

About Community Futures Peterborough

Community Futures Peterborough (CFP) is a not-for-profit community-based organization providing a variety of small business and community economic development services within the City and County of Peterborough. Peterborough Community Futures operates under a contribution agreement with the **Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario)** to provide programs to these communities.

The Community Futures Program is a national, rural community, economic development initiative. Community Futures Development Corporations provide **business loans** and other business financings to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). They also provide **business counselling** and education services and offer access to business resources and assistance with starting a new business. Finally, CFDCs work with local businesses, not for profits, municipalities and first nations as well as provincial, regional or county governments on a wide variety of **community economic capacity development** planning and projects.

OUR Why A sustainable business community where entrepreneurs can thrive.

Mission We bring a vision to life by empowering people to start, grow or expand their businesses. Our support encompasses flexible financial options and strategic advisory services to accelerate business growth and impact employment in our community.

Vision Aspire to build a vibrant community to live, work and play. Together with our partners, we create economic opportunities for entrepreneurs by delivering the essential resources that drive sustainable business success.

Tag Line Your Vision, Our Support (applies to clients, stakeholders, board and staff)

Values

- **Integrity** - we act with integrity to provide high standards of service to our business community
- **Equality** - we welcome people from all backgrounds and respect differences while promoting equality amongst all
- **Innovation and Change** – we embrace change by encouraging innovation and development of new ideas
- **Entrepreneurial** – we understand the passion and mindset of an entrepreneur and support their pursuit of business growth
- **Partnership** – We value collaboration. Together we can expand our reach within the community

Community Futures Peterborough Board of Directors Application

Board Commitment Requirements:

- Board meetings are 9 times per year with committee meetings in the off months
- Board or committee meetings last about 2 hours
- Board members are asked to serve on one committee
- Board members are expected to review all materials in advance
- Board members are expected to attend educational events
 - New member onboarding
 - Board portal software
 - Board Governance
 - One educational event such as Financial Literacy, Cyber Security
- Board members are expected to be an ambassador for Community Futures and support all social media activity
- Board members are expected to be an ambassador and promote the Community Futures offerings within their network

Name			
Address		City	
Email		Phone	

1. Current position/employer:

2. Relevant Experience and/or Employment. Please attach your **resume/CV** and **references**.

3. Highlight the area(s) of expertise/contribution you feel you can make to further the mission of Community Futures Peterborough

4. List prior experience serving as a Board member for other non-profit organizations:

5. Do you have experience in two or more of the following areas?
 - Board governance
 - Small business operations
 - Manufacturing
 - Research and development
 - Finance/Banking
 - Community Economic Development
 - Legal

6. Why are you interested in serving as a Board member for Community Futures Peterborough?

7. Please share any other information you feel would be important in considering your application.

8. Please provide 2 business references that would validate your character and level of participation.