

## Selkirk & District Community Foundation Welcomes new staff, board member



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Eileen Janowski and Terry Neplyk join Selkirk & District Community Foundation “Here for Good” team.

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The Selkirk & District Community Foundation has a new staff member and a new board member who will each do their part to keep the foundation ‘Here for Good’.

Eileen Janowski has come on board as the Foundation’s first finance manager and executive administrative assistant. The lifelong Clandeboye resident spent 32 years with Scouts Canada and said working for an organization that she believes in, is important to her.

When the Winnipeg Scouts Canada office moved to Calgary, Janowski set her sights on a new adventure and she couldn’t be happier with the one she found with the Foundation.

“The Foundation is growing. This is a brand new position that they’ve added so I was excited to be brought on at a time when they’re growing and everything is positive,” Janowski said.

“I’m mission driven, so I look at an organization and I look at the mission and what they’re about and what they do and I fully support the mission of the Foundation. The giving back to the community is something that I hold very dearly. I believe in giving back. I’m excited to be part of that.”

Janowski started her position on Sept. 19, and two weeks in, she knew she’d made the right choice.

“I love it,” she said.

Janowski said she respects the people that volunteer their time to do things like sit on the Foundation board. She knows that people’s time is valuable and she respects those that do.

“I admire them for doing that. It takes a lot of commitment for people to do that and I’m excited to support them in any way I can.”

Terry Neplyk certainly has Janowski's support, as he's the newest Foundation board member.

The St. Clements resident and his wife Dale Boss have lived in Grand Marais for two years, and before that, Neplyk was a cottage owner in Grand Beach for 20 years.

He's currently a semi-retired, self-employed management consultant with a Bachelor of Science (Business Administration) and a Masters in Business Administration. He has previously held senior financial positions for large Manitoba-based national and provincial in scope corporations.

He's happy to now be part of the SDCF.

"I've always been interested in assisting the community that I live in, and I've been on numerous foundations and boards," Neplyk said.

Indeed, Neplyk is no stranger to volunteering, having served on numerous boards, including the Eastern Beaches Regional Health (Living 360), Grand Marais Community Central Inc., Ukrainian Professional and Business Foundation and the Manitoba Children's Museum.

Neplyk was nominated for the Foundation board by St. Clements Mayor Debbie Feeblekorn.

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**The SDCF: Here for Good** was founded in 1995. It has \$8.9 million in assets and provides grants to community organizations from the interest off the assets. Since inception the interest has allowed the SDCF to give nearly \$2 million to over 125 local non-profit organizations throughout Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements. The SDCF creates different ways for people to donate by offering a range of different funds that support everything from books for babies to furniture for palliative care patients. SDCF also helps connect donors with community wishes and dreams by allowing families or organizations to create their own endowment funds dedicated to a specific service, issue or project they care about and want to support for a long time. In the last full year of 2015-2016 the SDCF granted \$243,305 to 43 organizations, ensuring that the funds touch a lot of people.