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Call for Expression of Interest for Bellwoods' Board Of Directors

Established over 65 years ago, Bellwoods is a charitable, not-for-profit organization providing community-based, client-directed support services, independent living education programs, and accessible, affordable housing. Services are provided to adults (16+ years of age) with physical support needs, seniors, and individuals with mental health and addiction challenges as well as those at risk of homelessness. Bellwoods has been accredited by Accreditation Canada since 2007 and in 2013, 2018 and 2022 received the highest accreditation rating: "Accredited with Exemplary Standing."

About this Call for Expression of Interest

The Board of Directors of Bellwoods Centres for Community Living is currently seeking volunteer members interested in serving on its Board of Directors. The current vacancies to be filled seek committed individuals with experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Leadership experience in the health care system with a focus on quality improvement
- Expertise in and knowledge of financial management of not-for-profit organizations and the not-for-profit sector more generally
- Expertise in legal matters and, in particular, those of relevance to not-for-profit organizations
- Demonstrated professional experience and competencies in human resources matters
- Strong understanding/experience in property development and management
- Marketing, Communications, and Government/Public Relations Experience
- Experience in fundraising in the not-for-profit sector
- Lived experience in receiving community or independent living services

We invite interested individuals to apply to serve in a voluntary capacity as members on our Board of Directors. Successful candidate(s) will commence their term of office on the Board of Directors in January 2024.

Overview of the Organization

Bellwoods is a Community Support Service (CSS) organization guided by the following vision, mission and value statements:



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Vision: We envision a future where barriers do not exist.

Mission: Transforming lives through excellence and innovation in independent living.

Values:

- Client and Family-Centered Services
- Delivering High Quality Programs
- Building Collaborations and Partnerships
- Performance Excellence
- Ensuring staff are valued, engaged and supported

Overview of the Board of Directors

The Board is composed of up to twelve (12) volunteers with expertise in a variety of areas with the following areas of expertise and skills development:

- i. Leadership experience in the health care system with a focus on quality improvement
- ii. Expertise in and knowledge of financial management of not-for-profit organizations and the not-for-profit sector more generally
- iii. Expertise in legal matters and, in particular, those of relevance to not-for-profit organizations
- iv. Demonstrated professional experience and competence in human resources matters
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- vi. Marketing, Communications, and Government/Public Relations Experience
- vii. Experience in fundraising in the not-for-profit sector
- viii. Lived experience in receiving community services

The Board provides leadership, vision and guidance as it oversees the business of the corporation according to the Letters Patent and By-Laws. The Board is also responsible for carrying-out its fiduciary responsibilities including financial oversight, formulating strategy, and overseeing membership and performance of the Board. Board members collectively commit to the best interests of Bellwoods by sharing their individual expertise, knowledge and experience in Board decision-making. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the organization.

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Application Due Date

Please submit a completed Expression of Interest form (below) along with your Curriculum Vitae **by no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2023.**