

**Candidates to be elected to the Our Place Society Board of Directors  
At the Our Place Society Annual General Meeting  
On September 15, 2021 via zoom at 6pm**

*The following have been nominated for election to the Our Place Board of Directors for a first two year term:*

**Leslie McGarry**

Leslie has been serving on the Board of Directors since April of this year. Born and raised on Vancouver Island, Leslie represents the 5th generation of her family to work in the field of Cultural Awareness, a legacy that began with her Great-Great Grandfather, George Hunt, who worked with anthropologist, Franz Boaz to record the cultural heritage and practices of the Kwakwaka'wakw People. Leslie's Grandmother, the late Helen Hunt, was a founding member of the Board of Directors for the Victoria Native Friendship Centre where Leslie was employed for twenty-six years. With this inspirational legacy as a guiding force, and working with many community partners, Leslie provides opportunities to enhance and/or develop awareness and appreciation for the cultural diversity within Canada's Indigenous Peoples.

**Mano Sandhu**

Mano has been serving on the Board of Directors since July of this year. 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); Hospice, Khalsa Divan Society; Gordon Point Estates Residents Association; Integra Support Services and other community ventures.

**Fallon Lindsay**

A Chartered Professional Accountant with over ten years of leadership experience across diverse industries including construction, property management, commercial real estate, and health services retail. A well-rounded business professional, with experience in finance, human resources, strategy, process improvement and information technology. A leader using frameworks built on trust and accountability to build teams that can tackle complex issues and sustain changing environments.

Provides advice to executives and senior management in organizations ranging in size from owner-operated businesses to the Canadian Vice-President of a multi-national company. Successfully able to balance the responsibility of financial stewardship and business partnerships through strong relationship building, tactful communication, and conflict resolution skills.

A systems thinker, with an appreciation for understanding companies end to end value streams. Demonstrated competence evaluating, improving, documenting, and implementing companywide continuous improvement initiatives with a diverse group of stakeholders. Works with senior executives to develop a people centered, inclusive company culture and is always the first to model these values.

### **Trevor Murphy**

Trevor is a dedicated, highly educated professional with 30 years of experience in the IM/IT industry with Business Management and Operational experience with a focus on Business Development & Sales. Trevor's exceptional skills as a leader, team builder, and sales strategist make him in demand for both local and national engagements. Trevor always demonstrates a strong client-focus and brings the client perspective in all aspects of his role.

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### **Allan Saunders, Chair**

Allan has been serving on the Board of Directors since March 2019. 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.

### **Cairine MacDonald, Director**

Cairine has been serving on the Board of Directors since March 2019.

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.

### **Chad Stewart, Director**

Chad has been serving on the Board of Directors since September 2019.

Chad Stewart has been an active volunteer with 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.

**Greg Conner, Director**

Greg has been serving on the Board of Directors since September 2019.

Greg believes that by embracing hope and instilling belonging, we can create paths for those who have lost their way, and 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 of Human Resources for BC Transit, and with a strong focus on people development, Greg leverages his professional expertise in his community contributions.

**John McLeod, Director**

John has been serving on the Board of Directors since September 2019.

John has over 25 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 Nuuchahnulth Seafood Development Corporation (a First Nations fisheries enterprise) and Victoria Symphony Society and a former director of Family Business Association – Vancouver Island. John is a nine-time rider with Team Finn, Ride to Conquer Cancer.