



## 2022/23 Election of Governors

### **Background:**

The Nominating Committee is a sub-committee of the Board's Quality/Governance & Planning Committee. Its mandate includes recommending nominees for the Board of Governors who have the necessary skills, competencies, experience and independence to collectively perform the responsibilities of the Board. A Board Skills Profile is used annually by the Nominating Committee to assess and match the needs of the Board with the skills and backgrounds of all candidates.

Eligibility criteria for Board appointment includes that:

- members must be at least 18 years old
- members must have their principle residence in or be employed by or operate a business/organization located within the City of Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County or Brock Township.
- members cannot be a current or previous (within the preceding 3 years) employee or member of the Professional Staff of the Hospital.
- members cannot have or be the spouse, child, parent, brother or sister of a current or previous (within the preceding 3 years) employee or member of the Professional Staff of the Hospital.

The Ross Memorial Hospital Board of Governors has approved the following slate for recommendation to the Members at the 2022 Annual Meeting. A brief biography of each candidate is included for reference.

<b>Name</b>	<b>New or Reappointment</b>
Brian Kelsey	New – two (2) year term
Amy Terrill	New – three (3) year term
Larry Hope	Reappointment – three (3) year term
Meri Saunders	Reappointment – three (3) year term
Karissa Ward	Reappointment – three (3) year term

## **BRIAN KELSEY**

Brian Kelsey is a retired accountant. Brian trained as a CPA, CA with what is now Ernst and Young and has held senior finance positions, including Chief Financial Officer. His career has included international mergers and acquisitions as well as being Chief Financial Officer of a Toronto Stock Exchange listed company.

Born and raised in the Kawarthas, Brian's family ties in the area predate Confederation. Having worked and lived in the GTA for a number of years, Brian and his wife Carol returned to Lindsay to raise their three children. Brian has been active on the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, the Academy Theatre Foundation Board and held various positions within the United Church of Canada.

Brian plays music, and enjoys stained glass making, alpine skiing, gardening and canoeing.

Brian is looking forward to making a meaningful contribution to the RMH Board of Governors.

## **AMY TERRILL**

Amy Terrill is the Executive Director of BGC Kawarthas where her team supports and inspires over 8000 children, youth and families each year.

Amy has been in this position since February 2019, building on a career focused on non-profit management, advocacy and government relations, and communications. Her career has taken her from CHEX Television in Peterborough to the Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce, Ontario Chamber of Commerce and Music Canada.

Amy has lived in City of Kawartha Lakes since she was a child and has volunteered with many organizations over the years. She currently serves on the Board of the Kawartha Lakes Arts Council and has been a Community Representative on RMH's Quality and Governance Committee since 2019. Past volunteer experience includes Kawartha Lakes Community Futures Development Corporation and Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

Amy enjoys the beautiful natural settings in the Kawarthas and spends time kayaking and canoeing, x-country skiing and walking.

Amy looks forward to participating on the Ross Memorial Hospital Board of Governors.

## **LARRY HOPE**

Larry Hope's career in public education spanned 30 years in two school boards in Ontario. During that time, he had the opportunity to develop leadership skills in a number of roles, including 15 years in senior administration, with the last 12 being Director of Education. His extensive involvement with government as well as his work with Trustees and the public has given him a deep understanding of public policy, the value of effective governance and the importance of relationship building to achieve shared success. Larry's close attention to detail and the process of change management has allowed him to successfully lead the development of multiple Strategic Plans and the implementation of numerous innovative and inclusive initiatives.

Larry has supported or led a number of large-scale initiatives provincially. His notable achievements include being a long time Education Partner with the Education Research Development and Innovation (ERDI) Corporation, a founding board member and Secretary of the Board with Conseil des associations en education pour les avantages sociaux/Education Council of Associations for Benefits (CAEAS/ECAB) having responsibility for the establishment of a provincial benefits trust for 7500 non-unionized school board employees, and a member of the Labour Relations Council (LRC) on behalf of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA). Larry has served on the executive of the Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE) and at retirement, was the Chair of Public CODE. He has been a key member of a number of high profile committees, including Ontario's Special Education Funding Working Group for over 10 years, the Minister's First Nation, Metis and Inuit Education Advisory Council and the Minister's Reference Group on Pupil Accommodation Reviews.

As part of his current practice, Larry works closely with a variety of corporate partners to support government and school board relationships, provide strategic advisory advice and change management strategies while creating growth opportunities. Larry continues to serve as a board member with Ross Memorial Hospital and with the Ontario Water Centre/Clearwater Farm.

## **MERI SAUNDERS**

Meri Saunders recently retired from a 40-year career spent in government and non-profit financial management and community development, largely focused on urban, Indigenous community organizations.

As a resident of Omemee, Meri is now enjoying her retirement by volunteering, gardening, exploring the Trans Canada Trail, and participating in the many events and activities available in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

### **Current volunteer experience and memberships include:**

Member of the Ross Memorial Hospital Board of Governors, Resources Committee, and Nominating Committee

Treasurer, Nijkiwendidaa Anishnaabekwewag Services Circle

Community member, Ontario Native Women's Association, Audit Committee

Member, Omemee Swans, community service organisation

Board and Management Mentor, Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre, Coalition of Hamilton Indigenous Leadership, Ontario Native Women's Association

### **Previous volunteer experience and memberships include:**

Volunteer, Ontario Turtle Committee Member, Ontario Joint Funding Reform Forum

Treasurer, Association for Native Development in the Performing and Visual Arts

Events Committee, Native Canadian Centre of Toronto

*Meri believes that each of us has a responsibility to contribute to our own communities. By participating on the Board of Governors for Ross Memorial Hospital she intends to support the continued delivery of outstanding health care services for her community through sharing the skills and knowledge she has gathered during the course of her career.*

## **KARISSA WARD**

Karissa Ward and her husband Jason Ward are the founding owners of WARDS LAWYERS<sup>PC</sup>, a full-service, eight-lawyer firm established in 2004 in the City of Kawartha Lakes, Ontario. Both Jason and Karissa worked at large downtown Toronto law firms as associates before the arrival of their first child and their decision to move to the Kawarthas to start their own Firm. As the Firm grew, their family grew – settling at three children and a dog.

Karissa's practice focuses principally on business law, supporting both profit and non-profit businesses in a variety of sectors (e.g. retail, manufacturing, farming, professional services, property management, construction, franchise, consulting, technology, trades, and emerging markets) through all stages of business development. Her services to clients include transition planning, commercial financing, purchase and sales, contracts, dispute resolution, and succession and estate planning for the business owner. She also supports the Firm's litigation practice in corporate commercial and estate litigation matters.

Karissa was awarded the Business Leader of the Year Award by the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce. And has also been honoured with the Extraordinary Business Woman of the Year in the City of Kawartha Lakes by Women's Resources.

Wards Lawyers PC strives to consistently step "outside the box" in terms of the way in which the Firm's legal services are delivered to clients, constantly seeking out and embracing new technologies to enhance the Firm's delivery model and enhance the client experience. The Firm is also very committed to sustaining a Firm culture that has a strong community presence and is dedicated to the support of the promotion of awareness and support and services in the community for youth mental health, including providing significant financial support over the years to the Boys and Girls Club of City of Kawartha Lake's programs Flex Your Head and Youth Outreach Program and delivering for a number of years the much loved Kid's Road Hockey Tournament in downtown Lindsay.

When not practising law, Karissa enjoys taking advantage of the outdoors in the City of Kawartha Lakes and spending time with family and friends.