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## **Duluth Mayor Highlights GDC Annual Meeting**

Duluth's Greater Downtown Council will be hosting its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting **Wednesday, January 20th at the DECC**. The event is sold-out, with a record crowd of more than 640 people registered to attend.

Serving as the Keynote Speaker is Duluth Mayor Emily Larson. After just two-and-a-half weeks in office, Larson will share some of her priorities for the year and discuss ways to partner with the business community. This event also provides the GDC with an opportunity to share success stories from the past year and provide insight on the organization's 2016 work plan. During the Annual Dinner Meeting, the membership will be asked to approve the following nominees to the 2016 Board of Directors:

### **Officers**

Chair: Tami LaPole Edmunds, Art in the Alley

Vice Chair: David Jensch, KBJR 6 & KDLH 3

Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Polzin, Minnesota Power

Immediate Past Chair: Eric Johnson, Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A.

### **Board of Directors**

#### *First Term*

Mike Maxim, Dubh Linn Irish Brew Pub

Pam Kramer, Duluth LISC

Matt Gottwald, North Shore Bank of Commerce

#### *Second Term*

Nikki Anderson, Inn on Lake Superior

Brian Forcier, Titanium Partners

Sue Ross, Maurices

They would join the following current members on the board: Ryan Boman, Melhus Management; Diane Davidson, Essentia Health; Jax Eisenmann, Greysolon Ballroom by Blackwoods; Regina Fodness, CPBA/Canal Park Lodge; Keith Hamre, City of Duluth; Doug Melander, Mainstream Fashions for Men; Jenn Ryan, National Bank of Commerce; Mike Seymour, Lake Superior College and Jessica Stauber, St. Luke's.

The evening begins with a social hour at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and program to follow.

*The Greater Downtown Council is a non-profit organization that advocates for its members in support of a vibrant, friendly and sustainable Downtown Waterfront. It also serves as the management entity of the Duluth Downtown Waterfront District.*

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