

Citizens With Disabilities - Ontario

Nominating Committee Report Annual General Meeting May 22, 2024

In accordance with Articles 36, 37 and 38 of CWDO's current by-law, which state:

36. The property and business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, comprised of a minimum of three (3) and **a maximum of fourteen (14) Directors**. The number of Directors shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the Directors at a meeting of the Board of Directors and sanctioned by an affirmative vote of at least three-quarters (3/4) of the members in attendance at a general or special meeting duly called for the purpose of determining the number of Directors to be elected to the Board of Directors.
37. Directors must be individuals, 18 years of age, with the power under law to enter into binding contracts.
38. To be eligible for election to the Board of Directors, a member must be a **member in good standing**;

There are vacancies for up to 3 (three) board members. The Nominating Committee did not receive any nominations prior to the preparation of this report.

There will be an opportunity to make nominations from the floor.

SLATE

Re-elect the following current Board members to their 1st year of a new 3-year term beginning May 22, 2024:

1. **Linda Hunt**
2. **Heather Willis**

Continuing Members (No vote is required)

Starting their 2nd year of a 3-year term:

3. Julie Emeid
4. Mah-E-Leqa Jadgal
5. Dianne Wintermute

Starting their 3rd year of a 3-year term:

6. Adam Cahoon
7. Kirsten Doyle
8. Tracy Odell
9. Pat Seed
10. Alexis Buettgen
11. Kate Tutu

Vacant (to be nominated from the floor):

12. Vacant
13. Vacant
14. Vacant

Expiring:

- Bruce Drewett (not returning)
- Linda Hunt (up for re-election)
- Heather Willis (up for re-election)

Resigned/Retired

- Victoria Lacey

Respectfully submitted by CWDO Nomination Committee - 2024

- Kirsten Doyle, Chair
- Heather Willis
- Tracy Odell
- Mah-E-Leqa Jadgal
- Kate Tutu

BIOGRAPHIES

Linda Hunt

Linda holds a Diploma in Business Administration. She is an award-winning accessibility consultant and advocate for all things related to accessibility. Linda has a passion for community projects that enhance accessibility and allow persons with disabilities to be active and engaged members of their community. She was recognized for her efforts as a recipient of the 2018 City of Brantford Accessibility Award.

Linda is currently a member of The Rick Hansen Foundation – Accessibility Professional Network, and a Certified Community Champion on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol. She is Past Chair of Operation Lift, an organization committed to the accessible transportation needs of persons with disabilities, and she currently sits on the Brantford Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Linda was elected to Brantford City Council in 2022. She is the first person with a physical disability to be elected as a Brantford City Councillor.

Linda first became a person with a physical disability in 2004. Since then, she has become an active advocate and engaging speaker on a variety of accessibility topics. She is also the host of the Accessibility Solutions podcast.

Professionally, Linda has more than 25 years of experience in senior management roles in the public, private and non-profit sectors. In addition, she and her husband have operated a family business for over 30 years.

Heather Willis

Born in Toronto, Heather has been an accessibility advocate since she was a teenager growing up in an institution for disabled children. In the decades since, she has served on numerous committees and boards dedicated to the equity and full inclusion of persons with disabilities. Heather is a graduate of Ryerson's School of Disability Studies and has a post-graduate diploma in Disability Studies from the University of Leeds.

In 2010, following a 25-year career at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Heather joined Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University) as its inaugural Accessibility Coordinator. She leads TMU's accessibility initiative, "ACCESS TMU", with the goal of identifying, removing and preventing accessibility barriers for all members of the university community.

Heather lives in Toronto with her husband of 38 years and their cat Charley. She enjoys reading, puzzles of any kind, kayaking and hanging out at their cottage in the Kawarthas.