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# Embree stepping down as IH board chair

The directors who lead Interior Health have a new boss.

The authority announced this week that current board member Erwin Malzer of Kelowna will take over as chairman from Norm Embree, who steps down in December.

"I look forward to working with Mr. Malzer over the next several months and supporting him as he transitions into this new role," Embree said in a statement.

The nine-member board oversees patient care and other aspects of the Interior's health-

care system. Embree has sat on the board for seven years.

Malzer is a management consultant and information-technology executive. He has over 40 years of board experience, either as chairman or director of numerous corporate, professional, community and trade organizations in Canada, a news release said.

He has served as an IH board member since 2007. He has been the lead director for all major capital projects in the Okanagan, including upgrades at hospitals in Kelowna and

Vernon, and the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre in Kelowna.

He has chaired the board's audit and finance committee and now chairs the governance committee.

"Mr. Malzer brings a wealth of experience," Health Minister Terry Lake said in a statement. "His leadership will mean that Interior Health board continues to provide strong strategic direction for the medical needs of Interior residents."

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