

GEF Seniors Housing - Appointment Recommendations

Members	Appointment Term
<u>Appointments (2)</u> John Fessey Don Gnatiuk	May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2024 May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2024

Here is a brief public introduction as provided by the new appointee:

John Fessey	GEF Seniors Housing Board
<p>John Fessey is a small business operator, property manager and has been with a company that offers programs related to equipment reliability for 17 years. John is able to assess the current situation, consider competing interests, and implement changes that not only provide value, but are manageable and accepted by the people involved. John's skillset is aligned with the GEF goal to manage resources effectively and provide the best experience possible for seniors who need affordable housing.</p> <p>In contrast to John's entrepreneurial goals, John believes that being of service and helping others is the most important thing a person can do. John has learned firsthand about the needs and challenges facing seniors while helping family members navigate various seniors resources including accessing seniors housing. John is passionate about working with others to create the best possible situation and will be an asset to the GEF organization.</p>	

Don Gnatiuk	GEF Seniors Housing Board
<p>Don Gnatiuk recently retired as President and CEO (Member of the Board of Governors) with the Grande Prairie Regional College and is a leadership and governance enthusiast with over 30 years experience at the executive level in the government and public sectors. Don holds a professional designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors and has been honoured with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, Alberta Centennial Medal, Business Citizen of the Year Award and Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal. A graduate of Royal Roads University's – Master of Business Administration in Executive Management program, Don's educational background also includes an Associate Degree in Fire Sciences, as well as a multitude of designations and certificates, including Directors Education</p>	

Program (DEP), Board Oversight for Strategy Change Management – Strategic Leadership Training, Crown Director Effectiveness, Non-for-Profit Governance Essentials Program.

Don is widely regarded as a leader who cares deeply about people and his community. During his career, Don has worked with leaders, owners, executive, managers and diverse personnel while serving in a variety of executive leadership positions, including president, chief executive officer, executive director (external relations), vice-president of marketing and corporate development, and public board member. Don believes strongly in open communication and has a gift for successful change management. He has a proven ability to build social and political networks within the greater community while at the same time, building a model of collaboration that effectively integrates people and business.

After a long and successful public policy career in Alberta, Don is now ready and energized to give back to his community in service to the Greater Edmonton Foundation, guarding and improving the quality of life for our elders.