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**Dr. Graham D. Sher**

The Partnership is amongst few organizations that stands out and says, “We can do something for all Canadians better at a national level than can be done at any one system level alone,” and I think that’s a particularly powerful contribution.

**Chris Power**

If we think of where we were, or where CPAC was when I first started, we were at the very beginning stages of the Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow program. If we think about synoptic reporting, where we were even partnering with patients and engaging patients and families, it was a very beginning journey.

**Shelly Jamieson**

When I think back over the last year, there’s a couple of big milestones that have really impressed me. One of them is that Nunavut has joined us in our work. We’ve worked hard to get all the provinces and territories to join us and work on cancer control initiatives. Nunavut for a bunch of reasons, capacity, time and energy, hasn’t been able to join us. But they’ve joined us this year, so we can officially say the whole country is working on Partnership initiatives.

**Dr. Graham D. Sher**

Now, as we sort of come toward the end of the second mandate and enter into the third, it’s very clear that this organization, this entity, this collection of people and their contributions, has entered into a space where the value proposition, the commitment and the contribution you can make to Canadians is really on the cusp of something fantastic.

**Chris Power**

I think the other thing that really stands out for me is the work that’s been happening with First Nations, Inuit and Metis.

**Shelly Jamieson**

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission report came out, had 94-calls to action. We were asked to be ambassadors for a couple for those calls to action by the commission, so we’ve taken that seriously.

**Dr. Graham D. Sher**

Those of us who play in the Pan-Canadian healthcare space know that this is one aspect of care delivery in Canada that is often neglected and often underrepresented.

**Chris Power**

I was thrilled to get the early renewal from the government and I think it speaks to Shelly and her team's hard work in getting that for us—but I think the broader message that's being sent from the Federal government is how important cancer control is.

**Dr. Graham D. Sher**

At a time when fiscal restraint is present in the healthcare systems, both at the federal level, the national level and at the provincial level, to see an agency's funding renewed, essentially for the full dollar, to me must demonstrate that the work that [has been] done in the past has been value added.

**Shelly Jamieson**

We had a dream and we had a hunch that we were going to be able to improve cancer control by working together. Now we have evidence that it works. So with that evidence we have willing partners and we're proceeding to take on the big issues in cancer control. So renewal has been wonderful news for the cancer control community in Canada.

**Dr. Graham D. Sher**

Stakeholder engagement is critically important, that is even more so in the world of the Partnership and the cancer control strategy.

**Shelly Jamieson**

In healthcare everybody's is talking about using the patient voice to inform the health-care system, but it's easier to say than it is to do. About 18-months ago we started at CPAC making sure we were embedding the patient voice in all of our committees, all of our work, that we were less provider driven and more aware of the patient voice, listening to the patient voice and acting on it.

**Dr. Graham D. Sher**

All the work that we do, you as staff in the Partnership, we as board members, volunteers, those professionals who give time to the partnership, we do this work for the people who go through the cancer journey themselves.

**Chris Power**

The reason we're here is about patients and their families. For me every time we can engage them, the more we can engage them, we should be doing nothing without them at the table and I see a real maturity and evolution with CPAC on how we've come to realize how important it is to have that voice and deeply listening to what they have to tell us. I think it will change the face of cancer control and cancer care in this country.

**Dr. Graham D. Sher**

I see my role as Chair for the next couple of years as being the, sort of, Cheerleader-in-Chief if you want, helping drive the collective effort and energy forward.

**Chris Power**

These last two years as board Chair and all the years before that I was part of the board have been wonderful for me. I've learned a tremendous amount. I have tremendous respect for the people who work in the cancer system.

**Shelly Jamieson**

It's been my privilege to be here the last four years and watch the organization continue to grow. It's a great group of people, not only all of our partners and expert advisors across the country, but the staff who work here at CPAC are an amazing group of people who are motivated by personal stories and professional goals to really make a difference and reduce the burden of cancer for Canadians and it's a great place to work.

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