

CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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.

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. He spent nearly ten years as Executive Director of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) before retiring in 2018. He has also served in a variety of volunteer capacities, including as a board member of the Edmonton and Area Land Trust, Ritchie, Sherbrooke and Alberta Avenue Community Leagues, and chaired the development of the Community League Plaza in Hawrelak Park, the EFCL's 100th Anniversary Project.

Donald Fleming

Mr. Fleming served a number of terms as an elected trustee and the Chair of the Edmonton Public School Board and as President of the Public School Boards Association of Alberta. He holds a Masters degree in Communications from the University of Calgary and has an extensive background in government communications with the Public Affairs Bureau of the Alberta Government. For a number of years, he was responsible for providing strategic communications advice, speech writing and personal correspondence services to the Chief Commissioner of the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission. Prior to his appointments to the City of Edmonton Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and to the Community Standards and Licensing Appeals Committee, he was an Appeals Commissioner and Ad Hoc Chair with the Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation.

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 graduated from MacEwan University with a Diploma in Investigations and has since continued his post-secondary education, recently completing a National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration Levels 1 and 2. Since graduating from MacEwan University, Mr. McDonald has worked in large and small communities throughout Alberta as a Peace Officer, working with local councils, writing, enacting, and enforcing local standard and provincial statutes. During his time as a Peace Officer, Mr. McDonald spent 2 years on the board of the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association and 6 years on the board of the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers. Since leaving municipal enforcement, he has worked with the Government of Alberta as an Adjudicator with Alberta Transportation and Provincial Prosecutor with the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service.

Karen Munro

Ms. Munro obtained a LL.B. from the University of Alberta in 1990 and a LL.M. from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1993. She taught law for one year at the University of New Brunswick. She began practicing law in Alberta in 1993, and has practiced in both the private and public sectors. She is retired from Justice and Solicitor General with the Government of Alberta. In both public and private practice, Ms. Munro focused on administrative law.

Christopher Samuel

Mr. Samuel is the Director of Legal Research and Writing at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law, where he teaches legal writing and criminal law. Prior to joining the Faculty, he practiced as a 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.

Skye Vermeulen

Skye Vermeulen works exclusively within the health regulatory and administrative justice field for over seven years. She has completed her Certificate in Tribunal Administrative Justice with the Foundations of Administrative Justice and has previously worked as a Hearings Director for several colleges. She is a licensed private investigator and Commissioner for Oaths and is currently self employed as a contract health regulatory investigator.