

CURRENT COMMITTEE 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.

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.

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.

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.

Joel McDonald

Mr. McDonald holds a Diploma in Investigations from MacEwan University and has completed the National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration Level 1 and 2. He worked in Bylaw Enforcement and then as a Community Peace Officer with Vermilion, Vulcan County, the City of Leduc, and Leduc County. He has worked with many different councils in Alberta to write, enact, and enforce local community standards and provincial statutes; spent 2 years as the Education Officer for the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association; and 6 years as the Training Officer and Membership Chair for the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers. Mr. McDonald is currently a Provincial Prosecutor with the Alberta Prosecution Service and has enrolled with Athabasca University to complete his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

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.