

Community Standards and Licence Appeal Committee - Appointment Recommendations

Members	Appointment Term
<u>Appointments (6)</u>	
Allan Bolstad	May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022
Kathy Cherniawsky	May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022
Don Fleming	May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022
Rohit Handa	May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022
Joel McDonald	April 6, 2021 to April 30, 2022
Christopher Samuel	April 6, 2021 to April 30, 2022
Chair	Appointment Term
<u>Appointment (1)</u>	
Kathy Cherniawsky	May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

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

Allan Bolstad	Community Standards and Licence Appeal Committee
<p>Recently retired from his job as Executive Director with the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL), Allan Bolstad is best known for the 12 years he spent representing the citizens of Ward 2 on Edmonton city council (1992-2004).</p> <p>While on council, Allan received awards from the province and Alberta Lung Association for his work in promoting a smoke-free environment as well as an award from the Alberta Soccer Association for helping to launch three indoor soccer centres in the city. He also spearheaded the development of the Alberta Capital Region Alliance (the predecessor to the Capital Region Board), the Inglewood Business Association, plans to preserve natural park space in Edmonton and a charitable fundraising program called Donate-A-Ride that provides free bus tickets to needy Edmontonians.</p> <p>Allan also has an extensive volunteer history, having recently chaired the development of the EFCL’s 100th Anniversary Plaza in Hawrelak Park, as well as helping to found the Edmonton and Area Land Trust, a group dedicated to preserving key environmental sites in and around Edmonton. He received the Queen’s Jubilee Medal for community service from the Premier of Alberta in 2014.</p> <p>He is currently a member of the Edmonton Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and is the volunteer Civics Director with Ritchie Community League.</p>	

Kathy Cherniawsky	Community Standards and Licence Appeal Committee
<p>Ms. Cherniawsky obtained her LL.B and LL.M from the University of Alberta. She raised a family in Edmonton while working in private practice with a focus on administrative law. She taught classes at the University of Alberta, MacEwan University and NAIT. Ms. Cherniawsky has sat on municipal and provincial quasi-judicial boards for the past eight years.</p>	

Don Fleming	Community Standards and Licence Appeal Committee
<p>Don has an extensive background in board governance and has served on a number of quasi-judicial boards as both a Board member and as Board Chair. He holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Alberta and a Masters Degree in Communication from the University of Calgary.</p> <p>He was elected to the Board of Trustees of Edmonton Public Schools in 1995 and served a number of terms as the Chair of the Board. He was twice elected as the President of the Public School Boards Association of Alberta and is a former director with the Alberta School Boards Association. In association with the University of Alberta he has been an Adjunct Professor to the Faculty of Education and an Alumni Representative to the University Board of Governors. For more than 12 years he was the strategic communications advisor to the Chief Commissioner of the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission.</p> <p>From 2013 to 2017 he held the appointments of Appeals Commissioner and Ad Hoc Chair with the Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers Compensation. He is currently a member of the City of Edmonton Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and is now serving his sixth term as the Mayor of the Council of the Summer Village of Ma-Me-O Beach on Pigeon Lake.</p>	

Rohit Handa	Community Standards and Licence Appeal Committee
<p>Rohit Handa is a registered architect and an active lawyer in the Province of Alberta. Mr. Handa combines his dual professional status in his role as Chief Executive Officer at a local architecture and building solutions firm; which he started after being called to the Bar in 2016.</p> <p>Prior to this role, Rohit had worked with large architecture firms and law firms in the City of Edmonton. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of Alberta in 2015 and his Bachelors of Architecture from Drury University (Missouri) in 2010.</p>	

Joel McDonald	Community Standards and Licence Appeal Committee
<p>Joel McDonald graduated from MacEwan University in 2005 with a Diploma in Investigations where he began a career in Bylaw Enforcement and then as a Community Peace Officer with Vermilion, Vulcan County, the City of Leduc, and the Leduc County. Over his 13 year career he worked with many different councils in Alberta to write, enact, and enforce local community standards and provincial statutes. Joel McDonald also spent 2 years as the Education Officer for the Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association and 6 years as the Training Officer and Membership Chair for the Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers. During this time he also completed the National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration Level 1 and 2.</p> <p>In 2019, Joel McDonald moved from front line enforcement to his current role as a Provincial Prosecutor with the Alberta Prosecution Service. This position provides the opportunity to work with local law enforcement and the public to provide just outcomes in Provincial Court. While working, he has enrolled with Athabasca University to complete his Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. He has lived in Edmonton since 2010 with his wife and two daughters.</p>	

Christopher Samuel	Community Standards and Licence Appeal Committee
<p>Christopher is the Director of Legal Research and Writing at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law. Prior to his appointment at the Faculty, he was a Crown Prosecutor at the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. Since being called to the Alberta bar in 2011, he has been an active member of the Canadian Bar Association, serving terms as chair of both the Edmonton Law Day and Criminal Justice committees.</p> <p>In addition to his involvement in the legal community, Chris spent three years as the President of Rapid Fire Theatre’s Board of Directors. He is currently the President of the Strathearn Community League, which is the neighborhood that he lives in with his family. He has two young children, ages 4 and 2, who do a spectacular job of keeping him busy at all hours of the day.</p>	