

## **SDCF congratulates new Chairperson, welcomes new board member**



Bonny Wynnobel, left, is the newest addition to the SDCF Board. Shauna Curtin, right, a member since 2020, is the new Chairperson.

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The Selkirk & District Community Foundation has a new Chairperson and a new Board member, both of whom are familiar faces with strong connections to the community and the Foundation.

Shauna Curtin is the new SDCF Chairperson and Bonny Wynnobel takes a seat at the board. Curtin joined the board in 2020 and was appointed Chair earlier this year following the departure of Chairman Aaron Martyniw due to a work relocation.

Bev Clegg, Executive Director for SDCF, said the Foundation is fortunate to once again welcome a board member with Wynnobel's qualifications and pleased to see Curtin accept the important role as Chairperson.

"We really do feel blessed at the Foundation to continuously have such wonderful people who want to work for the betterment of our community and who recognize the impact the Foundation can have," Clegg said.

"We thank Aaron for his outstanding contributions and wish him well in this new exciting chapter of his job and we are thrilled to have Shauna as our new Chairperson. She's been a great addition to the board. And, of course, we welcome Bonny, who has been a friend to the Foundation for many years."

Curtin said she's looking forward to serving in her new role.

"It's an honour to be on the board and to be appointed Chairperson," Curtin said.

"I'm really happy to do it and it's been lots of fun so far."

The Secretary of the Winnipeg Police Board since 2018, Curtin calls St. Andrews home and prior to her present position, she was the Assistant Deputy Minister for Manitoba Justice, Courts Division, and before that she worked for the Government of Yukon as the Acting Director, Women's Directorate and in the Department of Justice.

Curtin said that since joining the board she has been introduced to the community in a much deeper way. She said two events she attended recently – Heathstone Community Group’s Imagine Canada Accreditation celebration and the opening of MANIDOOONAG IMAA MIKINAAKO-MINISIING / SACRED SPIRITS OF TURTLE ISLAND MMIWG2S, an art installation at the Gaynor Family Library that remembers and recognizes missing and murdered Indigenous women, were interesting and inspiring.

“There are so many things great about being involved with the Foundation, you get a glimpse at so many of the wonderful organizations in the community,” Curtin said.

“I’ve met all kinds of people in the community, some that I’ve known for many years but now I’m meeting them in their different roles. It’s exciting and interesting.”

When Curtin first joined the board, she cited the Foundation’s Mind The Gap – Vital Signs Report, as being an influential document for her, calling it “a great document (that) really does serve to highlight what’s happening in our community”.

Wynnobel may be new to the board table, but she’s no stranger to the Foundation.

A founding member of the Selkirk Canoe & Kayak Centre and current board member, coach and paddler, she’s had an association with the Foundation through the Centre’s involvement with the Western Canada Summer Games.

She said attending grant nights over the years really opened her eyes to all the good work the Foundation does in the community.

“When I would go to the award event, I got to see all the awards given out and I thought ‘oh my goodness, this Foundation just spreads across the community and reaches many areas, especially areas of great needs,” Wynnobel said.

“It’s a great honour to be asked to participate in the Foundation.”

Wynnobel is a retired registered psychiatric nurse with 39 years of experience in the field of mental health. She spent most of her career at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre (SMHC), where over the years she held positions including Coordinator of Training and Development, Coordinator of Continuous Improvement, Redevelopment Coordinator and Acting Operations Director. She was also seconded to Manitoba Health Policy and Planning Division for a time.

She’s been on the Canadian Mental Health Association/Interlake Eastern board for more than 15 years and is now a board member of Winnipeg/Manitoba. She’s also been a member of the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Foundation from 2015-2021, included four years as President.

The Selkirk and District Community Foundation is a charitable organization that provides financial support to charitable causes and agencies in the region, which includes Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements. Gifts from donors enable the Foundation to support countless groups and individuals in our community. The Foundation has given in excess of \$3.4 million to more than 125 local charities and community organizations during its 25 years. For more details contact SDCF Executive Director Bev Clegg at 204.785.9755.