level of UCWLC. She has also been a Board member of the Sadochok Ukrainian program, providing input on the creation of a standardized curriculum and program. Holly is an executive board member of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (Regina Branch) and is a member of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress' National School Council Committee. Since its inception in 2010, Holly has been the Committee Chair for the Regina Ukrainian Fall Fest.

**Nadia Prokopchuk, B.Ed., M.Ed.**

**Saskatoon**

Nadia Prokopchuk received her post-secondary education at the University of Saskatchewan. In 1979, she became the first Ukrainian bilingual program teacher in the province and worked with Saskatoon Catholic Schools as a language teacher, bilingual curriculum developer, Byzantine Rite religion consultant and public relations coordinator. In 2000 she became a language consultant for the Ministry of Education. She has been a member of the Saskatchewan Teachers of Ukrainian Special Subject Council, Metropolitan Sheptytsky Society of Saskatchewan, Ukrainian Canadian Congress, and the Government Advisory Committee for Saskatchewan-Ukraine Relations. Education projects and student exchanges have resulted in extensive work with language educators across Canada and in Ukraine. Her work with the Ministry now focuses on English as an Additional Language.

**Danylo Puderak**

**Saskatoon**

Danylo Puderak is the Executive Director of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Saskatchewan Provincial Council. Born and raised in Saskatoon, Puderak is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan holding a Bachelor of Arts in History and Ukrainian Studies. Puderak has extensive work and educational experience in Ukraine. These include: Participant, University of Saskatchewan-Chernivtsi State University Student Exchange Program, 1987; Intensive Studies Program at Chernivtsi State University, 1990-91; in-Ukraine Manager, Centre for Second Language Instruction (U of S), Chernivtsi Business English program, 1993-94; in-Ukraine Manager, EAL Program at Small Business in Ivano-Frankivsk Centre, 1997-98; and Supervisor, Canada World Youth Canada-Poland-Ukraine NetCorps Exchange Program, 2001-02. Puderak also served as an International Election Observer in Kharkiv oblast during the deciding third round of the 2004 Ukraine Presidential Elections.

**James (Jim) Shevchuk**

**North Battleford**

Jim Shevchuk is a lifetime member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. He grew up in Saskatoon's Ukrainian community, attending Ukrainian School, participating in Rushnychok and Pavlychenko Folklorique Ensemble dance groups, the church's Green Grove Camp and as a summer student at the Mohyla Institute. At the University of Saskatchewan he obtained his B.Ed., B.A., and M.A. in Ukrainian Educational History. His professional career has involved teaching in rural Saskatchewan – Landis, Hafford and North Battleford for the past 18 years – 12 as a principal. Mr. Shevchuk assists with various environmental organizations and Ukrainian Immigrant groups.

**Mary-Anne Trischuk**  
**Yorkton**

Yorkton pharmacist Mary-Anne Trischuk is a member of the Pharmacists Association of Saskatchewan and College of Saskatchewan Pharmacists and a committee member of the Saskatchewan Pharmacy Museum Society. She has served on the University of Saskatchewan Senate, the university Alumni Association, and is the past president of the Canadian Federation of University Women. She works to develop and promote Ukrainian culture and heritage through dance. She has been a member of the local and provincial Ukrainian Women's Association. Ms. Trischuk participated in the planning of the Saskatchewan Summer Games, Saskatchewan 2005 Celebrations and the Yorkton 125 Sub commission. She fundraises for the local health region and is a board member of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.