
2020-2021 BOARD SLATE

New Board members:

Heather Eatson

Heather grew up in Niagara Falls, Ontario and moved to Peterborough in 1989. Heather is married with two grown sons, who both reside in Peterborough at present. She received her Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Guelph in 1987, with a major in Gerontology. Heather has worked in community healthcare for over 30 years with Red Cross Homecare and Osteoporosis Canada, in both local and regional positions. She has worked closely and collaborated with many stakeholders including volunteers, and healthcare professionals and has experience managing and supervising staff. Heather has a passion for palliative care and recognizes the importance of providing dignified care to everyone across their lifespan. She has benefited from the programs offered by Hospice Peterborough and recently completed the Hospice Volunteer Training. Heather has been on the Governance committee at Hospice Peterborough for the past year and looks forward to joining the Board in June!

Marie Hynes

Marie was born and raised in Peterborough. After leaving town for school and the start of her legal career, she moved back to Peterborough in 2019, with her husband and two daughters. Marie has a criminology degree from the University of Ottawa and a law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School. She practices at LLF Lawyers LLP in the area of estate planning (wills, powers of attorney, trusts, guardianship applications) and estate administration. Marie is looking forward to contributing to Hospice Peterborough as a new Board member, based on her professional experience and her desire to help people. She is happy to be home in Peterborough and looking forward to becoming more involved in the community. Marie currently sits on the Board for a local non-profit summer camp and volunteers with her children's school.

Dr. Becca Webster

Becca was born and raised in Quispamsis, New Brunswick. Her first post-secondary degree was a Bachelor of Science in Psychology (with Honours), which she completed at Acadia University in Nova Scotia. She then moved to St. John's, Newfoundland, where she completed medical school at Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN). She met her husband, Dr. Sachin Waghmare, during medical school and the two moved to Peterborough in 2017 to complete their Family Medicine residency through Queen's University. They had originally intended to move back to the East Coast, but they loved Peterborough so much that they decided to stay! Becca and Sachin now own a home here and they opened a Family Practice at The Medical Centre in September 2019. Becca is particularly passionate about Palliative Care and she has been fortunate enough to become part of the Palliative Care Physician Group in Peterborough. She provides Palliative Care to patients in the community, at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC), and at Hospice Peterborough. Becca is very excited to be joining the Hospice Peterborough Board of Directors this year and she is looking forward to increasing her involvement in our beautiful community.

Board Members returning for a second 3-year term:

Karen Auger,

Karen moved to Peterborough in 2006 and currently resides in Douro-Dummer near Trent University with her husband and two daughters. She obtained her Bachelor of Business Administration, specializing in Accounting from Wilfrid Laurier University and subsequently achieved her Chartered Professional Accountant designation. Karen has worked her entire adult career with BDO Canada LLP, in three different offices, starting as a cooperative student in University and is now a Partner in this National accounting firm. She works with clients in several different sectors including agriculture, not-for-profit, and owner managed businesses. Karen has volunteered her time with several not-for-profit organizations over the years, with a focus on finance and governance. She is also active in the community as a member of the Women's Business Network of Peterborough, the Peterborough Curling Club, and is one of the founding committee members for the International Women's Day Conference in Peterborough. This is her third year on the Hospice Peterborough Board, and she has served on the finance committee every year. She previously held the position of Secretary and is currently the Vice Chair of the Board.

John Corso

John was born in the small town of Chatham, Ontario. He currently resides in the country near Lakefield with his wife and three boys. He has been a nurse for 26 years. He has worked in a variety of different hospitals over the years and recently received his Masters in Nursing from Athabasca University. He has been a manager at Peterborough Regional Health Centre for the last 5 years managing Complex Continuing Care, Palliative Care, Medical Float pool, and OTN. He has been involved with Hospice for the last 5 years, first sitting on the Quality Committee as a community partner and then the last 2 years sitting on the Hospice Board. As a nurse, he feels end of life care should be exceptional care and he strives to make sure it is, both here at Hospice and at PRHC. He recently accepted the chair position of the Quality Committee at Hospice, where he can continue to ensure Hospice Peterborough strives for high quality care. He enjoys camping, running, soccer and spending time with his family. He recently worked with his children to ensure adequate supply of face shields for healthcare staff, making approximately 500 face shields and over 1500 ear savers to help with the shortage of supplies that was and is a constant challenge during the COVID 19 pandemic. His passion for doing his best at all times is something he brings to the table no matter where he works.

