



Saskatchewan 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 Saskatchewan.

Through the **Saskatchewan 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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Chris Lane Saskatchewan Community Board Chair



Chris Lane is the President and CEO of Economic Development Regina (EDR), the agency tasked with driving investment, sector growth and a cooperative approach to marketing Regina around the world. Prior to leading EDR, Chris was CEO at Canadian Western Agribition, one of North America's premier agricultural

events and international marketplaces.

Chris graduated from the University of Regina in 2002 with a degree in Journalism and spent 15 years working in local and national news across Canada.

Today, Chris is an active leader and volunteer in Regina, serving on the Board of Directors of CAA Saskatchewan. He has also helped raise funds for important community organizations such as Hope's Home and STARS. Chris was born and raised in Grande Prairie, AB, and is proud to call Regina home.

Raymond Kazadi



Raymond Kazadi joined CN in January 1998 and has worked in various departments from Engineering Work Equipment to Transportation and Account Development to Inside Sales. Raymond took over the Regional Sales portfolio in the Prairies as Account Manager in 2013 and

focused on supply chain sales activities for all commodities in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario and the Northern U.S. prairie states (ND, MN, WI). Raymond recently joined CN Domestic Intermodal as a National Account Manager, overseeing the transactional activities of strategic intermodal partners operating both inland and at our various ports. Before joining CN, he worked for a technology company in the digital communication sector.

Raymond is a sitting member of the Quality and Vigilance sub-committee of the Saint Boniface General Hospital Board in Winnipeg, which reviews and advises the Board on strategies and guidelines that would benefit the overall well-being of patients, staff and administrators.

He is also past president of the Amicale de la Francophonie Multiculturelle du Manitoba, an association advocating for the advancement of francophone issues at all levels of government. Raymond is a graduate of Red River College and is based in Winnipeg, MB.

Chris Guérette, ICD.D



With over 20 years of leadership experience, **Chris Guérette** is CEO of the Saskatchewan Realtors Association and former CEO of the Saskatoon and Region Home Builders' Association. In the latter role, her team won back-to-back national leadership awards. Chris is also a Director on the Board of Saskatchewan Government Insurance.

Previously, she was COO at the Association of Saskatchewan REALTORS®, where she was also appointed to governance, ethics and marketing committees with both the Canadian Real Estate Association and the Ontario Real Estate Association.

Chris was the first executive director of the Stan Cassidy Foundation, Eastern Canada's only neurological rehabilitation centre. She was also a board member of the Crown corporation managing the largest government building in New Brunswick. Chris was a business coach for entrepreneurs and has worked in numerous capacities supporting education and official languages in Canada, including as a provincial francophone school board trustee. She is a founding board member of the Saskatchewan branch of Equal Voice, a multi-partisan organization dedicated to the involvement of more women in politics and at the board table, and a past board member of the Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association and the Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre.

Chris has a B.A. from St. Thomas University in N.B. and her ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors and the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management.

Douglas C. Hodson, K.C.



Doug Hodson is a partner with MLT Aikins LLP, a law firm of more than 250 lawyers with offices in Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. He has been with MLT Aikins since 1984 and a partner since 1992. He focuses on commercial litigation and has significant experience in

class actions, transportation law and construction litigation before all levels of court in Canada. Doug is a distinguished community leader in Saskatoon. His significant contributions to his profession and community have been recognized on numerous occasions. Doug is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (2007), a board member of Remai Modern Foundation since 2017, a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America's Trial Lawyer Honorary Society (2018) and a board member of the Saskatchewan Roughriders Football Club since 2018. Doug is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan receiving his Bachelor of Commerce (Honours), General Business in 1981 and his Bachelor of Laws (with distinction) in 1984.

Natalie McDonald



Natalie McDonald is CN's Superintendent of Operations based out of Saskatoon. Natalie joined the CN team in 2006 at the Brampton Intermodal Terminal in Ontario and since has held various roles across Canada, including Marketing and Sales, Intermodal Operations, Transload Operations,

Motive Power, Network Operations and Transportation. Her diverse background of experience within CN led her to her current role, where she exercises oversight of all train operations across the territory. Natalie enjoys spending time in the communities along the CN network in her territory and getting to know her staff and local stakeholders. She is active in promoting opportunities for CN staff and pensioners to get involved in local events.

Blaine Phillips



Blaine Phillips was employed at CN for 37 years and retired in 2011. He spent most of his career in Sales and Marketing and worked in Operations at Saskatoon's Chappell Yard for the last two years of his career. Blaine was awarded a CN President's Award for Top Divisional Salesperson of 2005. Blaine is currently owner of

Blaine Phillips Health & Fitness and trains a variety of clients, from competitive athletes to those looking for lifestyle improvements. He is a Certified Personal Training Specialist and Nutrition Coach and holds an MBA from Athabasca University. Blaine received the Saskatchewan Amateur Bodybuilding Association's Sportsmanship Award in 2017 and Top Trainer Award from the International Drug Free Athletics in 2018. In addition, Blaine is a Board member of Leadership Saskatoon, a non-profit leadership development program. He has also volunteered as the Co-Chair and Treasurer of the St. Joseph High School Parent Guardian Group, Head Coach of the Saskatoon Blue Jay Baseball Club, and Strength and Conditioning Coach for Saskatoon's Aurora Soccer Club.

Barb Ryan



Barb Ryan is a long-time community volunteer and strong advocate for refugees. Through the Regina Open Door Society, Barb has helped welcome families from Syria and several countries in Africa to Regina. Working through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Barb helps bring refugees to Canada

via sponsorship or government programs.

Barb and her family also started the Bob Ryan Foundation in honour of her late husband. This foundation provides several scholarships each year to University of Regina Rams football players.

For her tireless efforts in the community, Barb is a recipient of the 2012 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, the 2016 Red Cross Humanitarian Award, the Senate 150th Anniversary medal, 2019 Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal, and the Queen's 2022 Jubilee Medal. Barb is also the recipient of an honorary degree in 2019 from the University of Regina.

Mubarik Syed



Mubarik Syed was born and raised in Pakistan and has lived in Montreal, Toronto, and Grande Prairie. He currently resides in Saskatoon. Mubarik's passion is to build bridges between people of all races, ethnicities and faiths. Mubarik has been an entrepreneur in the import/export business. He has also been

passionately involved in the physical fitness business as an athlete, coach/trainer and gym manager. He has taken part in 100 m sprints nationally and internationally, as well as wrestling competitions. Mubarik was involved in building the largest Ahmadiyya Muslim mosque in North America, which was inaugurated in 1992 in Vaughan, Ontario. As a national executive with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat of Canada, he promoted physical and mental health among youth by organizing national and international sporting events. Conflict resolution was also one of his responsibilities. Currently, Mubarik oversees public and media relations for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat of Saskatoon. He also sits as a member of the Saskatchewan Police Commission.

Scott Brown Saskatchewan Community Board Secretary



Scott Brown is Secretary of the CN Community Board in Saskatchewan and works as CN's Public Affairs Manager for Saskatchewan, Manitoba and our grain handling business. Prior to joining the company in 2021, he led teams at the Government of Saskatchewan focused on policy, programs,

regulation and communication. He also oversaw government funding for sport, recreation, and culture/heritage organizations.

Scott has enjoyed a connection to agriculture and rural communities throughout most of his career, including his early years as a journalist in television and radio. Scott was raised on his family's farm in west-central Saskatchewan.

