

# **British Columbia** Community Board

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

Through the **British Columbia 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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## Christy Clark British Columbia Community Board Chair



**Christy Clark** served as Premier of British Columbia from 2011 to 2017. Throughout her tenure, Christy demonstrated the strongest performance of any Canadian premier for economic growth, fiscal management and job creation. She is the only woman in Canadian history to have been elected first minister twice.

Today, Christy is a Senior Advisor at Bennett Jones LLP. She chairs the Board of Directors for Roots of Empathy and co-chairs the Advisory Board for the Max Bell School of Public Policy at McGill University. She is a Founding Visionary for the Prosperity Project and an Advisory Council Member for the Canada-India Business Council. She is also an Associate Member of the InterAction Council. In addition to her work as a volunteer, Christy serves on several corporate boards. In November 2018, Christy was recognized as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network (WXN). She has also been inducted into the WXN Hall of Fame.

## Celso Boscariol, QC



**Celso Boscariol**, KC, was born and raised in Grand Forks, BC. He is a Partner in the Business Law Group at Watson Goepel LLP law firm based in Vancouver. He advises foreign companies on investing in Canada, business immigration issues, and commercial lending matters. Fluent in English and Italian, Celso

is a frequent speaker in both Canada and Europe on the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA), Italian-Canadian business relations, and other international business issues. Celso is President of the Italian Chamber of Commerce and the European Union Chamber of Commerce, both in Western Canada. Celso also serves as Vice-Chair of Lawyers Associated Worldwide, a global association of over 100 independent law firms. Celso's community service includes serving as President of Vancouver's Italian Cultural Centre Society and Chair of posAbilities Association of BC, a not-for-profit agency providing housing and employment opportunities to persons with developmental disabilities. Celso also serves as Chair of St. Mark's College at UBC.

#### Warren Lee



**Warren Lee** was appointed Director of Sales in CN's Industrial Products division in May 2016. Warren joined CN in 2010 and has held positions of increasing responsibility within the Sales and Marketing department in Edmonton, AB, and Vancouver, BC. Prior to his current role, Warren was Director of Regional Sales

Western Canada. Before joining CN, Warren held several positions with Fortune 500 companies in the oil and gas, and consumer goods sectors. Warren holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Westminster, London, UK.

#### **Mike McDonald**



**Mike McDonald** is partner and Chief Strategy Officer at Kirk & Co., a leading communications and public engagement firm that works on projects in communities across Canada. Mike has served in the office of two British Columbia premiers, including in the role of Chief of Staff to the Premier. He has

a background in public opinion research, is a regular media contributor on TV, podcasts, and in print, and a guest lecturer at the University of British Columbia's Summer Institute for Future Legislators. A lifelong British Columbian, he is known for his "encyclopedic knowledge" of the province. Mike is a graduate of the University of British Columbia and resides in Vancouver with his family.

#### **Jason McLean**



Jason McLean is CEO of the McLean Group, a company active in real estate, film and TV production, aviation and investments. Prior to joining McLean Group, Jason worked in the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada. Jason graduated from University of British Columbia Law School and was called to the Bar

after articling with Stikeman Elliot. He is a certified member of the Institute of Corporate Directors, and a graduate of Harvard Business School's Owner/President Management program.

Jason serves as a Director of CIFAR, a Canadian-based global research organization, and is a Governor (past Chair) of the Vancouver Board of Trade. Previously, he served as Director and Chair of the Board of the Vancouver Foundation, Canada's largest community foundation, and served on the UBC Board of Governors and Vancouver Police Board. Jason, along with his brother Sacha, was recognized by Ernst & Young for an Entrepreneur of the Year Award and is a past recipient of the Business in Vancouver Top 40 Under 40. In 2022, Jason joined the board of Fuller Group, which includes the Earls, Joey, and Cactus restaurant brands.

#### **Blake Olson**



**Blake Olson**, CN retiree, joined CN in 1973 in the Transportation department in Regina. After several years managing train operations, he joined the Human Resources department in Winnipeg. Over the next 28 years he held progressively more senior positions across Canada, covering all aspects of

human resources while CN evolved from a public to private company. Following his retirement in 2010, Blake moved to BC, where he became active with the local and national CN Pensioners' Association. He is a National Director and member of the CN Pension Committee. He also manages the pensioner's Health Care Plan, which provides benefits to over 23,000 pensioners and their spouses. Blake is a graduate of the University of Manitoba and held the Certified Human Resource Professional designation in Ontario, Alberta and BC. He was a Director of the HR Institute of Alberta and on the HR Association of Ontario Advisory Board. He also taught in the HR program at Durham College in Ontario from 1988 to 1997.

### Lisa Mueller



Lisa Mueller is from the Tsilhqot'in Nation and is the founder and creator of Nation2Nation Events in northwestern BC. She is an entrepreneur and community builder and specializes in First Nation community engagement, connections and economic development. Lisa is a confident business professional with

15+ years of experience in event and project management, leadership, public relations, Indigenous relations and organizational development. She is skilled in the design and facilitation of multi-stakeholder projects in both the economic and social development sectors. Lisa adapts well to high-pressure environments and is known for her ability to bring together diverse perspectives on complex issues.

Lisa is also a committed volunteer serving her communities. She was a Rotary member for 10 years, sat on the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy Committee, and a past chair of North Coast Women in Business. She is currently the secretary/treasury of Houston Hospice Society and is on the advisory council for Resource Works.

#### Tyker Banick British Columbia Community Board Secretary



**Tyler Banick** joined CN in Edmonton, AB, in 2011 as a Conductor in the Transportation department. In 2014, he was promoted to an Onboarding and Engagement role, reporting to the Vice-President, Western Region. In this position, Tyler engaged with new CN employees to ensure a smooth onboarding experience

and assisted with recruitment efforts. In April 2020, Tyler was promoted to Manager, Public and Government Affairs, where he has worked closely with the Indigenous Relations department. Tyler is past co-chair of CN's Indigenous Employee Resource Group. Prior to joining CN, Tyler spent 12 years at Canada Post, holding progressively more responsibility within the Operations team.

