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SFU names Carole Taylor next Chancellor

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Ms. Taylor has limited interview time available today; please contact Don MacLachlan with your request. Please note she is unable to answer questions on matters related to provincial politics.

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Simon Fraser University has named noted Canadian broadcaster, politician and business leader Carole Taylor as its tenth Chancellor.

Taylor will assume her three-year term at Spring Convocation in June, 2011, when incumbent Brandt Louie steps down.

'Carole Taylor is known across Canada as a leader who embraces change, and who challenges us to think creatively about the major issues of the day,' says SFU President Andrew Petter.

'SFU is fortunate to have attracted a person of such vast experience and so profound an understanding of the value of higher education.'

Taylor is an Officer of the Order of Canada and a former B.C. Minister of Finance. She has chaired multiple high-profile boards during her celebrated career, including CBC/Radio Canada, Canada Ports Corporation and the national Economic Advisory Council.

Says Taylor: 'At the Economic Advisory Council, we recently spent a lot of time questioning what Canada's role in the world would be going forward. And it didn't matter what slice of the issue you were looking at, the answer always came back to education.'

'I look forward to working with President Petter and all the faculty, students, alumni and staff at SFU with that goal in mind: what kind of Canada do we want? And what is SFU's role in that particular future?'

Taylor is a graduate of the University of Toronto and holds honorary degrees from SFU, BCIT, the B.C. Open University and the Justice Institute of B.C. She is the recipient of SFU's 2010 Community Leadership Award (with husband and former Vancouver mayor Art Phillips).