



Community Foundations of Canada

2024 Annual General Meeting

Report From the CFC Nominations Committee

2023-2024 CFC Nominations Committee

- **Rasool Rayani**, (ex-officio), Chair of the Nominations Committee
- **Erin Peden**, Executive Director at the Red Deer & District Community Foundation in Alberta
- **Joël F. Lavoie**, Directeur général de La Fondation Franco-Albertaine in Alberta
- **Beverley Clegg**, Executive Director at the Selkirk and District Community Foundation in Manitoba
- **Deborah Duffy**, Representative from the CFC Governance Committee
- **Lisa Kolody**, (ex-officio), Chair of the CFC Board of Directors
- **Andrew Chunilall**, (non-voting), Chief Executive Officer, Community Foundations of Canada

Nominations Process and Slate

The CFC Board of Directors is comprised of up to 18 members. Every year CFC invites nominations of Directors to CFC's Board.

As outlined in CFC's by-laws, the CFC Governance Committee identifies up to 5 persons, with at least one person drawing from CFC's Membership, to form the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee implements a member-wide process to actively recruit dynamic, engaged, and passionate individuals to join the CFC Board. Nominations are made by the Governance Committee to the CFC Board after receiving the recommendations of the Nominations Committee and the election is by the votes of the voting members at the AGM.

The Nominations Committee has received nominations for candidates from coast to coast to coast and has recommended 4 candidates. It is recommended that the following slate be elected to the CFC Board of Directors at the June 13, 2024 Annual General Meeting of CFC, for a three (3) year term:



Election for a first term starting in June 2024:

- **Reg Black**, Beausejour, Manitoba
- **Katie Robertson**, Westlock, Alberta
- **Danbi Cho**, Ottawa, Ontario
- **Aaron McRann**, Penticton, British Columbia

Biographical notes for the proposed Nominations Slate are included in the [Appendix](#) to this report.

Election for a second term as Directors:

- **Narinder Dhami**, President, Sonor (Toronto, ON)
- **Lydia Sadiq**, Lead Communications Strategist, Office of the City Manager (Edmonton, AB)
- **Josiah Gado**, Production Manager, McCain Foods (Lethbridge, AB)

CFC Directors continuing in 2024:

- **Kelly Evans**, Executive Director, The Greater Saint John Community Foundation (Quispamsis, NB)
- **Vik Sachdev**, Tax Transformation Leader, PwC Canada (Oakville, ON)
- **Wendy Francis**, Former Executive Director, Sunshine Coast Community Foundations (Gibsons, BC)
- **Maxime Michel**, Director, Program Management, CARE Canada (Ottawa, ON)
- **Neil Parmar**, Senior Specialist: Development Writing and Content Services, SickKids Foundation (Edmonton, AB)
- **Deborah Duffy**, Former President, Board of Directors, Perth and District Community Foundation, (Perth, ON)
- **Gordon Holley**, Former Director, West Vancouver Foundation (West Vancouver, BC)
- **Lisa Kolody**, Executive Director, Windsor Essex Community Foundation (Windsor, ON)

Biographies for CFC Board members are [here](#).

CFC Directors - A note of thanks

The following Directors are ending their time on the CFC Board of Directors. We would like to express our sincerest thanks for their exemplary leadership and continued commitment to the movement:

- **Diane Carey**, Former Director, Board of Directors, Fondation communautaire de la Péninsule acadienne inc., (Tracadie-Sheila, NB)
- **Chandra Clarke**, Former Chair, Board of Directors, Edmonton Community Foundation (Edmonton, AB)



- **Kevin Lamoureux**, Faculty of Education, University of Winnipeg, (Winnipeg, MB)
- **Trisha Finnegan**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Oklahoma City Community Foundation (USA)
- **Rasool Rayani**, Former Chair, Board of Directors, Victoria Foundation (Victoria, BC)
- **Brock Hart**, Past Chair, Board of Directors, Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation, (Kitchener, ON)

Appendix A: Nominations Slate Biographical Notes

Reg Black 	As a lifelong resident of the Brokenhead area in Manitoba, Reg has a long history of volunteering in the community while creating initiatives that have boosted economic opportunity and social well-being within the community. With over 40 years of volunteering, Reg has had countless experiences working with different community boards, local improvement projects, and large-scale events. He has also served on Provincial and National Boards through his real estate profession. Reg has been involved with his local Foundation since May 2015. He currently serves as the President of the Brokenhead River Community Foundation. He is also an immediate past member of Endow Manitoba's inaugural Provincial Advisory Board. Born and raised on the family farm just north of Beausejour, Reg currently resides on a couple of acres just outside of town with his wife Myrna and their dog Sophie.
Katie Robertson 	Katie Robertson is a driven and seasoned leader with an impressive career dedicated to leadership, strategic communications, and business development. Currently serving as the Executive Director at the Westlock Community Foundation, in the last year, Katie has been instrumental in steering the foundation through a significant growth phase, including the development of the Foundation's grantmaking program. Katie is deeply committed to human rights and community service, often volunteering for community empowerment and human rights defender groups. Her work extends beyond professional duties into social and climate justice advocacy, which she explores as a podcast host and freelance writer. Outside of her professional endeavours, Katie finds solace and rejuvenation in nature. She is an avid backcountry camper and wilderness explorer, embracing every opportunity to connect with the natural world. This balance of intense



	professional commitment and personal passion for the environment characterizes Katie as not only a leader in her field but also as a dedicated advocate for both human and environmental rights.
Danbi Cho 	Danbi currently serves as the Lead of Impact Canada at the Mastercard Foundation, where he drives strategic initiatives focused on creating positive systems change to benefit Indigenous youth and communities. Danbi is of Mi'kmaw/Chinese ancestry and a proud member of the Miawpukek First Nation located in Conne River, Newfoundland. Danbi holds an Honours bachelor's degree in public administration and governance from Toronto Metropolitan University. His recognition as a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council award recipient further exemplifies his dedication to academic excellence. This recognition underscores his commitment to setting new directions to support Indigenous research and evaluation. With a strong background in strategy, research, evaluation, policy advocacy and government and Indigenous relations, Danbi has honed his skills over a decade of working with and for Indigenous peoples in diverse settings, including urban, northern, remote, and international communities.
Aaron McRann 	Aaron joined the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen as its Executive Director in November 2009. He came to Penticton in 2002 from Kamloops, where he worked in senior management at a security firm. Since moving to Penticton, Aaron has worked at the Penticton Chamber of Commerce, utilizing his managerial, human resources, and technology skills to their fullest. Aaron has been a very active community member since 2002 and is married with two children.