



## **Main Street Project- Volunteer Board Member Posting**

Main Street Project's mission is to provide shelter and access to services that meet the day-to-day needs of all people who are homeless or under-housed including those with chronic addictions and related health issues.

Our wide range of services focus on meeting our clients where they are today and working with them to build sustainability in their lives, whatever that looks like right now, so they can live healthier lives. Our services are built on a foundation of mutual respect, compassion for others and are provided in a safe environment without judgment. For more information on our programs please visit:

<http://www.mainstreetproject.ca/programs-and-services>

### **Board of Directors**

In June of this year, Main Street Project will be electing several new members to our Board of Directors.

### **Qualifications and Expertise**

Main Street Project is seeking individuals with previous board experience, diverse life experiences and an appreciation of not-for-profit governance environment who will: champion our vision that *Every individual has a safe place to be and the right to self-determination*; ensure sound stewardship of our organization; be active in their governance roles; and guide us confidently into the future.

#### Qualifications/Characteristics:

- Previous board experience (considered an asset)
- Commitment to the mission of Main Street Project
- Sensitive to the communities to which Main Street Project serves
- Highly regarded and respected by others
- Able to strengthen Main Street Project with expertise developed through previous board, business or professional experience
- Be informed, available, and engaged
- Willing to attend meetings and represent Main Street Project or its interests at community events and donor circles
- A conscientious steward who is as interested in the ongoing development of the organization and monitoring its health while promoting its programs
- A belief in board service and corporate social responsibility with a personal reputation as a committed and inspired proponent of service
- Understanding of the nature and complexity of Winnipeg's social service and health systems coupled with the very complex needs of our clients
- A commitment to participate

Expertise: The ideal candidate will also demonstrate expertise in one or more of the following areas:

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| • Indigenous Culture and general Cultural Diversity | • Governance  |
| • <b>Law and Legislation*</b>                       | • Government Relations                                    |
| • <b>Human Resource Management*</b>                 | • Public Policy   |
| • Risk Management                                   | • Public Relations/ Communications                        |
| • <b>Financial Acumen*</b>                          | • <b>Health Care, Harm Reduction &amp; Substance Use*</b> |
| • Strategic Planning                                | • Donor Relations/Fund Development                        |
|   | • <b>Social services / Community Development*</b>         |
- \* **Priority areas**



Being mindful of where we are situated on Treaty 1 territory, as well as employment equity standards, the MSP board seeks to be reflective of the client base we serve at MSP i.e. non-white, gender fluid, Indigenous, people living with disabilities, etc. Having lived experience of existing in the margins is mutually beneficial and helps to create more meaningful spaces.

### **You will be part of a qualified team**

As a member of our skill-based Board of Directors, you will enjoy a collegial environment along with 12 other highly committed and qualified volunteer directors. Together with the support of our Executive Director, you will provide oversight to our strategic planning; monitor agency performance, quality and risk; and ensure sustainable operations. You will engage in generative dialogue and contribute to making strategic decisions that will ensure Main Street Project continues to play a leading role in our health and social service system. You will contribute your time in a meaningful and rewarding way, grow professionally and together with your director colleagues will make a noticeable difference to our organization and to the people we serve.

### **Individual Board Member Responsibilities**

- Each board member is expected to know what exceptional governance is, to practice it as a board member, and to remain apprised of new developments in the governance and regulatory environment.
- Board members are expected to read and understand Main Street Project's financial statements and otherwise help the board fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities.
- Board members are expected to attend a minimum of 8 board meetings per year. They are expected to review materials in advance of board meetings and come prepared to ask questions and participate in discussions.
- In addition to regular board meetings, board members are expected to serve on one or more committees of the board and to actively participate in committee work.
- Board members are expected to responsibly represent Main Street Project to their respective communities and to advocate for the mission, programs and services as appropriate.
- Board members are expected to support Main Street Project's fundraising efforts and initiatives.

#### **Application Process**

To be considered for nomination to the Main Street Project Board of Directors, please submit a letter of interest and biography or resume to [BOD@mainstreetproject.ca](mailto:BOD@mainstreetproject.ca) by May 18, 2020. Additional information about Main Street Project may be obtained at its website: <http://www.mainstreetproject.ca>