



YMCA Association Services
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Join the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth Volunteer Board of Directors

Nominations are now open for the 2026-2029 Board Term

Experience Overview

Want to make a difference in your community? The YMCA is an international charity focused on empowering individuals and building lifelong skills. For 173 years, The YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth has supported children, developed leaders, and united generations in inclusive, welcoming spaces for everyone.

Commitment to Community

At the heart of everything we do are our values, purpose and vision.

Our Purpose By igniting the potential in people, the YMCA helps in strengthening our evolving communities.

Our Vision A strong and thriving community where people feel they belong, have support to grow, and are actively giving back.

Our values: Belonging, Responsibility, Honesty, Caring and Respect.

We are passionate about strengthening youth, supporting families, and advancing wellness for all and we believe we create the conditions for a more connected community for all.

What we are looking for:

The YMCA is seeking expressions of interest from engaged **community volunteers** who wish to further explore involvement with the YMCA Board of Directors. We are particularly interested in individuals who bring one or more of the following competencies or perspectives (in no specific order):

- **Diversity and Lived Experience:** Individuals whose backgrounds and lived experiences reflect the diversity of the communities served by the YMCA.
- **Community Health:** Experience or understanding of the health and health care continuum, supporting the YMCA's commitment to holistic wellness.
- **Community Leaders:** Passionate community leaders that are willing to leverage their networks and bring fresh perspectives and energy to our Board.
- **Business Acumen:** Experience with budget management, financial literacy, and entrepreneurial thinking with a large organization.
- **Resource Development:** Experience leading or supporting fund development at the board level and/or knowledge of the philanthropic landscape in Halifax and Nova Scotia.



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About the Board of Directors

The YMCA Board of Directors is a volunteer group of committed community leaders who are interested in making a difference and contribute their time, talent and resources to guide the organization in achieving our purpose.

YMCA Board Details and Responsibilities

- The Board of Directors is entrusted with the general oversight and management of the YMCA's policies and affairs.
- Successful candidates will be offered a three-year term starting in May 2026 and Directors are eligible for two, three-year terms.
- Directors in leadership roles may have their terms extended as required.
- Board Composition – The board consists of 12 to 19 members, including the current Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Past Chairperson.
- Directors will attend bi-monthly meetings and participate in one of the Board Committee, to support designated organizational objectives.
- Represent the YMCA at internal and external events.

Our Commitment to people

The YMCA aims to recruit a Board of Directors that mirrors our diverse communities in age, ability, gender, race, culture, skills, networks, and perspectives.

The YMCA values diversity and is dedicated to excellence, inclusion, and a barrier-free environment. We encourage applicants to self-identify.

Thank you for considering the YMCA as there are many places to volunteer, but few opportunities to do work that really matters, we believe the YMCA Board of Directors is one of those rare places!

If you require and additional information about the YMCA or the Volunteer Director role, please contact Emmit-Jamal Brown at ceo.office@halifax.ymca.ca

To Apply

All applications must include a cover letter expressing interest and a résumé and be submitted to ceo.office@halifax.ymca.ca by February 27, 2026, for consideration.