



**Candidates to be elected to the
Our Place Society Board of Directors
at the Annual General Meeting,
Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 6pm via ZOOM**

NOMINATED FOR FIRST TERM – 2022-24

Catharine Read

Catharine Read values Our Place Society's pursuit of nourishment, hope and belonging for individuals and the community of the Our Place Family. The Society's values and principles govern the delivery of its many, much needed programs and services. It has demonstrated the ability to adapt and expand programs and services, engage skilled and caring staff and volunteers, and thrive in the face of the COVID-19 challenges. Catharine has worked for governments and in the private sector. She has been Chair of an independent tribunal, Deputy Minister, and Assistant Deputy Minister for the BC government (10 years) and for the Yukon government (10 years). As a consultant, she has worked for First Nation organizations, including negotiations, governance advice and treaty implementation. Catharine is also on the Board of James Bay Community Project, and she has a master's degree in economics from Queen's University.

Charla Huber

Charla Huber is associate faculty at Royal Roads University. Charla has a strong background working in both the affordable housing and non-profit sector and has a passion for Indigenous Relations. Charla has a master's degree in professional communications and has completed a fully funded research project on Indigenous ways of communicating so employers can better support Indigenous employees. Charla writes a weekly column in the Times Colonist newspaper that often highlights Indigenous issues. Charla is the Human Resources Committee Chair of the Victoria-Esquimalt Police Board and President of the BC Association of Police Boards. Charla's family is from Fort Chipewyan, Alta., and she has both First Nations and Inuit roots.

NOMINATED FOR A SECOND TWO YEAR TERM:

Scott McGregor

Scott brings over 28 years of policing experience working with the most vulnerable in our communities. As a former Senior Manager of the Vic PD Community Services Division, Scott gained tremendous insight into the complexities of homelessness, mental health and addiction and developed strong and collaborative working relationships with housing, shelter and other service providers (including those with lived experience) to find practical solutions. Scott believes that everyone has a place in our community and deserves a fighting chance to make positive change in their lives

NOMINATED FOR A THIRD TWO YEAR TERM:

Margo Goodhand

The Board's Vice Chair, Margo, believes that love, community, and hope can transform lives, and that Our Place provides all that and more. Prior to moving to Victoria in 2016, Margo was editor-in-chief of the Winnipeg Free Press and then the Edmonton Journal. She is the author of Runaway Wives and Rogue Feminists, a history of the women's shelter movement, and currently on a federal advisory board for the CRA; the vice-president of the Michener Award Foundation; and co-founder of the local Giller Light fundraiser for literacy. Her past board experience includes the Winnipeg Art Gallery; John Dafoe Foundation; National Newspaper Board of Governors and the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council. She was a founding member of Winnipeg's Homelessness Task Force.

Patricia Walker

Patricia says that seeing the Society's values of hope, belonging and unconditional love in action confirmed her desire to become part of Our Place. She is encouraged to see how we, as individuals, can make a difference to members of our community who are often ignored and forgotten. Retired since 2016, Patricia's career has been spent in the area of finance and accounting, including 26 years as the District of Oak Bay's Municipal Treasurer (now called Director of Financial Services).

Lauree Austin

Lauree has served as Board secretary and values contributing to a community with such a positive outlook. She is inspired by those who have worked hard to create a space that welcomes those in need and offers such support and hope. She is particularly hopeful to see Our Place undertaking such programs as the New Roads Therapeutic Recovery Community. Lauree is confident such a program will benefit those seeking to change from an addiction driven lifestyle.

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