

We are a Canadian registered charity with a volunteer-based Board of Directors that is legally responsible for the governance of our organization. Within that mandate, our board develops, implements, and monitors policies that allow our organization to carry out its work.

Board members are also the fiduciaries who steer an organization towards a sustainable future by adopting sound, ethical, legal governance, and financial management policies, as well as by making sure their nonprofit has adequate resources to advance its mission.

We are fortunate to have so many skilled and caring individuals who serve as our Board Members. This month we will feature **Board Member, Gerry Bleau**.

Gerry Bleau, who is now semi-retired, has been a senior executive with a 30+ year track record of growing software companies and has significant experience building and motivating sales and support teams, both domestically and internationally, for small and large companies.



He has a Bachelor of Commerce, with a Quantitative Methods Major and a Master of Business Administration, both from Concordia University in Montreal. Gerry has served as a volunteer chair with many organizations, including Peerscale (aka AceTech) and Pearson Lane Cottage Association. He has also served as a judge for the Dobson Seed Case Competition, and the Business Case competition, both held by the Molson School of Business at Concordia University. Gerry also mentors others working with students at Concordia who want to start their own businesses.

The newest of the Community Care Board Members, Gerry started as a volunteer for our Buckhorn office before accepting a role on our Finance committee, joining the Board recently when a vacancy became available.

“I am semi-retired and I am at the point in life where I wanted to give something back to the community,” said Gerry Bleau. “When I became aware of all of the wonderful things Community Care does, it was an easy decision to join, both as a volunteer and a Board member.”

Gerry is married with 2 sons and 3 delightful granddaughters aged 6, 3 and 1. He recently moved to the area from Pickering and lives full-time at his cottage on Lower Buckhorn Lake near Lakefield.

“I continue to be impressed with the fabulous work done by Community Care and the skills and dedication of the Employees, Board and Volunteers,” added Gerry. “Also, as a volunteer driver taking people to doctor appointments or delivering groceries, it has opened my eyes to meet firsthand, good people who need our help. Many of the people I have met have had tough lives, and they are so very grateful for the help we provide. It’s extremely rewarding. I would recommend volunteering to anyone who has the time – even if it’s only a few hours, or less, a week.”

For more information about the governance of Community Care Peterborough please visit <https://www.commcareptbo.org/about%20us/Board%20Members>.