



# Alberta Community Board

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CN is proud to create a volunteer-driven community board to guide our CN Stronger Communities Fund's decisions and strengthen community partnerships in Alberta.

Through the **Alberta Community Board**, CN is putting funding decisions into the hands of local community and business leaders who know their province best.

Bringing community leaders together enhances local decision-making, strengthens community relations and increases the impact of local community investments.

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## Doug Goss

### Alberta Community Board Chair



**Doug Goss** is a respected member of the legal community and has established a leading practice specializing in corporate finance, securities, and counsel to public boards and venture capital. Throughout his career, Doug has been involved in numerous private and public corporations in a range of

sectors, including communications, pharmaceuticals, tourism, construction, and cancer research. Doug currently serves on the Board of Directors of both the Hockey Canada Foundation and the Edmonton Police Foundation, and is a Board Chair Emeritus of the University of Alberta. Doug also serves on the Board of Directors of the Sarah McLachlan Foundation, supporting the Sarah McLachlan School of Music. Doug also served on the Board of Governors of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, and as Chair from 2008 to 2010. Doug is a firm believer in giving back to his community and has given his time and expertise to support many charitable initiatives in Edmonton, including the TELUS Edmonton Community Board, the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation, and the Molson Canadian Heritage Hockey Classic.

## Sanjay Bahl



**Sanjay Bahl** is CN's General Manager for Alberta. He joined CN in 1999 as an Engineering Labourer in Winnipeg. He progressed quickly to Transportation Reporting Specialist, to Hostler in the Diesel Shop, to Conductor, to Transportation Manager, to Assistant Superintendent and to Superintendent of the Winnipeg Terminal in 2019.

Having previously volunteered for the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, Sanjay is looking forward to being an active member of the CN Alberta Community Board, contributing his ideas and helping to make the community stronger and safer.

## Kelly Blackett



**Kelly Blackett** is the Chief People and Culture Officer of Canadian Western Bank, where she leads development and execution of CWB's culture, people and communication strategies and practices. Her passion is developing leaders, and building engaging, inclusive, diverse, rewarding and high-performance

work cultures. Since joining in 2013, she has worked closely with a talented team of HR and Communications professionals and business leaders to transform the bank's employee experience across Canada, with CWB consistently recognized as a one of the Best Workplaces and Most Admired Corporate Cultures in Canada. Prior to joining CWB, Kelly spent 17 years with GE, holding HR leadership roles in Canadian and global business functions across both GE Capital and GE Corporate.

A graduate of the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Commerce with Distinction, Kelly is Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation. She was recognized in 2020 as one of the Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada by WXN and one of the Top 50 Executives in Canada by the Globe and Mail's Report on Business.

Born and raised in Alberta, Kelly lives in Edmonton with her husband and daughter.

## Sarah Chan



**Sarah Chan** is a musician, writer, teacher, small business owner, social advocate, and registered yoga instructor. She serves 37 students a week from her studio and is the Lead of Community Engagement and Relationships at Alberta Mentoring Partnership. She is also the Founder and Ambassador of Make Your Mark,

United Way's student leadership program. Sarah co-chaired United Way's campaign cabinet for three years from 2016–2018. As a social advocate with a deep understanding of Edmonton's charitable sector, she currently sits as a director on the Telus Community Giving Board in Edmonton. With a particular interest in the well-being of children and youth, Sarah has been a long-standing volunteer mentor with BGCBigs, Honorary Patron for YESS and a member of the Mentor team at Peter Lougheed Leadership College. Over the past decade, she has successfully collaborated to fundraise millions for the community's most vulnerable populations. In 2015, Sarah was named Top 40 Under 40 by Edify Magazine. She is also the recipient of a philanthropy award in Community Enrichment from the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2020. In 2021, Sarah contributed to and co-published the anthology *Midlife* with Jhenifer Pabillano. As a creator, connector, and community builder, Sarah values quality and authenticity in every aspect of her work and relationships.

## Hayley Cooper



**Hayley Cooper** is the Operations Manager for Tourism Jasper, the official marketing organization for Jasper, Alberta, and Jasper National Park. Part of the team for more than six years, Hayley oversees day-to-day administrative and financial management as well as shareholder relations and communications.

As the Community Engagement Committee Chair, Hayley connects Tourism Jasper with community voices to initiate conversations around community issues and explore opportunities. Hayley is also Chair of Tourism Jasper's Social Committee where she plans recognition programming, events and opportunities for staff and shareholders. Hayley has been a Jasper local for over 13 years and has made many connections within the community through multiple local associations, committees and volunteer organizations. Hayley's post-secondary education includes Indigenous Studies at the University of Alberta, Public Relations at Humber College, and Hospitality Management at Fanshaw College.

## Sam Jenkins



**Sam Jenkins** is the CEO of Punchcard Systems, an innovation and software development agency focused on transforming people, workplaces, and communities through technology. He has always believed that enriching people's whole selves serves as a cornerstone to creating a better community. That is why his

entrepreneurial journey started as Co-Founder and CEO of Wellnext, a software startup focused on building technology for workplace wellness, and later as one of the founding team members of Startup Edmonton. He has provided leadership and expertise to several organizations, including the boards of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and the Lieutenant Governor's Arts Awards Foundation, and the Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival. Currently, Sam serves as Vice-Chair of the Winspear Centre for Music and is leading the facility's 40,000-square-foot expansion, including new performance venues, classrooms, and creative spaces. Sam's commitment to his community led him to be named one of Edmonton's Top 40 Under 40 by Edify Magazine (2012). In 2013, the University of Alberta recognized him with the Horizon Award as an outstanding young alumnus.

