



Derek Payne is a Chartered Professional Accountant and is currently an active member of Calgary's start-up and emerging business Community, where he acts as an advisor, mentor, or board member to a number of growing companies. Prior to this, Derek held several senior roles including Chief Financial Officer of DIRTT Environmental Solutions and Treasurer & Vice President Finance of WestJet Airlines. Derek was initially diagnosed with epilepsy in 1999 and due to the increasing severity of his seizures beginning in 2007 and then again in 2013 Derek opted to have surgery in 2015 in an effort permanently control them. Derek has been seizure free ever since and over the last several years has been proactive in his willingness to share his own personal lived experience of having gone through the surgical process with others who themselves may be contemplating surgery. Derek has been married for over 25 years, is the father of two boys and spends his free time, volunteering at the Universities in Calgary where he enjoys working with students, as well as playing golf, cycling and both participating in and coaching CrossFit classes.