

JustWork Appoints New Executive Director

The JustWork Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Ivan van Spronsen to the JustWork team as its next Executive Director.

Ivan van Spronsen was most recently the Executive Vice President and CEO of the Roofing Contractors Association of BC (RCABC). He will be working alongside our outgoing Executive Director David Holcomb for the next several months, before assuming full Executive Director responsibilities in July.

Commenting on the appointment, JustWork Board Chair Debbie Hawker said, "We are moved by Ivan's humility, personable demeanour, and years of experience in leadership. His personal commitment to walking with people to see positive changes in their lives through offering meaningful work is inspiring. We have been blessed by JustWork's growth over the past 10 years and we are grateful for David Holcomb's exemplary leadership during this time. We are excited by Ivan's unique combination of character, skills, and life experience, and eager to work with him to continue the success of JustWork in the coming years."

In response to the appointment van Spronsen said, "Throughout my career, I have had opportunities to offer employment and to work alongside people with diverse abilities, backgrounds, and employment barriers. I have spent much of my career working in First Nations and Inuit communities. I have been blessed to witness the positive changes that have occurred in people's lives as a result of engaging in meaningful work. I am extremely excited to continue the mission and expand the reach of JustWork, and look forward to being a part of the team!"

Ivan began his working life in the construction field in Northeast BC and progressed to leading teams performing many challenging and complex projects throughout the North, including many remote sites beyond the Arctic Circle. Later, he and his brothers assumed responsibility for the family contracting business, employing up to 100 people across several branches in BC and Alberta. In 2004, he sold his interest and moved along with his wife, Shari, to Comox, BC where he continued a similar role for a firm in Courtenay before being recruited to take on his most recent role with the RCABC. Ivan and Shari are active volunteers with Artisan Church in East Vancouver.