Current Board members:**Shelley Barrie**

Shelley was born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario. She moved with her family to Kitchener in 1967 and remained there, graduating from the University of Waterloo and Toronto Teachers College. After her wedding to her husband Tim, the couple spent ten years in Oshawa, where Shelley continued to teach and two of their three sons were born. In 1989, the family moved to Peterborough. As their family grew, Shelley taught part time and was the choir director for ten musicals at Queen Mary School. She retired from her teaching career in 2013. While her family was young, Shelley became involved with Hospice, helping with event planning. Volunteering with Hospice has continued for over 20 years, during which time Shelley chaired event committees, joined the board, was part of the Cabinet for the Every Moment Matters Campaign, and is currently finishing her two year role as Chair of the Board. Shelley has always recognized the value of volunteering time and talents. She has come to appreciate the meaningful work done by the staff of Hospice and is honoured to have been part of the building and opening of the new Hospice Care Centre.

Mary Blair

Mary moved to Peterborough in September 2000 to begin the adventure of being a Tim Hortons Franchisee owner with her husband, Greg. Mary has worked on Handbags for Hospice Committees as well as on the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign. She has volunteered on various fundraising committees throughout Peterborough. Mary is very proud to sit on the Hospice Peterborough Board. She is amazed by the passion and commitment of Hospice Staff, Volunteers, and the hospice Community. She is happy to support the continued success and growth of Hospice Peterborough. Mary and Greg live in Peterborough and are the parents to two daughters, Jessie and Laura.

Kirsten Burgomaster

Kirsten is a member of Lakeridge Health's Senior Management Team and has worked within the healthcare environment and academia for over 15 years. In her current role, Kirsten provides leadership for a network of cancer services and hospitals providing care to the 1.6 million people who live in the Northumberland, Kawartha Lakes, Durham and Scarborough areas. Kirsten is a member of the Central East Regional Palliative Care Network and a Board Member of Hospice Peterborough. She obtained her doctoral degree from McMaster University (specialization in skeletal muscle metabolism) and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Trent University. In addition to her leadership role at the hospital, she is an adjunct Professor at Ontario Tech University (University of Ontario Institute of Technology) where she actively participates in research while providing thesis advisory support. Kirsten and her husband live in Peterborough with their 4 children and enjoy sporting events and family activities.

Bob Campbell

Bob grew up in Montreal and attended Concordia University graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry. After spending several years working in the Pharmaceutical industry in Montreal he moved to Peterborough to work for Ethicon Sutures Ltd, a subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson, in the Quality Control Division. Bob subsequently left Ethicon, returning to school at the Peterborough Teachers College. He taught in the elementary and secondary system for 27 years, having a great many wonderful and different experiences. He was an elementary and secondary consultant and the Chief Negotiator for the Elementary Teachers' Federation. Bob left teaching and returned to school and achieved his Financial Planning certification. Bob worked as a consultant, a Division Director, and a Regional Director here in Peterborough and in St. John's, Newfoundland. He retired in 2015. Bob has and continues to contribute to his community. He has been a volunteer at PRHC for 6 years, volunteer tutor at the New Canadian Centre, as well as being on the board of directors of: Telecare Peterborough, CCRC, Family Council Ontario, Kairos, Community Foundation, and Hospice Peterborough. Bob is the current Treasurer of the Hospice Peterborough Board.

Heather Drysdale

Heather grew up in Peterborough. She has three children. The eldest is now working in London, Ontario. The younger two reside with Heather in Peterborough. She obtained her undergraduate degree at the University of Western Ontario. After spending a year in Paris, France she continued her education to become a Doctor of Chiropractic at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto. She returned to Peterborough and ran her Chiropractic practice here for many years. Heather began her involvement with Hospice Peterborough volunteering on the Gala committee. Now in her second term on the Hospice Peterborough board she is Chair of the Resource Development and Advancement Committee, Chair of the Hike for Hospice committee and continues to be a member of the Gala committee.

Len Lifchus

Len was born in Vancouver, B.C. and originally came to Peterborough in 1999 from Kelowna where he served as Executive Director of the United Way of the Central and South Okanagan/Similkameen. In Peterborough, Len served as CEO of the United Way of Peterborough & District for over 10 years. He moved to Hamilton/Burlington to head up the United Way of Burlington & Greater Hamilton in 2009, retired and returned to Peterborough in 2014. A graduate of the University of British Columbia with a BA in Political Science, he also received his Donor Recruitment designation from Virginia State and Polytechnic University and the Association of Donor Recruitment Professionals, where he served as International President. Prior to working in fundraising and granting, Len worked for the Canadian Red Cross Society's Blood Program for 16 years having served as Assistant Centre Administrator and Director, Blood Donor Recruitment for the Province of British Columbia. An ardent volunteer Len has been associated with Rotary, Showplace Peterborough, the Peterborough Theatre Guild, the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra, the Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards Advisory Committee, Imagine Canada, and Ontario's Community Care Access Centres. Len was also a senior leadership volunteer with the 2015 Pan Am/Para Pan Am Games, as well as the City of Peterborough's Grants Advisory Committee, Committee of Adjustment, and the Canada 150 Celebrations Committee. In recognition for his volunteer contributions to Peterborough and Ontario, Len was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and was inducted into the Peterborough Pathway of Fame in 2018. Len has served on the Hospice Board for the past 2 years, chairs our Community Relations Committee, is a member of our Executive Committee, and welcomes visitors as a volunteer receptionist on Saturday mornings.

Bill Lockington

Bill was born and raised in Peterborough. Married to Gail, Bill has three adult children and two grandchildren, is a 'serious' amateur photographer, enthusiastic woodworker, enjoys cottage life, and travels extensively when he finds time from his 'day job' as a partner of LLF Lawyers LLP. In addition to being a director of Hospice Peterborough, he was a cabinet member of the Every Moment Matters Campaign, and provides counsel to staff and clients. Bill is the founding chair of the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough and past chair of the board of Community Foundations of Canada. He has also been the Chair of Boards of St. Joseph's Hospital, the Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation, and other charitable and not-for-profit organizations. Bill is also the co-founder of the SPARK Photography Festival.

Christina Murphy

Christina was born and raised in Guelph, Ontario and currently resides in Peterborough with her husband and two young daughters. Christina obtained her undergraduate degree in Health Studies at the University of Waterloo followed by a Masters in Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. Christina has over a decade of experience in leading initiatives related to health system measurement and quality improvement at the University of Toronto and at the Ministry of Health. In 2008, she joined Peterborough Regional Health Centre and is now the hospital's Director of Patient Relations, Risk, Infection Control and Medical Affairs. Christina joined Hospice Peterborough's Board last year with a passion for helping to improve the end of life experience in our community. Christina has a strong belief that the holistic and person-centered approach of hospice palliative care and its focus on quality of life, is the way forward.

Otis Smith

Otis relocated to Peterborough from Halifax, Nova Scotia as a wealth advisor with Scotia Wealth Management. Having witnessed the care and compassion provided by hospice to members of his family, he became passionate about the value that these organizations add to communities. In addition to his role on the Hospice Peterborough Board, Otis also sits on the Board of the Peterborough Symphony Orchestra and can often be spotted running, biking, and hiking in and around Peterborough.

Board Youth Intern:

Jacob Van Haften

Jacob is the first youth intern on the Hospice Board of Directors. He is thrilled by the amazing opportunity that he has been given, and he hopes to make a difference in the community. Jacob was born and raised in Peterborough, attending Westmount and Adam Scott public schools. He now attends Trent University where he is entering his third year of study in their Bachelor of Arts and Science program. He is minoring in psychology and Indigenous Studies. He is also a part of Trent's Medical Professional Stream. Jacob hopes to finish his studies at Trent and apply to medical school with the ultimate goal of becoming a child psychiatrist. Although he is young and less experienced than most Board members, Jacob puts his heart into every meeting and is eager to learn more about palliative care and the amazing work that Hospice does.