



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2019-2022 NEW BOARD NOMINEES

Ghummaz Bhatti

Co-owner, Les Moulins Lafayette

For any organization to thrive and succeed, it requires three vital things:

Effective Leadership, Effective Planning and Organization, and Effective Communication. My partners and I have a personal philosophy to contribute in the community where we serve and live. We are agents of change, we do not fear growth or challenges—there are no obstacles other than the ones we perceive. Having served in Canadian Armed Forces, I have honed my skills in leadership, logistics and operations. Being a co-owner and Operator of Les Moulins Lafayette, in Hintonburg, my team and I bring relevant frontline experience and knowledge of local issues; and as co-owner of Frontline Healthcare Clinic and Frontline Healthcare Charity, we also bring creativity and ingenuity.

Toon Dreessen,

Architect, OAA, FRAIC, AIA, LEED AP, President, Architects DCA

I am an architect, having practiced for over 20 years and operating a professional practice with a staff of nine. I have a diverse client base of government & private clients. I served on the regulatory council of architects (OAA) for 6 years, including two years serving as President. I am an advocate for the role of a well designed built environment in improving the economy, creating better places for people. I'm a published author in local and national media. I've also served as a board member on an insurance corporation.

Nathan Dubo,

Co-owner, Kindred Shop + Studio

I'm the co-owner, of Früg, a 20 year design and manufacture business wholesaling through online, reps and trade shows. I'm a participant in maker

markets and national shows—selling to indie shops, government run galleries and mall retailers, as part of an extensive national feedback loop of wholesalers, sales agents, retailers and makers. We've retailed as Kindred since 2016 (on Dalhousie St., 2011-2018); playing a central role in building a BIA within a BIA on Dalhousie St., chairing retailer meetings while working with BIA, councilor and community to create and fund events/improvements. I'm a neighbourhood resident and my strengths are door to door, face to face networking that taps in to what's happening on the ground and allows problem solving and prediction of trends.

Sam Feldberg,

Owner, Morris Formal Wear

I am the owner of MORRIS FORMALWEAR. We have been part of the fabric of this area since 1927. I grew up here and have a passion and a vision going forward for this district. The future development prospects for this particular area are abundant and I am very excited to be part of this process.

Ashley Hopkins,

Vice-president, Paradigm Property Developers

As Co-Owner of Paradigm Properties, a Commercial Property Management Firm here in Wellington West, I have the unique opportunity to work alongside both tenants and Landlords all across our city. I would like to increase my involvement in Wellington West to ensure that I am representing the area and my tenants in the best way possible. I believe WW is an amazing ward with the utmost potential. I would love the chance to leverage my industry knowledge and sheer determination to assist the board in achieving their visions for the area.

Ellen O'Connor,

Community Member, Communications and Marketing professional

I am a communications and marketing professional with expertise in social media strategy, content creation, design, photography and writing. I currently

work as the marketing coordinator at Earncliffe Strategy Group, a national public affairs firm. Prior to my work at Earncliffe, I worked for a social media management company, as Director of Marketing and Communications at a private school, and as a freelance writer for various Ottawa publications. I hold a Bachelor's degree and a diploma in Journalism from the University of Ottawa and Algonquin College respectively. I have been a resident of Wellington West since 2014.

2019-2022 RETURNING CANDIDATES

Summer Baird,

Owner, Hintonburg Public House

Owns and operates the Hintonburg Public House, a Gastro style pub in the heart of Hintonburg. Previously, co-chef, owner of The Urban Pear and Pastry and Garde Manager chef of Sooke Harbour Hotel Spa Restaurant and Gallery. Co-Founder of the Happening festival (formerly Hintonburg Happening) and in addition to sitting on the Wellington West Business Improvement Area Board, also sat on the Beautification and Marketing Committees. She is passionate about celebrating artists, designers, musicians and businesses to showcase what makes Wellington West unique.

John Ferguson,

Manager, Giant Tiger Express

I have enjoyed Serving the Neighbourhood of Wellington West as the Owner - Manager of GTxpress for the past Thirty (30) Years. I joined the Board of the WWBIA in January 2012. It has been my privilege to serve on the Board as Beautification Committee Chair, Member of The Executive Committee and most recently for the past Three Years as Board Chair. The Board has introduced myself to many new Working Friendships and experiences that I would not have otherwise enjoyed. I believe that Wellington West is a great place to live, to work and to enjoy. I look forward to many more new Adventures in this one of a kind community.

Terrence Fitzpatrick,

Partner, Petit Bill's Bistro

Along with my brother Randy Fitzpatrick & Jim Mahood we are partners in Petit Bill's Bistro in

Wellington Village. Petit Bill's Bistro opened in April 13th 2007. I have been in the Service Industry since I was 16, starting at McDonald's, and working all over Canada through the 1970's & 80's. I came back to Ottawa in 1884, worked at Capone's on Carling for nearly 20 years, as well as the Prescott Hotel, Monkey Joe's and the Sunken Dory. I love what I do (or I wouldn't do it) and I love the neighbourhood that we are part of. I see a need for the BIA and I would like to add my voice to it.

Mike Morris,

Morris Home Hardware

Morris Home Hardware has been in the same physical store in Wellington Village for approximately 60 years and is now a third-generation shop in the Morris family. Mike got his start in the store at age 11, and took over from his father back in 1991. His many decades of experience running a successful business here in the neighbourhood have helped contribute to the unique and lasting vibrancy of the Wellington West strip.

Brian Muzyka,

Community Manager, Royal Bank of Canada

I am a Community Manager for RBC Royal Bank, overseeing the Wellington and McCormick, Westboro and Westgate branches. I have lived in the community since 1999 and was a founding member of the Wellington West BIA which I served as Treasurer for several years. Living and working in the Wellington West Community, I believe that building a strong ecosystem between business owners and residents through co-operation will benefit the community at large.

Sheena Whitten,

Leasing Representative, Huntington Properties

I am the leasing representative for a local commercial landlord and developer, Huntington Properties, whose portfolio includes assets in the Wellington West area. I received my Bachelor of Arts degree from Wilfrid Laurier University, majoring in psychology and business and earned a post graduate certificate from the University of Toronto in project management. I have sat on the Wellington West Board of Directors since 2014. I was born and raised in Ottawa and enjoy working and spending time in Wellington West and can often be found at Wheelhouse Cycle or Bar Lupulus.