



OPEN CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Central Okanagan Foundation, was formed over 45 years ago, and was created to provide funding to support the needs of residents in our community in perpetuity.

What started out with an idea from the Social Planning Council of Kelowna, and 16 families who agreed to donate \$5000 each and establish the original set of endowment funds has today become a highly sought out and reputable network that last year alone funded \$3.7 Million into the area.

From humble beginnings we are now collaborators and stewards in building an inclusive, equitable and resilient community. We are grateful to live and work on the unceded, traditional territory of the Sylix First Nations. As such we seek to learn, understand, and act in good faith and truth towards reconciliation.

We continue to be the charity of choice for those wanting to leave a Legacy, Memorial Funds, and because of our diversity in the area of focus we can fund, our funding pillars have made gift giving easy and sustainable. Believing that “Everyone has the power to leave a gift”, has taken the 16 original fundholders to that of close to 200 today... and we are growing.

Beyond community basic needs, through our donors we also respond to emergency needs, investment readiness, social innovation, upstream support and growth in the sector and most of all – through our Donors – We have impact!!

VISION	MISSION
We believe that everyone can leave a legacy. We are the catalyst, building excellence in philanthropy to ensure our communities flourish.	To contribute to the quality of life in the Central Okanagan through the raising and stewardship of entrusted funds, innovative and diverse granting, and active community leadership

Central Okanagan Foundation is a governance board seeking active participation, committee involvement and a desire to elevate our exposure and impact in the Central Okanagan Valley through alignment of our mission, vision, values and purpose. Board members are expected to adhere to the Central Okanagan Foundation Society’s Bylaws and policies.

We are committed to the principles of IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access). We strive to create a welcoming and diverse board where all members feel they belong, feel heard, and appreciated for their unique contributions. Special consideration will be given to people from different professions and or sectors (arts, health, technology, education, consultant/agency etc.) organization size, backgrounds, race, languages, abilities through out the communities of Kelowna, West Kelowna, Lake Country and Peachland.

Resumes are being accepted online through info@centralokanaganfoundation.org until Friday. Additionally we require a Potential Board Member Matrix to be completed as well.

The evaluation criteria used by the Board Recruitment Committee includes:

- Leadership ability that demonstrates the skills needed to govern a community board;
- Previous Governance experience;
- Previous service on a local not for profit board;
- Previous volunteer experience;
- Must reside within the boundaries of the Central Okanagan Foundation service delivery area.

Additional consideration will be given to the following:

- Relevant professional certification, education or learning;
- Overall knowledge of the Central Okanagan Foundation;
- Diversity of areas of professional practice;
- Demonstrated inclusive leadership experience;
- Demographic diversity (e.g., people of different ages, races, religions, sexual orientation, etc.);
- Other community perspectives

Our Board currently consists of 9 members. It is a volunteer board with no remuneration. Directors shall serve a maximum of four – two year terms to a maximum of 8 years and would agree to let their name stand for the 2021-2022 Annual General Meeting held in December 2022. Annual terms are generally from September 1st to August 31st. An orientation will be provided. Interested candidates are invited to visit our website www.centralokanaganfoundation.org to learn more, or contact the current CEO, Judy Neiser at 250-861-6160 Local 104. An independent committee will be selected to review all Expressions of Interest.

