

Introducing Your Candidates For 2022-2023 Board of Directors

Candidates for President

Audrey Bélanger Baur – 6 Years in Community

Hello, my name is Audrey Bélanger Baur and I joined the Hunt Club community in 2016, when I moved to Ottawa with my fiancé to begin our careers. I grew up in Montréal, am bilingual (French, English) and hold a Master's in Economics. In my teenage and young adult years, I participated in the scouts, was a lifeguard, and taught young adults their missing classes to graduate high school at a drop-in center for at-risk youth. As a new resident in our community, I enjoyed our large parks and forests, as well as the convenient public transit from which we benefit greatly. In 2020, I acquired a disability, which fundamentally strengthened my perspectives on inclusivity and the importance of community, as well as help me appreciate more difficulties that are invisible to the average person. I care about all residents in our community - we wouldn't be a community without each other- and I believe we can do more to advocate for our children's and parents' needs, seniors' and people with disabilities and mobility issues, street safety, housing affordability across the income spectrum, and to improve the quality of life of all residents in our community by working together. I want to share my skills, expertise, knowledge, and experience with the association by fostering consensus and enabling members and volunteers to do the same for the benefit of our community. To achieve all this, I am running to become the President of the HCCA in 2022-23.

My pledge is to do my best, working with all directors and engaging the membership, to fulfill the following and many more initiatives along four pillars:

1. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- At least double the membership of the HCCA, engage more neighbours;
- Continue virtual zoom meetings and implement safe hybrid meetings as soon as possible for those who prefer to meet in-person;
- Create new opportunities for social interactions where we can meet our neighbours and form meaningful connections;
- Accroître l'inclusivité de l'association auprès de nos voisins francophones en promouvant le bilinguisme lors des réunions et le Français dans nos activités sociales;

2. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

- Advocate to grow library services within our community, get our own branch, and support HCCA library services-related projects;
- Protect children's recess time at our two elementary schools by securing an enclosed (off leash) dog park in our neighbourhood and supporting our Councilor's bid for a time-hybrid dog regulation model at the park;
- Advocate for improvements to our public transit, namely higher frequency/reliability;

- Continue to support all HCCA's environmental programs (pollinator gardens, Get Growing, community garden), expand them, and support new ones;

3. SOUND GOVERNANCE AND ADVOCACY

- Significantly increase the HCCA's revenues through the application to grants and other fundraising activities (responsibility of the Board of Directors or a new fundraising committee);
- Re-align the HCCA's bylaws, constitutions, and financial directives to serve our modern organization, implement a code of conduct and training for directors;
- Support our City Councilor and relay to him our community's priorities and needs;

4. URBAN PLANNING AND SAFETY

- Support the HCCA with latest information on best practices in urban planning and safe street designs to inform our positions during consultations and the comprehensive zoning bylaw review, and collect resident feedback on personal experiences with the existing infrastructure;
- Present to the community the latest factual information on planned changes around our neighbourhood, city, and province to analyze what it means for us, and how best to respond;
- Advocate for policies to improve the safety of our streets, foster mobility independence of vulnerable road users, and make housing more affordable as we protect the character of our inclusive mixed-income neighbourhood.

Hunt Club is a wonderful neighbourhood filled with incredibly generous souls (all our neighbours, members, and volunteers!); we can do so much together. As President, I promise to chair meetings fairly so everyone feels heard without ever being subject to inappropriate behaviours. I hope you will review with care the applications of Board members and choose those whose intentions are most in keeping with our current realities and needs as a community.

Thank you for reading through this statement and I hope to take on this new leadership role to serve our community to the best of my ability this next year.

Peter Primacombe (Incumbant) – 37 Years in Community

The Ontario Government commissioned the Housing Affordability Task Force.

<https://files.ontario.ca/mmah-housing-affordability-task-force-report-en-2022-02-07-v2.pdf> In order to force increased density, the Task Force would eliminate R1 zoning across the Province. Elimination of R1 zoning would severely impact our community. While I was President, the Hunt Club Community Association made a full-on effort to inform the community. I personally spoke to 86 residents on Plante Drive. It wasn't an issue in the Provincial Election this last summer because none of the political parties made it an issue. The Task Force was silently dropped. Even though the Task Force was dropped, the City's Official Plan, with valid reasons, calls for increased density. In the Official Plan, Hunt Club is classified as Outer Urban. Residential streets such as Plante (where I live) and Cahill are designated as evolving. The built form of Plante is single family housing but the Official Plan calls for increased density.

