

Board Slate 2023



Jason Winkler
(4th term)

Contributing to the fabric of the community is a key focus for Jason Winkler. The Community Services mission and values align with his personal interests and, most importantly, with the evolving needs of the Sunshine Coast. He joined the Board in 2017.

Jason brings over 25 years of experience in organization transformation and human resource management in North America, Asia and the Middle East. His early career in consulting focused on leadership development with high technology and federal government clients in Ottawa. He joined Deloitte (Consulting) in 1992 where he progressed to Partner leading client engagements as well as managing the Western Canadian and BC Consulting practices during both economic downturns and periods of significant growth. His clients included BC Government Ministries, crown corporations, as well as other public sector entities in Canada and the US. For five years prior to retiring, Jason led all human resource functions at Deloitte Canada (over 11,000 employees) with a national team of 200 people.

Jason has an MBA from the University of Western Ontario and a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. as well as a Certificate in Political Studies from the Institute of Political Studies in Paris, France.



Brian Chipman
(3rd term)

Having the opportunity to give back to our community in a meaningful way is what attracted Brian to the Sunshine Coast Community Services Programs.

Brian has his APICS, CPIM designation and brings over 20 years of senior management experience in various industries. Most recently Brian held the position of VP of Operations, Western Canada for Motion, Canada's, leading provider of comprehensive and customized mobility and accessibility solutions.

Brian has served on the APICS Board and has volunteered for several organizations including Big Brothers, YMCA (Tae Kwon Do Instructor) and as a hockey coach. Prior to becoming a SCCSS Board Member, Brian volunteered for two years at the Sunshine Coast Food Bank.

Brian retired in 2017 and now enjoys the lifestyle and many activities the Sunshine Coast has to offer. He lives with his wife Susan and their dog Abbie and cat Jerry in Roberts Creek.



Patricia York
(2nd term)

When it comes to business, experience counts for everything, and Patricia York brings a wealth of experience, knowledge, and skills from previous positions.

Patricia is the Principal and Founder of York HR Solutions, a company that specializes in advising Boards, CEOs, and Executive Teams on strategy, org design and leadership. Her clients include some of the most successful companies in technology, medical research, biotechnology, investment, as well as some of British Columbia's leading non-profits. Client engagements have included contained projects and facilitations through to ongoing consulting engagements spanning several months or years.

Prior to launching her own business Patricia was highly engaged as a senior Human Resources executive for a number of large global companies. As Vice President, Human Resources for Disney Interactive Studios in Los Angeles, California, she was responsible for global operations in the US, Canada, Europe, and Asia, and was instrumental in several global mergers and acquisitions in addition to growing three start-up studios.

As Vice President of Human Resources at Electronic Arts Canada, Patricia developed leading edge programs and revamped their compensation, recruitment, and human resources practices to lead the company to a placement on the Globe and Mail '50 Best Companies to Work for in Canada' list. During her tenure with Electronic Arts Canada the company grew from 500 employees to more than 1800 employees.

One of Patricia's most more recent accomplishments was the creation, design and launch of an Executive Institute for a client within the life sciences sector. This 10- month pan- Canadian program for top level executives is designed to further develop and hone leadership skills. This successful program is now in its fourth year.



Ruby Orchard
(2nd term)

Born in New Westminster, Ruby Orchard remembers fondly days in the early '70s dancing to the pipers at Robbie Burns Dinners at the Legions in Roberts Creek, Gibsons and Sechelt as well as coming to perform with other highland dancers at the Timber Days festival in Hackett Park. In the intervening years, a 30-year career in Contract Administration followed in industries such as Mining and Commercial/Multifamily construction with a brief foray into Commercial Playground and the BC Film industries. Ruby holds a diploma in Construction and Project Management as well as an ancient diploma in Graphic Design.

In her non-working life, Ruby was able to pursue her ideas of social justice and equality by volunteering with not-for-profit societies, by fostering 4 children and by raising 2 sons of her own while caregiving for her disabled partner. In 2005, Ruby was introduced to Burning Man and in 2007 she embraced the work of establishing the Greater Vancouver Interactive Arts Society, a regional branch of Burning Man by serving on their bootstrap board and in the foundling Society until 2010. In 2015 she remarried and with great delight, Ruby retired to Gibsons in July 2017. Daily walks along the beach and contemplation of What's Next led to a serious consideration of ways to pay forward to this beautiful community she now calls home. Honoured to become part of the SCCSS Board of Directors, Ruby looks forward to meeting each of you.



Andy Jones-Cox
(2nd term)

Andy and his wife have owned a home in Halfmoon Bay since 2003. Andy has been a volunteer in several roles with the Sunshine Coast Community Services Society and is an active Board member of the Halfmoon Bay Community Association.

Andy has a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Birmingham and a Masters in Business Administration from Simon Fraser University. He had a career in computer software development and management spanning 34 years. After progressing through various technical roles in England, South Africa and the U.S., Andy took on more senior management roles, most recently with Vancity Credit Union and the Land Titles and Survey Authority in Victoria. In 2010, while the world was watching the Vancouver Winter Olympics, Andy changed gears to fulfill a long-held ambition to run his own business and built up a franchise tutoring business in North and West Vancouver serving K-12 students and adults in English as a Second Language. The business grew successfully before he sold it in 2016.

Andy loves everything outdoors, especially hiking, running, cycling and don't forget pickleball. Since retirement, and especially since the start of COVID-19, he has become ever more keenly aware of the growing imbalance of economic standing among people on the Sunshine Coast and everywhere. He is a big supporter of the SCCSS and especially the Building Together project to provide new Community Services program delivery space and housing for vulnerable women and their children.



Chelsea Cooledge
(1st term)

Chelsea's family history on the Sunshine Coast dates back to 1955 when her grandparents, along with Chelsea's mother and uncle, moved into and operated the Halfmoon Bay General Store (called the B&J store at the time). Chelsea was born and raised in North Vancouver and cherishes her memories of weekends and holidays spent with family in Halfmoon Bay. Chelsea moved permanently to the Sunshine Coast in the fall of 2020. Her love for this community along with her core values of social justice and service to others, and training in social work and law, has led to her volunteering in this role with the SCCSS. Chelsea started her career as a Social Worker in health care working with older adults. She then transitioned to working in the regulation of the profession, supporting best practice of Registered Social Workers with practice advice based on adherence to laws, standards, and ethics, investigating complaints and enhancing registration practices. For the past five years, she has been a Director of Risk Management for Vancouver Coastal Health, which initially included the investigation of care quality complaints but now focuses mainly on risk mitigation, consultation, advice, and investigations into patient safety events. She has volunteered with various organizations throughout her life. Chelsea holds a Bachelor of Arts from UBC, a Bachelor of Social Work from UVIC, a Master of Social Work from the University of Calgary, and a Master of Laws from Osgoode Hall, York University.



Kim Fenton
(1st term)

Kim and her husband have called Roberts Creek home since arriving on the coast in 2006. After working in nonprofit in Alberta while raising her kids, she now focuses her time on writing and editing. All three of their daughters live on the coast now and between them, they have four beige dogs, two colourful cats, two small boats and two e-bikes. Kim loves to ocean swim year round, writes almost every day and loves to be in her studio, creating collage as well as spinning and knitting. She continues to support her community by actively volunteering. She is passionate about building community to create the best kind of place to live, work and play