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Application for Board Membership

Thank you for your interest in the Community Foundation of Portage and District Inc.(CFPD) Board of Directors.

Our Vision - To be a community leader, a catalyst and a trusted agent for philanthropy, benefiting our community, today and forever

Our Mission - To enhance and enrich the quality of life in Portage la Prairie and District by supporting and promoting philanthropy through endowment building, donor services, grant making and community leadership.

We are asking you to complete this form because you have expressed an interest in serving as a Board member or have been recommended as someone who would be a great Board member.

Board members are recruited based on the Foundation's goal for representation in gender, age, geography, ethnicity and culture, as well as skills needed to successfully govern the Foundation into the future. A commitment of approximately 10 hours per month to meet the role of a board member which includes preparation for board meetings as well as participating in a volunteer capacity on a minimum of one committee.

Board members shall be appointed to the Board for a term of 3 years and can serve for a maximum of 3 terms (9 years)

Responsibilities include:

- Embrace the Community Foundation movement and direction of CFPD
- Be willing to embrace the Foundation's mission of philanthropic leadership in the community and support its objectives in asset building and grant making
- Have a reputation within the community that would serve to enhance the public image of the Foundation
- Serve on one or more committees
- Be an ambassador for the Foundation
- Attend and participate at board meetings, committee meetings and annual general meetings
- Actively support fund development and fund development activities

Please take a moment to tell us about yourself.

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Please describe the reasons for your interest in becoming a member of the CFPD Board.

I'm interested in giving back to our community and enhancing the lives of its residents. The Community Foundation is a good fit for those interests. By giving organizations a hand up through grants, it benefits and enriches the lives of our residents. My interests are very similar to the vision and mission of the Community Foundation of Portage and District.

With 30+ years of career experience in the financial industry and working with government, I will be able to add the skills and experience I have acquired in my career to the Community Foundation of Portage and District's board of directors. I have been a certified public accountant in good standing, initially a CMA (certified management accountant) and now a CMA CPA since 2004. My other education is a Bachelor of Arts (U of M); Fellowship of the Canadian Institute of Credit Union (general management degree), Professional Certificate in Asset Management and Facilitative Leadership (York University).

What Skills would you bring to the board?

Using a scale of 1-5, (1 is low, 5 is high) rank your comfort level and experience

<u>5</u> Finance	<u>4</u> Investment	<u>3</u> Business Connections
<u>3</u> Legal	<u>2</u> IT	<u>4</u> Governance/non-profit
<u>2</u> Connections/partnerships	<u>1</u> Fundraising	<u>1</u> Marketing/PR
<u>1</u> Graphic Design	<u>2</u> Communications	<u>4</u> Community Awareness
<u>3</u> Human Resources	<u>5</u> Teamwork	<u>2</u> Event Management
<u>4</u> Other Board Experience		

Other skills – (please list)

Strategic planning; business case planning

What other volunteer activities/boards are you involved with or have been in the past? List any positions or offices you have held as well.

- Treasurer, Prairie Harbour Inc (Women's Shelter) – 2019-2022/present
- Chairperson, Communities in Bloom committee (Portage la Prairie) – 2020-2022/present
- Chairperson, Gardening Portage – 2020-2022/present
- Rotary District 5550 Secretary – 2019 – 2022 (term expiring June 30/22) (District is Sask, MB, West Ont)
- Rotary Club of Portage la Prairie – previously Vice President, President Elect and President
- Rotary Club member and volunteer – 2013-2022/present. Completed Rotary Leadership designation in 2014



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- President, University Women's Club of Portage la Prairie – 2014 – 2021 (club disbanded in 2020)
- Board Member, Government Financial Officers of Manitoba – 2010-2012 (previously member)
- Chairperson, All Charities (Govt of MB employees) – 2012 (previously board member since 2010)
- Toastmasters Member (Winnipeg) – 2010-2013, have a Competent Communication designation
- Member, Selkirk Horticultural Society – 2008-2012
- Vice President, Manitoba Horticultural Society – 2008-2009
- Chairperson, Communities in Bloom committee (Winkler) – 2007
- Member, Winkler Horticultural Society – 2002-2007
- Chairperson, Westman Communications Group – 2002-2003 (previously board member for 3 years)
- Board Member, Riding Mountain Broadcasting (Brandon) - 2003

Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

In reading through the Board Member role and responsibilities, I would be eager to contribute to and hopefully add value to your organization, should I be chosen as a board of director member.


The power of using investments, much of it gathered locally and grown through wise investment choices is of much interest to me and how it can benefit our community. When I worked in the financial industry at credit unions, I did have a mutual fund license.

I am very familiar and have significant experience in business planning, budgeting for organizations through employment or volunteer board opportunities. The Community Foundation of Portage and District has an excellent business standing and reputation in our community and would be one I would be proud to represent through its activities and endeavors as a board member.

Portage la Prairie is a great community to live in and one I am interested in supporting. I have gotten to know many community members through my work and volunteer experience.

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I hereby seek membership in Community Foundation of Portage and District Inc. and election to its Board of Directors.

Signature: 

Date: June 6/22