The form of allowable housing will be set in the Secondary Plan. I think the Secondary Plan should allow two units to be built on one lot. This Plan would allow more density on established streets such as mine but the change would be implemented very gradually. The Official Plan protects agricultural lands and promotes energy efficiency. The Plan has a target of 100% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2050. Instead, I think a more realistic goal is a loveable city which is more energy efficient with a reduction in greenhouse gases.

I want to continue as President because it is the job of the Community Association to engage residents in the Secondary Plan for Hunt Club.

Candidates for Director

Fiona Bailey – 31 Years in Community

I am a Healthcare worker turned union activist and Representative. I care about the residents in my community and hope that working with the other Directors will create change for the better in our community.

Sabrine Barakat (incumbent) – 14 Years in Community

As a fortunate resident and homeowner in this community I care deeply that it meets our family's current and future needs – which are likely not unique to our family: affordability, safety, a variety of small businesses and city services (library, community office, green spaces) and the chance to grow and thrive. I wish to remain on the Board as I want to ensure my voice is heard, and I am interested in hearing the voices of others – where we meet and where we differ – with a view to finding respectful consensus and a way forward. I am also interested in community-government relations.

Audrey Bélanger Baur – 6 Years in Community

Carl Fannin – 15 Years in Community

Hi, I work as an analyst with the Ottawa hospital and help support the anesthesia module of their electronic medical records Epic. I'm a parent of three and have a vested stake in the safety, security and general maintenance of the area and community. I love to be able to contribute. I also like to see an additional stop sign added at the Cahill Dr West and Owl Dr intersection. I walk my daughter to school and have been nearly hit there. Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Foulger (incumbent) – 43 Years in Community

As an honorary lifetime member, former Treasurer and currently Vice President, I wish to continue to support the activities of the Association as the City faces many challenges. The new Council must grapple with the transit deficit, hollowing out of offices in the core, road repairs and channeling growth.

Melissa MacIsaac – 5 Years in Community

I moved to the area in 2018 with my 2 children, I have since grown my family with my now fiancée making our total number of children in our home, 5, his 2 teens (in college) and my 2 teens (at St. Patricks) and our daughter under 2 years old. As you can imagine, I have a vested interest in having a safe, welcoming community to raise our kids. I have worked as a fundraiser/ communications manager at non-profits for the past 10ish years. I would love to be part of the community association to share my skills and help make our community even better!

Patrick Morton (incumbent) – 3 Years in Community

My name is Patrick Morton, and I've lived in the Quinterra portion of the Hunt Club neighbourhood for three years with my fiancée. I have a Master's in Public Administration from Carleton University, and I work for the Federal Public Service as a Data Analyst. Walking my dog Henley through the neighbourhood has given me an appreciation for two of Hunt Club's best assets- its greenspace and its people. I joined the Board of Directors in the Spring of 2022 when I wanted to get involved in the HCCA in order to connect with my neighbours, advocate for important local issues, and give back to the community. In particular I am concerned about the growing unaffordability of housing in Ottawa, and this past Spring I successfully helped provide interested members with a detailed overview of the housing crisis that is impacting Ottawa residents. I would like to continue with that work of keeping members informed on important planning related issues, especially as we enter a period of potential significant changes. The City will be implementing its Official Plan, and the Province may seek to intervene. The Hunt Club Community Association will have a role to play in that process, and I believe I can help by keeping members informed and up to date.

I also have an interest in transportation- both from a public policy and community safety perspective. I walk, cycle, drive, and take transit in our neighbourhood, and I see firsthand that we have significant congestion, safety, and accessibility issues. I would like the HCCA to advocate for practical transportation solutions that benefit the whole neighbourhood.

Finally, in my short time on the Board, we have struggled with contentious governance issues. I believe that a Community Association is first and foremost driven by its members and volunteers. The role of the Board is to ensure that the Association functions well as a non-profit, but its most important role is to enable and empower its members to make a difference in their neighborhood. To that end, as a Director I would work to implement the following:

- * Amend our bylaws to make it clear what is expected of Directors, and how spending and reimbursement should be handled.
- * Institute a code of conduct for Directors and for members during HCCA meetings.

