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## **CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Allan Bolstad**

Mr. Bolstad has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Alberta and spent 13 years as a journalist. He served as a City of Edmonton Councillor from 1992-2004 and went on to work as a sessional lecturer in the journalism department at Grant MacEwan College. The past nine years were spent as Executive Director of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues and he recently served three years as a board member of the Edmonton and Area Land Trust.

### **Chris Buyze**

Mr. Buyze is a designer and small business owner working in residential and commercial design for over 15 years. His firm's work can be found all over Alberta and British Columbia, with particular specialties in custom residential infill, historic restoration, facade improvement, and energy efficient building technologies including the use of straw bale, structural insulated panels and concrete panels. He is a community leader with extensive involvement in Downtown Edmonton's development over the past decade.

### **Kathy Cherniawsky**

Ms. Cherniawsky obtained her Master of Laws Degree at the University of Alberta. She taught classes at the University of Alberta, Grant MacEwan University, and NAIT, and worked in private practice in Edmonton, with a focus on administrative law.

### **Miles Davis**

Mr. Davis owns a commercial development company in Edmonton that focuses on small retail and infill projects. Over the past 7 years he has successfully executed developments in many municipalities around Alberta. Prior to starting his company, Miles spent 12 years working for a major national oil company managing corporate real estate and development in Western Canada. Miles is actively involved in the community and is the current board Vice-Chair for KidSport Edmonton.

### **Laura Delfs**

Ms. Delfs holds a B.Sc. and LL.B from the University of Alberta and a LL.M in Law and Sustainable International Development from the University of Washington. She has practiced law in Edmonton for over 30 years; first as a corporate commercial lawyer at a leading firm before transitioning to legal consulting work in the business, construction, professional governance, municipal, sports and entertainment, and health sectors. She has international volunteer experience and currently volunteers for several local organizations.

## **Donald Fleming**

Mr. Fleming holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta and a Master's Degree in Communications from the University of Calgary. Mr. Fleming is a former high school teacher, former Edmonton Public School Board Trustee and former Appeals Commissioner for the Alberta Workers Compensation. He has an extensive background in board governance both as a board member and as a chair. He is currently in his fourth term as Mayor of the Council of the Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach on Pigeon Lake.

## **Brian Gibson**

Mr. Gibson is a managing partner in business consulting. He is a former executive with a major telecommunications organization. He is actively involved in the community and has extensive Board experience.

## **Louise Gibson**

Mrs. Gibson began her career with Alberta Municipal Affairs processing subdivisions and writing zoning bylaws and general plans for small Northern Alberta municipalities. After two years she joined the City of Edmonton where she was active in all aspects of planning for 18 years. Mrs. Gibson then accepted a position with Carma Developers where she advanced from Senior Development Manager to Vice President, Communities for the Edmonton Region. She left the company in 2014 to form Gibson Development Management. Through this company, she manages and advises on development projects for both the private and public sectors. Mrs. Gibson is a Registered Professional Planner in Alberta and a full member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.

## **Rick Hachigian**

Mr. Hachigian was employed by the City of Edmonton from 1976 to 2013. He is a former Land Use Control Officer, Development Officer, and Development Planner.

## **Rohit Handa**

Mr. Handa is a registered architect and an active lawyer in the Province of Alberta. Mr. Handa combines his dual professional status in his role as Chief Executive Officer at a local architecture and building solutions firm; which he started after being called to the Bar in 2016.

Prior to this role, Mr. Handa had worked with large architecture firms and law firms in the City of Edmonton. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of Alberta in 2015 and his Bachelors of Architecture from Drury University (Missouri) in 2010.

## **Gwen Harris**

Ms. Harris was admitted to the Alberta Bar in 1995 and has been involved in quasi-judicial appeal adjudication as chair of the Child Welfare Appeal Panel and as a hearing chair with the Appeals Commission for Workers' Compensation. Gwen has been extensively involved with the Civil Claims Mediation Program in the Provincial Courts of Alberta. She has been an active volunteer and is currently serving on a number of boards.

## **Robert Hobson**

Mr. Hobson is a registered professional planner (APPI) with over 40 years of experience in federal, provincial and local government as a planner, consultant, developer, and municipal councillor. He obtained a Master's Degree in Planning from University of British Columbia and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Queens University.

