



## Director Nominations 2025

### **Geoff Vogt** (Year 1 of Term 3)

*Superintendent of Facilities, Capital and Planning with the Thames Valley District School Board*

Prior to starting with TVDSB Geoff has been a senior leader with the YMCA working in communities from Guelph to Windsor and locally has led numerous projects for the Y including the Stoney Creek YMCA, Bostwick YMCA, Wortley Village YMCA and the rebuild of Camp Queen Elizabeth. He is passionate about community and community building, and has been involved with many local charities and not for profits since arriving in London in 2005. Geoff is also passionate about the environment and is a regular participant with the Antler River clean up group. Geoff is active and often seen on the trails around London skiing, running or cycling.

### **Bruce Farnell** (Year 1 of Term 3)

*Retired Estate Planning Specialist & Lawyer*

Bruce Farnell was an Estate Planning Specialist at BMO Private Wealth in London, where he provided estate planning advisory services to high-net-worth clients. He lives in Aylmer with his wife, Sharon, who recently retired from a career as an administrator at Western. Their children, Ingrid and Derek, are both working toward accreditation as professionals. Bruce also practiced law in Elgin County, providing legal services that included real estate conveyancing, family law, business law, wills, and estates. He is a Commissioner of Oaths and a Notary Public. In his leisure time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, cycling, woodworking, carpentry, and reading.

### **Alan Dale** (Year 1 of Term 2)

*Farmer*

Alan Dale is a farmer and conservationist living on the family homestead in Curries, Oxford County. He is a graduate of Carleton University with a degree in Political Science. Alan served 16 years on municipal council and was a member of numerous committees during that time. He is a former member and Chair of both the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority. He was also a former Vice-Chair of Conservation Ontario. He is currently a member and Acting Chair of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee. Alan continues to farm a little in addition to his employment at Bright Cheese and Butter.

### **Taylor Jones** (Year 1 of Term 2)

*Supervisor, Construction Project Management, Enbridge Gas*

Taylor is a professional engineer and has worked at Enbridge Gas since 2007 in a variety of engineering, operations, and construction roles in London, Toronto, and Chatham. Taylor also holds a BSc degree in biology from Western and loves to indulge his love of nature and wild spaces whenever possible including past volunteer experience songbird banding with Birds Canada, event planning on the Sydenham field naturalists executive committee, and supporting tree planting events at ReForest London. He enjoys gardening with native plants, as well as backpacking, canoeing, and exploring green spaces with his wife and two young children.

**Amy Walby** (Year 1 of Term 2)

*Senior Vice President, Finance, YMCA of Southwestern Ontario*

Amy is a CPA, CA and Chartered Business Valuator and holds a BA and Masters of Accounting from the University of Waterloo. She spent the first 15 years of her career with KPMG LLP, working mainly in Transaction Advisory Services for private and broader public sector clients. For the past 12 years, Amy has worked in the charitable sector: leading the finance and administrative functions of Brescia University College (an affiliate of Western University), and as of 2019, overseeing finance for the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario, one of Canada's largest Y's, building healthy communities all over the region. A lifelong learner and volunteer, Amy has served as a board member for a number of charitable organizations since moving to the London area in 2001. Amy most enjoys spending time and being active in nature with her family and two dogs, particularly in the woods close to home.

**Carl Cadogan** (Year 1 of Term 1)

*Senior Regional Manager, Southwestern Ontario, Kidney Foundation of Canada*

Carl Cadogan has a long history of community involvement and volunteering; he has served on numerous boards, committees, and task forces, including the Premier's Council on the Voluntary Sector, and the Provincial Work Group on Gaming (that redesigned the Ontario Trillium Foundation). He is currently on a number of local, national and international boards including Urban Roots London and the London Black Heritage Council. Carl has held senior and executive roles in the not-for-profit sector and is currently the Senior Regional Manager, Southwestern Ontario for the Kidney Foundation of Canada. He lives in London with his wife Cynthia and in his spare time, loves to travel, and has been to every province and one territory and to thirty US states, and sixteen African countries. He is an avid cyclist, reader, and kite flyer.

**Jonathan Holmes** (Year 1 of Term 1)

*Industrial Designer • Marketing Director • Health & Environment Advocate*

Jon is an Industrial Designer with a strong background in design & marketing, currently serving as Director of Marketing for a social enterprise focused on advancing medical equity in under-resourced regions. Jonathan spent several years in design and marketing roles while raising his family in Dufferin County on the Niagara Escarpment. There, he co-founded a grassroots initiative dedicated to habitat protection and served as a volunteer with the Bruce Trail Conservancy, eventually taking on a leadership role as Trail Captain. Jon transitioned away from the corporate sector to focus on service-driven work. In addition to

his professional role, he is a dedicated volunteer and advocate for rare disease awareness and healthcare access, holding positions on several national health-related boards and committees. Jonathan remains deeply committed to greenspace conservation and continues to enjoy hiking, music, woodworking, and exploring Canada's wild landscapes.

**Arlyn Martin** (Year 1 of Term 1)

*Retired Coordinator, Healthcare Materials Management; Current Educator, researcher, and archaeology enthusiast*

Arlyn has a degree in Anthropology and Archaeology and is currently working on a post degree in Environment and Health at Western University. She worked for 36 years as a leader in the Healthcare Materials Management department at St. Joseph's Health Care London. Her experience includes procurement and supply chain management, as well as leader, coordinator, and educator in Employee Relations, Conflict Resolution, Communications, Team Building and Mentorship. Since retiring in 2018 she has pursued her passion in Anthropology and Archaeology and has completed field studies and excavations here in Ontario, and overseas in Madagascar, Cyprus, and Scotland. Protecting, conserving, and restoring nature to contribute to a stable climate, human preservation and wellbeing, and healthy habits for all species has been her lifelong passion, and is the foundation of her lifelong learning, and every initiative that she takes part in.

**Paul Noon** (Year 1 of Term 1)

*Director, Human Resources, Advanced Drainage Systems ('ADS')*

Paul is a Human Resource professional with 15 years experience leading and developing strong cultures and systems within organizations. He is a graduate of Fanshaw College and has grown up in the London area, attending high school and post secondary locally. He currently sits on the Board of WILL Employment Solutions, is past member of the Meals on Wheels Board, participates in various mentorship programs, sits on the Program Advisory Committee at Fanshaw College and coached youth soccer for 10+ years. In his spare time, he enjoys playing volleyball, skiing, traveling to new places and the outdoors, including kayaking and backcountry canoe tripping.