

## 2022 Board of Directors Nominees and Bios

7 seats available  
11 nominees

Yarden Gershony - Incumbent	<p><b>Current Position - President</b> Part of Board of Directors since 2015. If re-elected will serve as "Past President" in order to help transition his knowledge and experience to incoming President. A lawyer and partner at Rush Ihas Hardwick LLP. Grew up in Vernon, BC. Married with 3 children and has lived in Kelowna since 2014. Has practiced law for 4 years in New York City, and later at a national law firm in Vancouver. A huge advocate of Downtown Kelowna.</p>
Vishaal Sharma – Incumbent	<p><b>Current Position - Treasurer</b> Joined the Downtown Kelowna Association Board of Directors in 2021 Certified Professional Accountant (CPA), Senior Manager at Grant Thornton LLP</p>
Oktawain Kobryn – Incumbent	<p><b>Current Position - Director</b> Regional Manager at Okanagan Cactus Club Cafe. Has been a board member since 2019</p>
Brent Lobson – Incumbent	<p><b>Current Position - Director</b> Regional Manager BC Interior at Impark. Has been a board member since 1999</p>
Erin Hussey	<p>Erin Hussey is an entrepreneur in the K-12 learning space. In 2010, he founded Kleos Open Learning and Claro Learning Centres. The head offices for both are located 205 - 251 Lawrence Ave. In 2020, he founded The Balsam School, located at 540 Cawston Ave. All 3 of these educational organizations fill an important niche missed, or ignored, by traditional public and independent schools. Erin is committed to children and families learning and thriving in the downtown core and standing for the board at Downtown Kelowna Association.</p>
Jenna Kopperson	<p>Jenna Kopperson is the owner of Deville Coffee and opening a second coffee shop, Analog Coffee, in August/September 2022 in the One Water tower development. Originally from Calgary, Jenna and her family relocated to Kelowna in November 2020. Jenna has 20 years experience in the food &amp; beverage, restaurant, and event industry. Roles range from General Manager, Director of Operations, Directory of Strategy as well as ownership in fine dining, quick service restaurant, to large scale and wedding events. Jenna would make an amazing addition to the board of directors for Downtown Kelowna Association.</p>

Jonathan Beck	Jonathan is the Director of Property Management at Welbec Properties, a private investment firm with a focus on commercial real estate in the Okanagan. Jonathan brings 15 years of experience managing and leasing all subtypes of real estate and leads the strategic direction of Welbec's property management division. Previously, Jonathan oversaw a 2MM SF industrial portfolio for Oxford Properties, a global real estate company based in Toronto; as well, he has extensive experience with third party management as an independent broker and property manager. Professionally, Jonathan is on the Board of Directors for the Real Estate Institute of Canada (BC Chapter) and holds a CPM license. Jonathan is excited to contribute his specialized real estate knowledge to the Downtown Kelowna Association and believes he will make an excellent addition to the Board of Directors.
Lee Levering	Lee has over 13 years of experience in the BC and Alberta commercial real estate markets. Prior to joining Venture Commercial, Lee was the Director of Leasing at Callahan Property Group. Lee moved to Kelowna from Calgary where he was previously in various leasing and sales roles. Lee is passionate about the growth and vibrancy of Kelowna's downtown core. In his free time Lee enjoys golfing, skiing, fishing, playing basketball, and enjoying the natural amenities the Okanagan has to offer with his family.
Robert Wittmer	Okanagan Parasail and Maeg's BBQ Boats are family-owned business' operating in Downtown Kelowna run by husband-and-wife team Rob Wittmer and Krsytal Reeve. He is a committee member of the Water Sports Industry Association and member of American Society for Testing and Material. Both organizations are world leaders in water safety and development. Rob has a good working relationship with Tourism Kelowna and hopes acceptance to the Downtown Kelowna Association board of directors will provide an opportunity to form new relationships and supporting the ongoing improvement of downtown Kelowna.
Tina Thygesen	Tina is the Vice President of Property Management with Mission Group. Tina moved to Kelowna last June and one of her personal goals is to become more involved in the community and to give back. Tina was part of Tswwassen Business Improvement Association for over 30 years as a member as large to an Executive position. Other organizations Tina was involved a member and participant include Ladner Business Association, Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association, and Downtown Nanaimo Business Association.
Warren Turner	Married with 2 children, President of the Turner Group of Companies, the parent company of 2 subsidiaries: Security & Safety Services of British Columbia Inc., and Canadian Safety & Medic Training Corporation. Warren has been self-employed for 27 years and has resided and operated his

	<p>businesses in Kelowna for the last 18 years. Warren is also a Paramedic, employed by the BC Ambulance Service. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Kelowna Metis Community Services Society and previously sat on the Board of Directors for the BC Senior Games in Kelowna in 2019.</p>
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