* Implement a hybrid meeting format, allowing members to participate in meetings either virtually through Zoom, or in person. Ensure that our accounting is done in accordance with Generally Accepted Practices. Work to recruit more members to the HCCA, making use of the great work being done by Carleton University students for us.

*Use the committee structure in our Bylaws to involve members who want to volunteer to help organize an event, who can lend their expertise in governance, or who want to set strategy on and advocate on issues such as safe transportation and urban planning.

*Always operate in a transparent and professional manner.

As a Director, I would like to serve the Hunt Club Community Association as Secretary Treasurer, depending on the expertise of other Board members, to support the above initiatives.

Piero Narducci – 27 Years in Community

I have been a proud resident of the Hunt Club community for over 25 years. During that time, I have volunteered and supported the community's Get Growing Hunt Club and Butterflyway initiatives. Most recently I have volunteered for the Hunt Club Community Fall Festival. I have also served previously on the Hunt Club Community Association (HCCA) Board of Directors.

In my professional capacity I have over 20 years of executive leadership experience. In addition, I have served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Professional Executives of the Public Service of Canada for many years, on the Executive Board of Directors for 3 years, and as Chair for a brief period at the end of my tenure. I would like to bring that accumulated experience to serve our community and would be honoured to be elected to the HCCA Board of Directors.

Mary Nduati – 5 Years in Community

My name is Mary Nduati. I have lived in the Hunt Club since July 2018. I am a member of Hunt Club Community Association for 2 years since I joined the Maudlin Matilda McEwan Community Garden as one of the gardeners. My education background is in Institutional Management, Counselling, and Social Work. I am a registered Social Service Worker with Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW). I am currently pursuing graduate studies in Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy.

I work at Somerset West Community Health Centre (SWCHC) as a Community Support Worker in the Mental Health and Counselling Department serving different families from visible minorities in Ottawa region. I have held different roles at SWCHC: Mental Health Navigator and Multi-cultural Health Navigator at Ottawa Newcomer Health Centre where I helped Newcomers and Refugees families navigate the healthcare and social services sector to obtain resources in the community to meet client's needs. I also worked as ACB Mental Health Outreach worker and ACB Crisis Support Worker for the African, Caribbean, and Black (ACB) communities to promote mental health, emotional support, health coaching, advocacy, and to provide individual and group education sessions on topics relevant to clients as well as providing life skills to help the clients regain their wellbeing.

Part of my work is to connect with Community partners in different community Organizations just to

mention a few; Ottawa Public Health, City of Ottawa, Religious and Faith Organizations, Community Associations. Prior to joining SWCHC, I worked at Christian Horizons, SNAP Program at Britannia Community House as a counsellor and did an internship at Catholic Centre for Immigrants.

Additionally, I have worked with many marginalized communities both in Canada and in Kenya. I was involved with healing work for over 15 years in my country of origin. Part of the work was to support individuals, families and communities facing diverse challenges at different stages in life. I have supported people facing death row in prisons, displaced individuals from different communities to restore relationships and trust. I also supported refugees from other war-torn countries in Africa amongst other roles.

My passion is to serve different communities to walk alongside them to ensure that they reach their full potential. Given a chance to serve as one of the Board members of the Hunt Club Community Association, I will use my experience in counselling, advocacy, service coordination and academic background to help inform my interest and passion to serve and to ensure safety and wellbeing of our community in the Hunt Club area is realized together as a team with the other members.

Zane Oueja (incumbent) – 14 Years in Community

My name is Zane. My family and I have lived in Hunt Club since 2008, and I attended Bayview, Fielding, and Brookfield schools. As a 3rd-year university student in urban and regional planning at Toronto Metropolitan University, I have a keen interest in how neighbourhoods like ours can develop and grow. More importantly, Hunt Club is my home, and it is where I wish to return once I finish my studies. I want to serve on the Board to advocate for safe, accessible and reasonable densification and improved transportation options.

Brian Wade - 15 Years in Community

As an educator and manager at a not-for-profit organization, I have experience in marketing communications, strategic planning, finances, and information technology. I would like to continue to be on the board as I sense that the association is at a critical point in its evolution. There is so much potential, and this is very exciting. I feel that my expertise, knowledge, and leadership will be of benefit to the association. I am proud of the association's accomplishments and of the community which we represent. I enjoy getting to know my neighbours and feeling like I am part of the action.