## **Jack Jones**

Mr. Jones is a civil engineer and a previous general contracting business owner with over 35 years of experience managing construction projects throughout Western Canada, the Northwest Territories and the U.S. He is currently active in construction dispute resolution through mediation and arbitration. He has ten years of service on the Edmonton Assessment Review Board and is currently on the Municipal Government Board.

## **Jim Kindrake**

Mr. Kindrake obtained his Law Degree from the University of Alberta in 1978. He has practiced litigation in both the private and public sectors, finishing his legal career as Senior Counsel with the Department of Justice Canada. He has been a sessional instructor at both the Faculties of Law and Business at the University of Alberta.

## **Debby Kronewitt Martin**

Ms. Kronewitt-Martin is a Managing Partner of a local business consulting firm specializing in strategic management, project management and organizational change management. She holds a diploma in Urban and Regional Planning from NAIT and spent time planning in the private and public sector, then worked in the public sector in communications, managing special events and information technology. She retired from the City of Edmonton after holding numerous senior positions during her 33 years there. She has sat on a number of boards and committees, including the Project Management Institute (NAC) and the Alberta Chapter of the Association of Change Management Professionals, as well as numerous School Parent Advisory Committees.

## **Shari LaPerle**

Ms. LaPerle is University of Alberta graduate with a BA in Political Science. She also holds certification in Globalization and Governance as well as Alternative Dispute Resolution. She has experience in multistakeholder regulatory environments, both within and at arm's length from government. She has worked for the Capital Region Board, the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, and the Government of Alberta's Aboriginal Relations.

## **Melanie McCallum**

Ms. McCallum graduated from the University of Alberta with a BA in Sociology. She was formerly employed by the Alberta Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations, where she worked to advance the Province's global interests. She has served on various boards, councils, and committees, including community leagues.

## **Sara McCartney**

Ms. McCartney is a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (MCI) and a Registered Professional Planner (RPP) in the Province of Alberta. She has over 8 years of professional planning experience leading the development of plans and projects in communities across Alberta. Her extensive travels have exposed her to many different cultures, ideas and lifestyles which have given her an understanding of how the built environment can impact peoples' lives.

## **Alex Nagy**

As a consulting engineer, Mr. Nagy brings many years of experience to the Board, including department and program management, project management, and engineering and planning for development and urban infrastructure. He has provided services to municipalities and developers. As an Engineering Manager for Strathcona County, he was one of the development approving authorities. He has volunteered for numerous professional organization committees and Habitat for Humanity.

## **Art Peterson**

Mr. Peterson is Professor Emeritus at the University of Alberta in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering. This is his second term on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

## **Lyall Pratt**

Mr. Pratt has 47-years' experience in geomatics, with 32 years as an active Alberta Land Surveyor. He has been Director of Practice Review for the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, a guest lecturer in Geomatics Technology at NAIT and SAIT, and recently retired from active practice.

## **Stephen Raitz**

Mr. Raitz has completed a Bachelor of Arts in Planning from the University of Alberta in 2019 and has worked as an urban and regional planner in the Edmonton area. He is starting his Law Degree from the University of Alberta in Fall 2021. He sits on the board of Paths For People and Queen Alexandra Community League and is also an improviser with Rapid Fire Theatre.

## **Christopher Samuel**

Mr. Samuel is the Director of Legal Research and Writing at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law and was a previous Crown Prosecutor at the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. He was called to the Alberta bar in 2011 and has been an active member of the Canadian Bar Association, serving terms as chair of both the Edmonton Law Day and Criminal Justice committees. Chris also spent three years as the President of Rapid Fire Theatre's Board of Directors and is currently the President of the Strathearn Community League.

## **Elaine Solez**

Ms. Solez has been active in community leagues for 25 years, focusing on planning and development matters. She was formerly employed by the Government of Alberta, where she worked as a senior manager in the areas of planning, policy, performance measurement, and evaluation in the ministries of Education and Justice.

## **Winston Tuttle**

Mr. Tuttle is a practicing lawyer in the areas of real estate, construction litigation, and corporate commercial law. He is an active volunteer with the Edmonton Community Legal Center.

## **Ian Wachowicz**

Mr. Wachowicz is a partner in an Edmonton law firm and practices in the fields of development, construction, and municipal law. He also teaches at the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta.