

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES

Board of Directors

2023-2024

DIRECTOR	BIO
David O'Brien – Board Chair & Chair of Nominating Committee	Resident of Highlands East and prior to his retirement held positions as Global Head, Cities Centre of Excellence at KPMG LLP, President and Chief Executive Officer of Toronto Hydro Corporation, Deputy Minister for the Ontario Ministry of Energy, as well as City Manager for the Corporation of the City of Mississauga, City of Ottawa, City of Gloucester, City of Sudbury and Chief Administrative Officer for the Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carlton. David's board participation is extensive and includes the Boards of the Credit Valley Hospital, Trillium Health Centre, and OMERS. David is also a Board Member for the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Abbey Gardens, and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. David is also Chair of the Board of the Haliburton County Public Library.
Irene Odell, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Finance Chair	Resident of Dysart et al. She brings 30 years of IT program and account management, change management and process consulting experience. Prior to retirement she held senior positions at several major insurance companies leading international teams responsible for program delivery to support business strategies. Irene is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario with majors in math and economics.
Jane Adams –Quality Chair	Resident of Minden Hills since her retirement after over 35 years in healthcare and management. Her background includes work as a Manager in Clinical Social Work, Mental Health, Discharge Planning and Palliative Care at hospitals in Ottawa and Toronto. She initiated and was the Project Manager of the Falls Prevention Program for the Regional Geriatric Program of Ottawa and the Champlain LHIN. International work included directorship of a business development program funded by CIDA with offices in Johannesburg, Ottawa and Toronto. In addition, she was the Canada Fund Director for Sub-Saharan Africa. Jane has board experience with Kipling Acres Home for the Aged, the Ontario Geriatric Association, Metro Toronto Directors of Social Work, OAPSW Committee on Health and Aging and Vice-Chairman for Youth Clinical Services in Toronto. She has a BSW from Western University, a MSW from University of Toronto and a MPhil in Ethics from the University of Pretoria.
Mark Bell	As a resident of Minden, Mr. Bell is an active member of several not-for-profit Boards including Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce (HHCC), Haliburton County Development Corporation, and Fleming College (Finance and Audit Committee). Recently retired with over 30 years of experience working in the information technology industry, and 10 years as Partner in a consulting services practice, Mr. Bell was responsible for the governance and performance of large, multi-million dollar transformational programs for public and private sector clients. Mr. Bell graduated with an Honours Computer Science degree from the University of Waterloo, and completed Leadership Development Programs through Harvard School of Business, and IBM Corporation.
Kurtis Bishop	Having retired from a career in Information Technology, including almost 20 years in healthcare, Kurtis and his wife relocated from Toronto to Haliburton, and have enjoyed becoming a part of the community. Kurtis has a varied background as an IT executive. As the Managing Director of PricewaterhouseCoopers' Canadian Digital Health practice, he led the development of the Consumer Health Strategy for the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The strategy included a number of recommendations to guide consumer health developments in Ontario. Kurtis was the Executive Lead for the implementation of the Ontario Lab Information System at eHealth Ontario. For Canada Health Infoway, Kurtis promoted and oversaw the implementation of Diagnostic Imaging systems in Ontario and across Canada. Kurtis has a great deal of experience in IT planning and strategy, project management and consulting. He has a Master of Business Administration degree and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto.

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John Herald	Mr. Herald is keenly interested in volunteer work that provides opportunity to make meaningful and positive impacts in the community. As a resident of Haliburton County (Haliburton), Mr. Herald volunteers as a community services driver, providing residents transportation to and from appointments and errands in town. Mr. Herald studied at the University of Western in the Administrative Studies Program, and he completed the Not for Profit Governance Program from McMaster University, and has a college diploma from the Liaison College of Culinary Arts with an Honours in traditional French cuisine. Mr. Herald has executive leadership focused on technology solutions and supply chain management. Mr. Herald says that he is energetic, resilient, thoughtful, and committed to using his knowledge and experiences to support his community.
Sharon Kaasalainen	Resident of Burlington and Minden Hills cottager. A registered nurse and University professor/researcher. She has a particular interest/experience in improving the quality of living and dying for older residents and their family members. Has worked as a consultant on healthcare projects in Toronto and across the GTA.
Diana McNiven	Resident of Haliburton and an experienced Human Resources leader, who has built her career at leading edge global companies such as GE Canada Ltd. and IBM Canada Ltd. Past roles have spanned Human Resources, both specialist and generalist, and Finance within a variety of environments, and Diana has had extensive experience with organizational change, including restructuring, outsourcing, acquisitions, and divestitures. Diana earned a Master of Business Administration at the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Nursing Science at Queen's University. She served as Member, Chair, and Past-Chair of the Board of Directors of Yellow Brick House which provides shelter and outreach programs for abused women and children in York Region.
Ted Parent	Resident of Haliburton and prior to his retirement was a chartered accountant and held several senior positions with Magna International and other corporations. Has served on several boards, including the Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, where he was the Board Chair for four years. Has also served on private corporate boards and on the board of St. Andrew's College in Aurora.
Donald Pierson	Full-time resident of Haliburton since 2012. Formerly active staff at Oshawa General Hospital/Lakeridge as a Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon and courtesy staff Surgical Assistant. He served as Vice-President/President of Medical Staff Chairman Department of Surgery, Medical Purchasing, Section of Plastic Surgery, Section of Surgical Assistants.
Charlotte Snider	Resident of Highlands East, she worked as a Critical Care nurse and expanded her career to pharmaceutical industry and Director of Medical Marketing at Johnson & Johnson. She holds a Bachelor of Nursing Science and an MBA (Marketing and Finance), as well as training in Six Sigma (Black Belt). She taught at Conestoga College and worked as a Medical Adjudicator in the Ontario Disability Support Program of the Province. She has had previous Not for Profit Board training and Board experience at YWCA (Cambridge), LIFE Institute (Ryerson University) and various churches. She has previous experience in international surgical mission work in Ecuador and the Dominican Republic. She is a volunteer at HHHS, as well as other organizations.