

Candidate Statement for Re-Election to the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA)

My name is John Dempster, and I have proudly served as a REALTOR® in Alberta since 2007. I've also had the privilege of serving on the Real Estate Council of Alberta, having been appointed to Council in February 2025. Since then, my experience has been both positive and eye-opening. I've worked hard to get up to speed on the many complexities facing our industry and have gained a deeper appreciation for the responsibilities and challenges of self-regulation. Serving on Council has further solidified my commitment to this industry that I care deeply about. Real Estate isn't just my career—it's my passion. Ethics, professionalism, and integrity have always been central to how I conduct myself, and those same principles have guided my contributions to RECA.

I share this passion with my wife, Rachelle, who is not only a fellow REALTOR® but also the Broker of our RE/MAX office in Drayton Valley. Since 2022, we've co-owned the brokerage where we continue to mentor and support our colleagues in their professional development. I'm also a father of three and a grandfather to eight—roles that continually reinforce the importance of building a stronger industry for the future.

My Experience on Council

Since joining RECA Council, I've taken a thoughtful and measured approach—listening, learning, and lending my voice where appropriate. I've contributed to meaningful conversations about governance, professionalism, education, and consumer protection. It's been a period of intense learning, but also a rewarding one. I'm eager to continue playing a role in building a stronger, more trusted Real Estate sector in Alberta and know there is still work to do.

Proven Leadership & Long-Term Vision

Over nearly two decades, I've served in various roles within local Boards and National Associations, always with a focus on leaving things better than I found them. I bring a balanced, solutions-focused, and collaborative mindset to everything I do—qualities I believe are essential on Council.

My vision for the industry remains clear: to support a Real Estate sector in Alberta that is professional, transparent, and trusted by the public. I believe RECA's role is twofold—protecting the public interest while supporting professionals with the tools, training, and fair regulatory frameworks needed to succeed. Having now seen the inner workings of Council firsthand, I'm more confident than ever in the importance of this balanced approach and understand what's needed next.

Why I'm Running for Re-Election

I'm seeking re-election because I want to continue the important work required within RECA. There are key conversations coming within Council—some difficult, along with new ideas and a shared desire to strengthen both consumer trust and industry standards. I will continue to be transparent, approachable, and committed to the success of this profession.

My goal? To see the next generation of REALTORS® inherit an industry that is ethical, respected, and united.

I would be honoured to have your support and your vote once again. Together, we can build on the progress we've made and ensure Alberta's Real Estate sector continues to grow with integrity, professionalism, and pride.

Sincerely,
John Dempster

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Dempster', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.