

# Genesis Appoints Iain Stewart as President & CEO and Stephen Griggs as Executive Chair, Adopts New Long-Term Incentive Plans

For Immediate Release

**CALGARY, September 20, 2018 –** Genesis Land Development Corp. (TSX: GDC) (the "Corporation" or "Genesis") is pleased to announce the following executive appointments effective immediately:

- lain Stewart has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Stewart has been an independent director
  of Genesis since August 2013, and was previously Vice Chair of the Board since May 12, 2017. Mr. Stewart remains as
  a member of the Board of Directors.
- Stephen J. Griggs has been appointed Executive Chair of the Board. Mr. Griggs has been a director and Chair of the Board since August 2013, and was previously Chief Executive Officer or interim CEO since February 2016. Mr. Griggs remains as a member of the Board of Directors.

In these new roles, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Griggs will work collaboratively to continue Genesis's successful strategy of realizing the value of the existing properties, opportunistically acquiring additional residential development lands in the Calgary Metropolitan Area, and maximizing dividends and returns to shareholders while maintaining a strong balance sheet.

Mr. Stewart's real estate experience spans 30 years including serving as co-CEO and co-founder of Calgary based Parkbridge Lifestyle Communities Inc., Canada's largest owner and operator of land-lease residential and recreational communities, with its shares, until being privatized, listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Mr. Stewart was a key member of the team that grew Parkbridge from its inception in 1997 to over \$1.4 billion in assets. He is a Chartered Accountant and holds an ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors and resides in Calgary, Alberta.

"Since early 2016, Genesis has returned over \$45.1 million to shareholders through dividends and share buybacks," said Mr. Griggs. "In addition, our share price has increased by 67% since February, 2016, an increase in market value of over \$60 million. Clearly, our strategy is working and a strong foundation for the future has been established. We are confident that lain in his new role, will accelerate our business, leveraging our strong team and our excellent land holdings".

In conjunction with these appointments, the Board of Directors of Genesis has adopted a new long-term incentive plan comprised of a stock option plan and a deferred share unit plan, and intends to make grants under these plans. Under the rules of the TSX, the adoption of the stock option plan and the vesting and exercise of any initial grants made under it are conditional upon and subject to the approval of the stock option plan by shareholders, which approval is intended to be sought at the Corporation's next annual general meeting. Details of the long-term incentive plan will be provided in the management information circular for the next general meeting of shareholders.

With the appointment of Mr. Stewart as President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Michael Brodsky has been appointed to the Audit Committee to replace Mr. Stewart.

#### **About Genesis**

Genesis Land Development Corp. is a land developer and residential home builder in the Calgary Metropolitan Area. The Corporation's common shares are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "GDC".

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