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### **YNCU Announces Leadership Structure Enhancements to Strengthen Future Growth**

*YNCU strengthens its leadership team and organizational structure to drive long-term growth and enhance member experience.*

**KITCHENER, ON | February 19, 2025** – Your Neighbourhood Credit Union (YNCU) is pleased to announce key enhancements to its leadership structure, reinforcing its commitment to long-term strategic growth, operational excellence, and an exceptional member experience. These changes position YNCU to serve its members and communities better while navigating the evolving financial landscape.

"At YNCU, we recognize that strong leadership is the foundation of our continued success," said Lisa Colangelo, Chief Executive Officer of YNCU. "By strengthening our executive team, we are ensuring that we remain agile, innovative, and deeply committed to delivering an outstanding experience for our members and communities."

Lisa Colangelo, who joined YNCU as Chief Executive Officer in September 2024, brings over 20 years of senior-level leadership experience in the financial services industry. She has led strategic business growth initiatives across TD Bank, Western Financial Group, and Coast Capital Savings. Most recently, as Chief Strategy and Customer Experience Officer at Western Financial Group, she focused on delivering exceptional experiences through strong partnerships and a commitment to developing people. Colangelo also recently earned her Masters of Business Administration from Dalhousie University.

As part of this evolution, YNCU has restructured its leadership team to ensure strategic alignment and operational excellence. Jane Walker, who recently joined as Chief People and Culture Officer, will be part of the revamped executive team alongside Lara Stilin, Chief Financial Officer; Aimee Wagner, Chief Retail and Commercial Officer; and Russ Voutour, Chief Digital, Technology, and Marketing Officer. YNCU will also be seeking two new additions to the Chief Leadership Team, including a Chief Risk Officer and a Chief Experience and Transformation Officer.

"These leadership enhancements position YNCU for the future, ensuring we continue to evolve while staying true to our mission of putting people first," said Colangelo. "We remain committed to delivering value to our members, our people, and our communities through strategic growth and operational excellence."

The realignment of YNCU's leadership structure reinforces its commitment to being a forward-thinking, people-first, and member-centric organization. By strengthening its leadership foundation and aligning with strategic priorities, YNCU is poised for sustained growth, resilience, and excellence in an increasingly dynamic financial landscape.

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## **ABOUT YNCU**

With 16 branches and a network of surcharge-free ATMs, Ontarians can access financial services close to home across southwestern and northern Ontario. At \$2.8 billion+ in assets under administration and 53,000 members strong (and growing!), YNCU is one of the largest credit unions in Ontario. As a community-based organization, not only do YNCU's partnerships and investments make a difference, but its employees also live and work in the communities they serve. YNCU's foundation is built on connectedness to the communities where it operates. Yearly the organization sets aside a minimum of 1% of the pre-tax profit earned by the credit union in the previous fiscal year to be used for charitable organizations and associations that share their focus on improving our communities. Together with its members, employees and community partners, YNCU is helping to make life better in the places where Ontarians live, work, learn and play!

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