JOHN R. WHELAN



This is an exciting time for Glenbow. Arts and culture is an important part of a strong society and I am excited about the role Glenbow will play as a vibrant and open cultural institution contributing to economic diversification, public dialogue and indigenous reconciliation. In particular, our vision of radical access for all really inspires me. I am honoured to work with such a dedicated, capable and diverse leadership team and Board. I look forward to using my industry experience to contribute in any way I can.

John R. Whelan (Calgary, Alberta) joined Glenbow's Board in 2020. Mr. Whelan is currently Vice President, Heavy Oil at Exxon Mobil, and was most recently Senior Vice President, Imperial Oil, leading Imperial's Upstream oil and gas organization. A professional engineer with 30+ years of oil and gas experience, Mr. Whelan has extensive experience and expertise in the areas of leadership, strategic planning, project management, business planning and stakeholder management.

Mr. Whelan started his career with Mobil Oil Canada in 1988 as a subsurface engineer in Drayton Valley, Alberta. He has held a variety of international roles in Norway and the US, related to the development of major offshore oil and gas projects, as well as global planning, business analysis and technical operations management. John currently serves on the Boards of a number of corporations and volunteers with the Rocky Mountain Little League and Glenlake Minor Hockey Association.