

## FIRST TERM DIRECTORS

### Emma Banfield

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Emma was born in Edmonton and moved back to the city a few years ago. She is delighted to discover such a vibrant and community-oriented city. Emma recently completed a degree in law, and holds a doctorate in music. Prior to starting law, she performed and taught as a violinist across Canada and the United States.

Emma is active in her community and has been engaged in such initiatives as starting a free community chamber music series, coaching soccer, volunteering on community boards, and bringing speakers to Edmonton to present on broad topics of social engagement. She regularly devotes her time to projects that support Indigenous persons, women, children, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and low-income individuals. She lives in Old Strathcona, where her two young sons keep her outside as much as possible. In her spare time, she loves to walk, read, and garden.

### Megan Highet

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A cultural anthropologist by training, Megan is passionate about connecting Edmontonians with their community's history and advocating for heritage preservation. She holds a doctoral degree in Anthropology from the University of Alberta, with a specialization in community studies focused on early settlements in Northwestern Canada. Megan has previously taught at the University of Alberta and MacEwan University.

She is currently the Qualitative Research Management Lead for the *CANHelp* Working Group and an Embedded Health System and Policy Researcher within Alberta Health. Megan collaborates with Indigenous communities, researchers, policymakers, and other professionals to lead research projects aimed at informing health policy decisions.

Before retiring from the sport, Megan served two terms as Director of Public Relations for E-Ville Roller Derby League, where she built strong ties with many charity and non-profit organizations in the city. In her spare time, Megan is a board game enthusiast and a stained-glass hobbyist.

### Henry Maisonneuve

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Henry is an 11<sup>th</sup> generation Canadian and a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Edmontonian. Employed in the Building Design Consulting Industry for 25 years, his professional passion for delivering built

environments, lead to a personal passion, in the stories of the people, who occupied those environments. The stories of buildings/landscapes and the people of the time, and how this created the meaningful Places, of today. Great Places are where Community and Heritage, thrive.

Henry volunteered with the Old Strathcona Foundation, for 18 years. He liaised with National, Provincial and Municipal agents, advocating Historic Preservation and Heritage Celebration, in Edmonton.

He recently completed two terms, as Alberta's representative on the Board of Governors, of the National Trust for Canada, where he led a Strategic Issues Committee, through new subsidiary agreements with a provincial organization and an organization re-branding from the *Heritage Canada Foundation*, to the National Trust for Canada.

## **Christina Williamson**

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Christina Williamson is an emerging public historian and Doctoral Candidate at Carleton University in Ottawa. As a settler who grew up in beautiful Treaty 6 territory, she develops collaborative and innovative approaches for telling stories that challenge mainstream narratives about Canada and the peoples that live here.

research focuses on Inuit women's labour history in the twentieth century and through that work, does oral histories in Nunavut and studies historic Inuit parkas and beadwork in museums across Canada and the United Kingdom.

Christina has worked on many exciting projects that link the University to the Community through documentaries, public art, museum and art exhibitions as well as more traditional publications. She founded the University of Alberta undergraduate history and classics journal *Constellations*, and has worked as an interpreter and curator in several Ottawa and Edmonton-area museums. Christina is currently editing a book on decolonizing national archives.

## **SECOND TERM DIRECTORS**

### **Alex Abboud**

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Alex Abboud operates Abboud Strategies, a consulting firm that works at the intersection of public policy, communications, and strategy. With a focus on the nonprofit and public sectors, Alex works with clients to advance their goals, and to develop new programs and strategies. Previously, Alex spent more than 10 years in leadership roles in the non-profit sector and government, serving as Director, Communications & Fund Development for Homeward Trust Edmonton, a key political staff person at City Hall in Edmonton, and as Executive Director of Students Nova Scotia.

In addition to his service with the Edmonton Heritage Council, he currently serves on the board of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society. In his spare time, he writes, is a marathon runner, and a hobby photographer.

## **Beth Sanders**

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Beth Sanders is fourth-generation settler in Treaty 6 territory. She is a writer, urbanist, and consulting city planner based in Edmonton and works and volunteers with citizens, community organizations, public institutions and the business community who strive to improve the city we make for ourselves. The better we serve our city, the better our city serves us in return.

Beth is President of POPULUS Community Planning Inc. She has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Ottawa (Canadian Studies) and a Master of City Planning from the University of Manitoba. She is a Registered Professional Planner (RRP) in Alberta, past president of the Alberta Professional Planners Institute and past director of the Canadian Institute of Planners. Beth works at all scales of the city – family, block, neighbourhood, city and the emerging planet of cities. She is the winner of the 2013 International Integral City Meshworker of the Year award.

## **CONTINUING DIRECTORS 2018**

### **Angelina Bakshi**

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Angelina is a director at consulting firm Veridant and currently serves on the board of the Alberta Diabetes Foundation, the Cabinet of the United Way Capital Region and the College and Association of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta. Some of her previous board roles include Women Building Futures and CreatiVenture Collective in Toronto. As a consultant, she has a focus on strategic development, organizational restructuring and operational improvements, and works with a spectrum of companies spanning the oil and gas, construction and not-for-profit sectors.

In the realm of culture, Angelina began as a classical East Indian dancer, before going on to train in classical ballet throughout her formative years. She then applied her dance garnered discipline and focus to become a professional civil engineer and eventually an MBA at the University of Alberta. She has certifications in Risk Management (CRM), Leadership in Energy and Environmental design (LEED), Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR-P) and is a Fellow in Board Governance.

