Firm's execs always ready to help out

By David Parker, for the Calgary Herald

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Back in January 2005 I reported that Trevor Axworthy had joined Mark Olson at the Osborne Group.

Axworthy is still a principal with the firm specializing in all facets of human resources, but it has been rebranded as Osborne Interim Management, its head office has been moved to Calgary and Olson is now the major shareholder, president and CEO of the firm.

Olson hails from Winnipeg, where he began his career in radio as an anchor and sports commentator relocating to Calgary to become vice-president of sales for Rawlco Radio, responsible for - at that time - 66 CFR and KISS-FM. But when the company sold its Calgary interests, Olson decided to remain here, joined Osborne Group and later became its managing principal.

In 2010, the Calgary office bought out the majority shareholder in Toronto and the company and its principals in other offices in Edmonton, Saskatoon, Toronto and Vancouver are now managed out of this city.

Osborne Interim Management provides high level executives to companies on a short-term basis when they are experiencing challenges during periods of transition, rapid growth or economic uncertainty.

The Calgary office has seven principals and a number of sub-contractors with extensive experience who bring specialized and valuable leadership to an organization, produce tangible results, and leave the organization once issues have been resolved and full-time executives are in place.

Many, like Axworthy, choose to continue to enjoy the freedom working with Osborne provides, while some are tempted back into full-time work with companies that realize their worth and offer permanent positions.

Osborne Interim Management signed an agreement earlier this year with InterExec in Montreal for the benefit of mutual clients seeking executive resources in Quebec and Western Canada and recently entered into an exclusive joint marketing agreement with Alium Partners, the leading provider of interim management executives in the U.K.

Based in the London's financial district Alium has an office in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and maintains trusted partnerships with firms in Paris, France, and Munich, Germany.

Today is not a good day for lovers of good Italian food: Il Giardino Ristorante is closing.
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