

## **Candidates to be elected to the Board of Directors at the Our Place Society AGM, September 10, 2019**

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

#### **Greg Conner**

Greg shares a passion with Our Place for addressing the challenges faced by our most vulnerable members of society. Greg believes that by embracing hope and instilling belonging, we can create paths for those who have lost their way, and aid in their journey 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.

With over 25 years of experience in senior level positions in human resources, currently as the Vice President of Human Resources for BC Transit, Greg applies his “people first” philosophy to all of his professional and community endeavours. Greg supports a number of local charities, including United Way of Greater Victoria, where he served as the 2011 Campaign Chair, and remains active on their annual Campaign Cabinet.

#### **John McLeod**

John has over 23 years’ experience as a corporate lawyer, practicing in London, England, Vancouver and Victoria. John holds a B.A. (Economics) from University of British Columbia, a law degree from University of Alberta and a master of laws from the University of Cambridge. John is a Director of Nuu-chah-nulth Seafood Development Corporation (a First Nations fisheries enterprise) and Victoria Symphony Society and a former director of Family Business Association – Vancouver Island. John enjoys volunteering as a bingo caller with Our Place Society and is an eight-time rider with Team Finn, Ride to Conquer Cancer.

#### **Chad Stewart**

Chad Stewart has been an active volunteer with the Our Place Society for the last three years. He has also worked with marginalized communities in Victoria while he was a student at the University of Victoria. Today, Chad serves as the General Manager of Operations for CivicInfo BC. His role with the organization is the successful implementation of strategic initiatives. Prior to this, Chad served the organization as the Research and Business Analyst. Chad holds a Master’s Degree from the University of Victoria in Political Science with a focus in Conceptual Theory in addition to two Undergraduate degrees.

### **FOR CONFIRMATION AS A DIRECTOR FOR A FIRST TWO-YEAR TERM**

#### **Cairine MacDonald**

Cairine has been serving on the Board of Directors since March of this year. 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 senior 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.

**Allan Saunders – to be confirmed as a director for a first two-year term**

Allan has been serving on the Board of Directors since March of this year. 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, which has a long association 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 has been 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.

**FOR ELECTION AS A DIRECTOR TO A SECOND TWO-YEAR TERM**

**Ernie Quantz**

Ernie Quantz has served on the Our Place Board for the past two year and for the past year has served as its Chair. Ernie is a retired provincial court judge. Together with his wife Ardelle, he started Serenity Garden as a therapeutic garden on the grounds of Seven Oaks in 2011. Ernie has also served on Our Place's Therapeutic Recovery Community Advisory Board. He believes the Our Place Therapeutic Recovery Community will provide a realistic alternative to incarceration and that enhancing the rehabilitative aspect of an offender's sentence will provide long-term benefits to society and the individual.

**Ansley Tucker – for a second two-year term**

Ansley Tucker has served on the Our Place Board for the past two year and for the past seven months has served as its Vice-Chair. She is the Rector of Christ Church Cathedral and Dean of Columbia. With over 35 years' experience as an Anglican parish priest, she has been engaged at every level of governance and management in the not-for-profit sector. While serving a downtown parish in Toronto, she oversaw the creation of what became a full-service program for those living on the streets, including a major renovation of an historic church to accommodate and expand this work. It was in this environment that she first encountered what was there called "Homes First."

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION: to approve Diana Butler's term for a further year**

**Diana Butler**

Diana Butler has served 8 years on the Board of Directors, for 3 years she served as Chair and for the past year she has been Past Chair. The Past Chair plays a vital part in the Board's work, not the least by chairing the Board Development Committee, but also bringing valuable experience to the Board's deliberations.

Having reached the maximum number of years for serving on the Board, to continue serving as a Board member, an extension of Diana's term is required. Our Bylaws in Section 5.3 provide authority for doing this.