

2024 Board of Directors Nominees and Bios

Tina Thygesen (Incumbent)	Tina has been on the board since 2022. She is Vice President of Property Management for Mission Group and has been in the industry for 30+ years. She has been involved in BIA's for over 25 years in Tsawwassen, Nanaimo and Surrey and numerous other boards for charitable organizations. It's important to her to give back to the community she works and lives in. Mission Group is heavily invested in the future of the downtown, including the relocation of its head office to the new Block office building this June. Looking forward to making many more new relationships with businesses downtown.
Jaspal Dhial (Incumbent)	I am a Chartered Professional Accountant with a background in both publicly traded and privately owned companies. I am experienced in leading the financial operations of companies, providing insights on areas of improvement, and identifying areas of concern. It is important for me to feel involved in the community I work in and to do my best to give back to the city that I was born and raised in. GSL Group has played a large role in drawing people to the downtown area and will continue to be fully invested in the future of Kelowna's downtown.
David Lindsay	David is not only a distinguished restaurant owner in the downtown core but also a pillar of the community. With The Train Station Pub serving as both a historical and landmark spot for history, culinary, drink and local engagement in the downtown core. David has cultivated a space where food and neighbourhood intertwine. Having owned and or operated restaurants for over two decades in Kelowna, Dave was driven by a vision to create more than just a place to eat, but a hub for community interaction and growth. Station Hospitality Group (Train Station Pub and Mid-Town Station) is dedicated to the culinary arts and is matched only by his commitment to the city, using the pub/restaurant to host events, support local charities, and promote cultural activities. Dave's leadership extends beyond the kitchen and dining room. He actively participates in city planning committees and collaborates with other business leaders to foster a thriving urban center. Whether it's sponsoring sports teams, organizing food in the fire, or hosting fundraisers for local nonprofits and community in need, David is deeply invested in enriching the community.
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Jason Lloyd	With a background as International Destination Manager for a Canadian all inclusive travel company based in the Caribbean, my wife and I started our family business Tiki Time Tours during the start of COVID in May of 2020. After launching our tour company at the start of the COVID pandemic we persevered and grew our company expanding our bus and boat fleet operating with a team of 12 employees. This past 2023 season we started off with purchasing a 25-year tenured local downtown Kelowna business, Lakefront Sports located at 1350 Water St office location along with the dock operations in front of the Delta hotel. 2024 will be starting our fifth season with Tiki Time Tours also based downtown at 1350 Water St, operating from the same dock as Lakefront sports. With our second full season starting with Lakefront Sports, we are introducing our own food and take out business with Tiki Time Takeout, located next door at 1350B Water St. I am seeking a seat on the Board of Directors as an experienced businessperson in Hospitality and Tourism that can provide a strong voice for all our smaller local based companies that understand the similar challenges. With our unique businesses I want to bring fresh new ideas and spur conversations on making the Downtown Kelowna experience something memorable for both residents to first time travelers.

Jason Wills	Having lived in downtown Kelowna and owning a business on Bernard Ave, I had had the incredible pleasure of watching this community grow. With our growth, has come its challenges. I strive to make downtown Kelowna a safe and family friendly place where people of all demographics can visit while celebrating and being a champion of our local business's interests. As I get older, I feel the responsibility to pass this valuable knowledge and give back to my community. I am grateful for the opportunity and look forward to being a part of the DKA Board of Directors.
Justin Crockford	Justin, born and raised in Kelowna, is the owner and managing broker of Tafco Realty Corp. Licensed in rental property management and real estate trading services. Owner of commercial property in West Kelowna. Justin brings a unique point of view on issues in the downtown core as a tenant, owner representative and manager of multiple buildings in the downtown business improvement area. As a property manager sees and deals with the ongoing issues in the area daily. Duties include day-to-day operations, building security, budgeting and fielding client calls related to all issues arising in the area.
William Peters	William Peters owns Peters Wealth Management, a boutique financial services firm located in the heart of the cultural district. William's passion is to serve others as a Business Owner, mentor, and volunteer. William is married, lives in the downtown core, and actively engages with community stakeholders. Key areas of interest include community development, Complex needs, and managed growth of the city he loves and calls home. William's mission is to make a difference in the community and help create a better life for all in downtown Kelowna and beyond. Together, "We Can" William enjoys cooking, travelling, boating, expanding his social circle, and volunteering with several charities when not working.