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The following is the slate of candidates for the 2017/18 Dakota CC board of directors, as proposed by the Nominating Committee.

**Denotes incumbent*

Mark Antunes*

Mark Antunes has lived in the Dakota catchment since 2005. He and his family have been enjoying the club's sports programs and facilities since 2010.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering with a minor in Business Administration from the University of Manitoba. He is currently the Senior Field Operations Manager for the Canadian Region of Otis Elevator Company.

Mark was elected to the Dakota Community Centre Board of Directors in 2016, and currently serves as Vice Chair. He also coaches both of his children in soccer and hockey at Dakota, and is a member of the Marketing & Development Committee for the Building Owners & Managers Association, a professional organization that supports the commercial real estate industry in Manitoba.

Elliot Cameron*

Elliot Cameron and his family have been members of the Dakota catchment since 2015 and they have enjoyed the opportunity to participate in Dakota programs and activities over the past year. He has served on the Dakota CC board since 2016.

Elliot has attended the University of Manitoba and Red River College, and is presently enrolled in the Real Property Administrator (RPA®) professional designation. His work experience has been in business development, sales and finance. He is currently the Premises Coordinator for Manitoba Public Insurance, and is responsible for project management, tendering of contracts, and ensuring that MPI buildings offer a comfortable working environment for employees.

He has previously volunteered as a soccer coach, and hockey team treasurer. One of Elliot's hobbies is volunteering as one of the instructors at the Pan Am Boxing Club. He has been volunteering at the boxing club for eight years.



Christopher Chapman*

Chris recently moved back to Winnipeg with his wife and three children. He's been employed by the St. Vital School Division/LRSD since 1991, taking leaves of absences while living and being employed in Saskatchewan and England.

Chris has a B.A. from the University of Manitoba and B.Ed from the University of Winnipeg. He has worked as an educational assistant, classroom teacher, student services teacher, vice principal and principal. For the past 6 years, he's been the grade 6-8 classroom teacher at Hastings School.

Chris has served on the board of Dakota CC since 2016, and also volunteers as a hockey coach and spearheading the community's Rookie Rugby program. Chris' current volunteer roles include: Rugby Canada Rookie Rugby Committee; and Rugby Manitoba Director Youth Development. His numerous coaching experiences include soccer, hockey, ringette, volleyball, track and field, basketball, flag football, football and rugby.

Victoria Cornick

Victoria Cornick has lived in the area since 2011 and she and her partner have two daughters ages 2 and 4. They have taken part in the soccer program and look forward to using the Dakota facilities as their girls get older.

She holds a JD from Osgoode Hall Law School and has been employed as a Crown Attorney with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada for almost 8 years. She's been a practicing lawyer since 2004.

Since 2011, Victoria has been mentoring first year law students through the Manitoba Bar Association, helping them forge and achieve career and educational goals. Victoria would like to expand her volunteerism outside the scope of her profession and into the community. She engaged in community club sports as a teenager and understands the values and opportunities that community centres like Dakota can bring to a neighbourhood.

Elaine Hunnie*

Elaine Hunnie has lived in the Dakota neighborhood since 1984 and believes in a healthy balanced lifestyle.

Her family has enjoyed use of the community club's sports programs and facilities for numerous years. She is very interested in ensuring DCC continues to promote and provide affordable quality fitness programs for all families and individuals residing in the catchment area.

Elaine holds a professional CPA, CGA accounting designation. The majority of her career has been spent in the healthcare sector holding various senior positions, the final one as Divisional Director of Financial Planning for the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. Elaine has served on the board of Dakota CC since 2016, and she is currently employed part time at the University of Manitoba.



Darren Neufeld*

Darren Neufeld and his wife Mandy have enjoyed living in the Dakota catchment since 1992. He and his family have been utilizing the club's sports programs and facilities since 1996.

Darren earned his CPA (CMA) designation in Manitoba and has been a member since 1993. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Winnipeg. He is currently the Controller at Canada's largest privately held trucking company, TransX Ltd. Previously, he held other senior financial roles including a minority shareholder of a Manitoba trucking company.

Darren was elected to Dakota CC's board in 2016, and is currently the board Secretary/Treasurer. His other volunteer work at Dakota has consisted of coaching various teams in mini-soccer, hockey and ringette. Darren has served as volunteer treasurer for the Manitoba Optimist Jr Golf Tournament, an event that provided additional funding to the University of Manitoba Golf Team.

Tim Smith*

Tim Smith lived in the Dakota catchment area from 1999 until moving out of province after completing university in 2009. Since returning to the area in 2015, Tim has played in the Dakota Men's Hockey League, and his son is currently registered in minor hockey at Dakota.

Tim holds Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy) and Bachelor of Arts (History) degrees from the University of Manitoba and is a Certified Diabetes Educator. He is currently the Director, Pharmacy Operations with The North West Company. Work responsibilities include direct operations oversight, full profit/loss accountability, recruitment and human relations, professional/regulatory affairs, and business development.

Tim previously volunteered as assistant coach, league convenor and board member with the Sioux Lookout Minor Hockey Association. Serving on the Dakota CC board since 2016 has enabled him to get involved in his community and contribute meaningfully to the health and well-being of his neighborhood.



Chantal Sturk-Nadeau*

Chantal Sturk-Nadeau and her family have lived in the Dakota catchment since 2002, and are active participants at the club.

She holds a B.A. from the University of Manitoba and an advanced diploma in International Business. She has also received a Certified Destination Management Executive designation from Purdue University. She joined Destination Canada's Business Events Team as Executive Director in January 2017. Prior to that she headed up Tourism Winnipeg, a division of Economic Development Winnipeg for over 17 years.

Chantal has served on the Dakota CC board since 2016, and her volunteer experience also includes coaching volleyball teams and serving on several boards and local community committees such as CDEM (Economic Development for French Municipalities), the Mayor's Task Force on Heritage, Culture and the Arts, Red River Exhibition, Festival du Voyageur, Assiniboine Park Conservancy, Red River College's Hospitality and Tourism Management Advisory Committee and Destination Canada's Business Events Advisory Committee.

Teresa Toutant

Teresa Toutant has lived in the Dakota catchment since 1991. Along with my family, she has enjoyed the use of the facilities at the Community Club since 1998, and participated in many sports over the years. She recently attended the grand opening of the Dakota Fieldhouse with her father, and looks forward to new, exciting activities for all.

Teresa is currently the Director of Community Services Manitoba, NWT and Nunavut for St. John Ambulance. Previously, she worked with Air Canada Finance for just under 28 years.

She has served on the Dreams Take Flight Board for over 20 years and most recently completed a 2-year term as Vice President on the board's executive, where she remains a director.

She held various volunteer positions on the Air Canada Recreation Board of Directors for many years.



Tom Thiessen (Past Chair)

Tom Thiessen has lived in the Dakota catchment since 2006. He and his family have been enjoying the club's sports programs and facilities since 2009.

He holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.) degree from the University of Manitoba, and a Business Administration diploma from Red River College. He is currently the Executive Director of the Building Owners & Managers Association of Manitoba.

Tom has served as Board Chair of Dakota Community Centre since April 2014 and was previously board Treasurer and Baseball Director for Dakota. He is also a member of the club's Expansion Committee and the Dakota Futures Campaign Cabinet, and has been coaching baseball for Dakota/Bonivital for the past 8 years. Tom's other recent volunteer work has been with Baseball Manitoba (board member), Bonivital Minor Baseball Association (board member) and The Amadeus Steen Foundation.