# Candidates to be elected to the Board of Directors at the Our Place Society AGM, Wednesday, September 27, 2023

#### FOR ELECTION AS A DIRECTOR FOR A FIRST TWO-YEAR TERM

#### Robyn Gifford

Robyn is excited to contribute to the work of Our Place in creating a community and sense of belonging for so many people in Victoria. She believes that everyone deserves hope, dignity, and access to the resources they need to build their lives. Robyn is currently a lawyer with the British Columbia Ministry of Attorney General, advising on environmental law issues. Prior to joining the Attorney General, she practiced civil and public litigation at a national law firm in Vancouver, and before that clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada. As a student and a lawyer, she has volunteered with many non-profit organizations that assist marginalized individuals and communities.

# FOR ELECTION AS A DIRECTOR FOR A SECOND TWO-YEAR TERM

#### Fallon Lindsay

Fallon Lindsay is a Chartered Professional Accountant with over ten years of experience across diverse industries including construction, property management, commercial real estate and health services retail. Fallon graduated from the University of Victoria with a Bachelors Degree in Economics and Business. Carrying on with her education she completed her Chartered Professional Designation (CPA, CGA) and The Certified Human Resource Professional (CPHR) designation. Fallon is actively involved in the volunteer community and has served on the Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary Board as Treasurer and Chair, and is on the Board of Directors of HeroWork Canada. She also mentors CPA candidates through the CPA BC mentorship program.

## **Trevor Murphy**

Trevor's professional experience ranges from working to develop and establish small businesses to managing complex services, financials and initiatives for Fortune 100 global corporations.

Today, Trevor is a Managing Partner at MYRA Systems Corp., specializing in provision of IM/IT managed services, technology procurement, business and technology transformation, and governance. Throughout his life, Trevor has engaged with community-based charitable organizations, holding the belief that change starts at home, and that all small incremental societal improvements contribute to our collective wellbeing.

## Mano Sandhu

A trained professional in managing human resources, finance, program management, and policy development, Mano retired as a senior manager from the Ministry of Children and Family Development of British Columbia. Since retirement, Mano has been volunteering with several community organizations, including District of Saanich on a Governance Review, India Canada Cultural Association (ICCA); Hospise, Khalsa Divan Society; Gordon Point Estates Residents Association; Integra Support Services and other community ventures.

# FOR ELECTION AS A DIRECTOR FOR A THIRD TWO-YEAR TERM

#### Allan Saunders

Allan believes Our Place is a valuable and meaningful source of hope and transformation in Victoria. From 1999 to 2016, Allan was Lead Minister at First-Metropolitan United Church, long associated with Our Place. He encouraged the congregation's ongoing relationship with Our Place, including the overnight shelter, volunteers for a monthly meal and helping host community events such as a mayors forum. The church also was involved in other community outreach, including the "Out of the Rain" shelter program for street youth. His earlier years of ministry were in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Community involvement there included addictions work, a domestic violence support program and refugee sponsorship. Allan studied for his master's degree at Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology (University of Toronto), which later presented him with an honorary D.D.

## Cairine MacDonald

Cairine is excited to see Our Place commit to therapeutic communities, having seen the transformative power at work in San Patrignano, Baldy Hughes and Guthrie House. She has twenty years of executive leadership experience in business and government. As Deputy Minister of Employment and Income Assistance / Housing and Social Development, she actively engaged with issues of homelessness in the Vancouver DTES, the province-wide Homelessness Intervention Project and the Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness and provided oversight for BC Housing and CLBC.

## **Chad Stewart**

Chad Stewart is an experienced project and policy lead, specializing in public sector governance and major initiatives. He is currently Director, Road Safety Systems, at the B.C. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General and was previously the executive director of the B.C. Electoral Boundaries Commission and general manager of CivicInfo BC. Key projects that Chad has worked on include leading the development of e-ticketing and red-light cameras for the province, developing the B.C. Electoral Boundaries Commission preliminary and final reports, and expanding CivicInfo BC's scope across Canada. Chad holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Victoria, as well as degrees in English and Political Science.

## Greg Conner

Greg believes that by embracing hope and instilling belonging, we can create paths for those who have lost their way, and their journeys towards self-empowerment and recovery. Greg leads with compassion and heart, and through his awareness of individual potential, inspires others to achieve positive change by recognizing their true personal value. He shares a passion with Our Place for addressing the challenges faced by our most vulnerable members of society. With over 25 years' experience in human resources, currently as the Vice President, People & Culture at E-Comm 9-1-1, and with a strong focus on people development, Greg leverages his professional expertise in his community contributions.