## Rahim Karmali



**Rahim Karmali** is Chief Engineer, Advanced Technology and Supply Chain at CN. Rahim joined CN in 2008 as Manager, Alberta Operations in the Signals and Communications (S&C) department. He was quickly promoted to Senior Manager, S&C for Western Region and then served the same function

in Eastern Region. After a brief sojourn working as Director of Operations for the City of Edmonton, Rahim returned to CN in 2018 where he has since held progressively senior roles.

In 2022, Rahim shared a safety award from the Railway Association of Canada for his role in developing the Electronic Track Authority Verification tool, which provides precise location information to Engineering hi-rail operators and warns them prior to exceeding their track authority limits.

Rahim holds a Master of Science degree in Transportation and Supply Chain Management from the University of Denver as well as a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electrical, Electronics and Communications from the University of Alberta.

## Myrna Khan



**Myrna Khan** is Executive Director of the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation. She is responsible for oversight of the Foundation, including governance, strategic planning, community investments, and revenue development. Prior to joining EOFCF, Myrna was MacEwan University's first

Vice-President, University Relations. In this role, she built an integrated portfolio overseeing government and community relations, alumni relations, fundraising, marketing, and communications.

Myrna started her career at CN in 1994 as a Financial Planning Officer and then National Account Manager with CN Intermodal. After leaving CN, she spent 25 years in various roles including Vice-President Resource Development for the United Way and Head of External Relations for the City of Edmonton. An early leader in CSR and ESG, she spent more than a decade providing guidance on community investment to some of Canada's largest multi-national companies. Myrna is a board member with the Edmonton Downtown Business Association and holds an MBA from McGill University and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with Distinction from the University of Alberta.



## Ashif Mawji



**Ashif Mawji** is a serial entrepreneur, philanthropist, venture capitalist, mentor and community builder. He chairs the Edmonton Police Foundation and TELUS Friendly Future Foundation and serves on numerous private and non-profit boards, including the Invest Alberta Corporation, Sarah McLachlan School

of Music, Hockey Canada Foundation, Premier's Council on Civil Society and others.

Ashif is the managing director of the ScaleGood Fund LP (a social impact VC fund) and a venture partner with Rising Tide (a VC firm in Silicon Valley). Having built and exited several tech companies, Ashif advises and mentors entrepreneurs globally.

He received the EY Prairies Entrepreneur of the Year award, named one of Canada's Top 40 under 40 and received Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies award three years in a row. Ashif was inducted into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame in 2019. Ashif is an active member of the Young Presidents Organization, having served on the executive including as Chair of the Alberta branch, and won the coveted Laing Award.

Ashif received the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology's Alumni of Distinction Award and was named one of the Top 50 Graduates in 50 years and received an Honorary Degree in Bachelor of Business Administration. He was also named a Distinguished Friend of the Institute.

Ashif has served as an Honorary Colonel in the Canadian Army and received the Queen's Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilee medals and the Alberta Centennial Medal.

He was named a Henry Crown Fellow (part of the globally renowned Aspen Institute), one of only a handful of Canadians to ever be included.

## Julianne Threlfall Alberta Community Board Secretary



**Julianne Threlfall** (Secretary) is CN's Public and Government Affairs Manager for Alberta and Northwest Territories. As a third-generation railroader, she started her career "boots on the ground" working as a contractor for CN in Alberta. With over a decade of service with CN,

she has held various positions

including Assistant Track Supervisor, Manager of Public Works for Western Canada, and Senior Manager of Public Works for the U.S. and Canada.

Julianne is a graduate of Trinity Western University with a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership. She volunteers for several local community organizations, including as the Vice-Chair of the Women's Advocacy Voice of Edmonton (WAVE).

## Dillon Rosenau



**Dillon Rosenau** joined the family business of Rosenau Transport in 2006 working on the dock. Since then, he has worked in dispatching, driving, managing terminals, and as Director of Operations. In his current role as Vice-President, Sales & Marketing, he oversees the continued growth of Rosenau Transport across its

28 terminals. In 2021, he was on the executive team that led the sale of the company to Britain's Royal Mail. Active in the community, Dillon believes in providing financial assistance and logistical expertise to charitable organizations. For instance, he is proud of the initiative with Sport Central in Edmonton and the Calgary Flames Sports Bank to deliver sporting equipment to communities in Alberta free of charge. And, with 18 Wheels of Christmas, he is directly responsible for the donation of over one million pounds of non-perishable items to food banks across Western Canada.

## Angus Watt



**Angus Watt** is a Senior Wealth Advisor at National Bank Financial Wealth Management, and mentor of the Angus Watt Advisory Group. He and his group manage \$1.5 billion in assets and are wealth management specialists. Angus has received many prestigious titles during his career, such as Honorary Consul of the

Kingdom of the Netherlands, Honorary Colonel (Ret'd) of the South Alberta Light Horse Regiment and was recently named by the Globe and Mail's Report on Business/Shook Research as one of Canada's Top Wealth Advisors. He has served on several boards, including the Alberta Order of Excellence and the University of Alberta Senate. Angus is a strong supporter of mental health and was the Founding Chair of The Support Network and board member of The Lieutenant Governor's Circle of Mental Health. He was Founder and Chair of the Edmonton Police Foundation and served as a member of the City of Edmonton Food and Agriculture Committee. Angus is a past recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow, awarded by the Rotary Club of Canada and received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

