

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, Martin Alexander Partridge.**

Martin was elected as a Board member with Community Care Peterborough in June 2023, and was appointed to the Governance Committee in June 2024.

Martin graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics & Computer Science at McMaster University. He also holds a Juris Doctor degree from Osgoode Hall Law School where he won the Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt Prize in Employment and Labour Law.

Martin's technology career began at age 21 at IBM Canada Limited in Hamilton and continued for a quarter-century at significant Canadian computer and communications companies including Datacrown Limited in Toronto. He was co-founder and President of Solutions Canada Inc. in Toronto.

Martin was then a partner at Bird & Partridge, Lawyers in Cobourg for 20 years. He currently practises law in Havelock.

Martin has served in many Board positions, including: Chair of the Northumberland County Housing Authority, Chair of Children's Case Coordination Services in Northumberland, Treasurer of the Northumberland County Law Association, and a Director at Access Community Services Inc. in Port Hope. He has been a member of the Local Courts Management Advisory Committee, the Superior Court Resource/Liaison Committee, and the Advisory Council of Housing Chairs at Queen's Park. He was appointed by the federal government to chair appeal hearings involving the Canada Pension Plan disability program. He has instructed at the Ontario Bar Admission Program, created and presented a touring lecture called "The New Family Court Rules", and helped organize the annual Central East Advocacy Conference. He was Chair of First Night Cobourg, founded The Elizabeth Project in Cobourg, and was a co-founder of the Shelter Valley Folk Festival. He also has received the Cobourg Civic Award and the GEM Award from Legal Aid Ontario.

What inspired Martin to become a Board Member at Community Care?



Martin and his spouse, Carolyn, learned about Community Care when she broke her foot and discovered she could rent an urgently needed wheelchair at the Havelock office. Upon her recovery, both Carolyn and Martin became volunteer drivers with the agency. Both continue to drive regularly, enjoying the opportunity to meet and serve fellow seniors throughout the community.

Martin's extensive experience in both the IT and legal sectors, as well as within nonprofit agencies, makes him an excellent addition to the Board of Directors at Community Care.

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