### **Wendy Birch**

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Wendy is a Manager of Agency Governance with Alberta Advanced Education. She has held several roles with the Government of Alberta that have given her an extensive and varied background in issues management, policy analysis, program creation, and the development of strategic policy.

A born and bred Edmontonian and a second-generation Canadian of Ukrainian descent, Wendy has an extensive background of community volunteer work, including serving as Chair of Habitat for Humanity's Family Support Committee. She has a Master of Science in Psychiatry from the University of Alberta.

## **Gregory Bounds**

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Greg is a professional accountant (CPA, CMA) with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta. He has held senior finance and administration positions in non-profit and government agencies and with the provincial government. Throughout his career and volunteer commitments he has reported to and served on public Boards, providing him with a solid understanding of Board governance and a commitment to accountability and transparency.

His published works include a history of St. Francis Xavier High School, a walking tour of St Albert's Mission Hill and cemetery and several essays contributed to the Edmonton Journal. He was a major contributor to a significant book published by the Edmonton Catholic School District about the women and men who taught in Edmonton's Catholic schools.

## **Candas Jane Dorsey**

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Born in Edmonton, Candas Jane Dorsey is an internationally-known writer and editor. She is a full-time professional editor and writer of prize-winning novels and short story collections, as well as poetry, reviews, critical essays and reports. For ten years, she was publisher and editor of the monthly arts newspaper The Edmonton Bullet and for fourteen years editor and publisher of the Edmonton-based literary press The Books Collective. For 35 years she has worked as a freelance writer, editor, writing teacher, and communications consultant.

She is an active arts and community advocate through arts organizations, community leagues, Boyle Renaissance Advisory Committee and the Edmonton Police Service Liaison Committee.

## **Robert Hobson**

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Robert is a professional planner with over 40 years of experience in setting public policy, heritage conservation and environmental land use planning. He has been active in local government, serving as a City Councillor for the City of Kelowna from 1988-2014 and Chair of the Central Okanagan Regional District from 1993-2014, among other positions. In 2015, Robert moved to Edmonton and in 2016 he was appointed to the City of Edmonton Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. He has also been active with the Edmonton Heritage Council.

Robert was awarded the Queens Jubilee Medal for his leadership on municipal, regional and provincial issues. He has focused on reconciling interested between local and regional governments and between municipalities and First Nations.

## **Martin Kennedy**

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Martin is a communications professional, heritage advocate, and community volunteer. He is a past Chair of the Edmonton Historical Board, and a volunteer and board member with Preserve Garneau since 2001. Martin is Director of Public and Government Affairs at EPCOR, and recently served currently Vice President External Affairs at Capital Power, and a Senior Official in the Alberta Public Service.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, board member for the Sled Island music festival, and past member of the Premier's Council on Culture. You can find him on Twitter and Instagram @mkyeg.

## **Jeanne Lehman**

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An active community leader, Jeanne is the founder and former President of the Francophonie Albertaine Plurielle (FRAP), working within Alberta's Francophone communities. She also founded My Voice Counts, an organization for civic engagement of new immigrants. She worked with and served on boards of directors (The Africa Centre, ECALA), as well as with external entities in the public and private sectors in order to maintain effective governance.

Jeanne has a Bachelor of Business Law from the University of Paris X and Master Degree in International Relations from the Sorbonne, Paris; and a Graduate Diploma in Management from HEC Business School, Montreal. She has recently worked in project management with Diversity Group and the Africa Center and currently works with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (Government of Canada).

### **Mack Male**

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Mack is a passionate Edmontonian and well-known local blogger, writing about urban affairs in Edmonton at [mastermaq.ca](http://mastermaq.ca). He's also co-founder of Taproot Edmonton, a member-funded home for local journalism. Mack helped start the popular What the Truck?! series of food truck events, and has helped to organize dozens of other local events including Eat Alberta, ChangeCamp Edmonton, and the Edmonton New Media Awards (Yeggies). He is an active community participant, and currently serves on the Edmonton Food Council, Downtown Vibrancy Task Force, and numerous other boards and committees in Edmonton.

### **Arundeeep Singh Sandhu**

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Arundeeep was born and raised in Mill Woods, Edmonton, and has a Bachelor of Commerce in management accounting from the MacEwan School of Business. He operates a transportation and construction business, and has worked on projects across Northern and Central Alberta, and in the Edmonton area.

Over the past fifteen years, he has worked with the Sikh Heritage Society of Edmonton, the Sikh Students' Society at the University of Alberta, and many other heritage organizations in the Edmonton area. He served as a Vice President of a legacy predecessor of the United Conservative Party from 2011 to 2015. He also served as a special advisor in the Government of Alberta and brings a history of helping community groups work with government to raise and address issues important to them.

### **Sally Scott**

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Born and raised in Edmonton, Sally falls increasingly more in love with this city, enhanced through her work in heritage over the past ten years. She holds two Bachelors of Arts degrees from the University of Alberta; one of these with a specialization in Western Canadian history, focusing on women's history since the 19th century and the fur trade in the West.

Sally has been deeply involved in public interpretation, cutting her teeth at Fort Edmonton Park as well as the University of Alberta Museums and the Royal Alberta Museum. For the past two years, Sally has contributed articles for the Edmonton City as Museum Project, covering topics from Edmonton's downtown farmers' market to the first women's organization at the University of Alberta.