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Christopher Baines

Christopher Baines has extensive experience working in government (executive assistant to two provincial cabinet ministers in the early 80's), business (publisher of Occupation Health & Safety), and the non-profit field (Recycling Council of Ontario and Director of the Centre for the Great Lakes).

As a practicing Chartered Mediator since 1997, Christopher has conducted over 1100 mediations to date. He has appeared before quasi-judicial bodies such as WSIB (Worker's Safety and Insurance Board), Legal Aid, SARB (Social Assistance Review Board) and the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board).

Board positions include the Chair of the Georgian Bay Association, one of the founders of the Georgian Bay Land Trust, Chair of Ontario Land Trust Alliance, member of American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts and a member of the Public Advisory Group of the International Joint Commission. Recent experience includes a member of the Collingwood Police Services Board (2014-2018), Committee of Adjustment (2018-2022), Poet Laureate Selection Committee (2017), Simcoe County Solid Waste Site Committee 2015-2018), Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (2022-2027) and the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust since 2014). Closer to home he is a member of the Collingwood Museum Advisory Board since 2022 and also a member of the Cameron Street Public School's "On the Move" Committee.

Christopher is a Distinguished Toastmaster and also "Duckmaster" for the Optimist Club of Collingwood's annual Rubber Duckie Race.

He has been happily married for 44 years, has two grown daughters and a very loud dog.

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Cam Ecclestone

Cam is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario majoring in Finance and Economics.

Cam has over 45 years of business experience mostly in Marketing and Finance at Senior levels as well as 15 years as a Financial Advisor!

Cam has always been fiscally responsible-while serving as the Reeve of Lutterworth (Minden) the taxes were out of control at 12% to 13% annually over 10 years. Cam introduced zero based budgeting to the Dept heads resulting in zero-zero and minus 1% in his 3 year term.

During his term on Collingwood Council (2014-2018) Cam spent 8 months researching Youth Homelessness. Cam's efforts along with the benevolence of Ray Smith (an Architect and home builder) purchase, deconstruct and build a 10 bedroom home at 53 Campbell Street (The facility is currently run by Home Horizon). Since its inception, there have been approx 80 to 100 youths who have been able to break free from being Homeless. Never enough!

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Jan Ferrigan

For the past decade, Jan has owned a small web design and digital media business, helping local businesses strengthen their online presence and communications.

Jan is currently President of the Rotary Club of Collingwood and is a past President of the local chapter of Business Network International (BNI). She has also written three plays for productions by Gaslight Theatre Productions. She enjoys being involved in the community and supporting local organizations

doing great work in Collingwood, and she has a garden plot at Free Spirit Community Gardens.

Before moving to Collingwood, Jan worked for local and regional governments in British Columbia and Virginia. She has served on several non-profit boards and served on the Albemarle County Natural Heritage Committee, advising county government on matters related to natural heritage.

Jan holds a Master of Science in Wildlife Biology, a post-baccalaureate degree in Environmental Science, and a microcredential in Sustainability Leadership from the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management.

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Sal Greco

I have been a resident of Collingwood all my life and have a deep understanding of the community, its history, growth, and economic cycles through both good times and challenging times.

I was educated in Collingwood and later attended Ryerson, where I took a business course. I have spent my entire career in retail sales, media sales, and merchandising, working with major retailers and businesses such as Home Depot, Walmart, Loblaw, Metro, and Shoppers Drug Mart. I have also worked with various merchandising and marketing companies.

I hold my Smart Serve certificate and have conducted LCBO tastings in box stores.

I am a former member of Collingwood Council, where I served for many years. During my time on Council, I served on numerous committees, including Police, Fire, Public Works, Economic Development, and Budget. I was also involved with the Elvis Committee.

Community involvement has always been very important to me. Over the years, I have been involved with the Collingwood Jaycees, St. Mary's Church, the Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus, the Kinsmen Club, the Collingwood Legion, and the Rotary Club.

I have also helped other churches by serving Christmas dinners to those in need. Currently, I am an active volunteer with the St. Vincent Food Bank. I also volunteer each Sunday as an usher at St. Mary's Church Masses.

I am a former member and volunteer with the Chamber of Commerce and a former employee of the Meaford Chamber of Commerce.

I was also a former employee of the Celtic Festival in Owen Sound.

Throughout my life, I have remained committed to Collingwood and the surrounding communities. My professional experience, years of municipal service, and continued involvement in community organizations have given me a strong understanding of the people, businesses, and organizations that make our community such a special place.

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Joe Guyon

Joe has navigated a diverse career path starting as a musician, through to the Canadian Navy and into the world of technology. He has always also held strong to his volunteer life as a balance, remaining true to always wanting to be of service. While with the Navy, Joe received the UN Peacekeeping medal in 1997 for his work in the Arabian Gulf. Upon leaving the Navy, Joe attended Royal Roads University where he completed the Bachelor of Commerce in Entrepreneurial Management, which was aligned closely with the BSc in Environmental Science program offering environmental science courses within the business program. Joe

became a part of the Collingwood community in 2007, and has been very active in the community ever since, being a part of the Collingwood Good Food Box, the award-winning championship Georgian Bay Squall masters swim team, and formerly 18 years on the Canadian Ski Patrol at Craigleith. Collingwood means the world to him, the people, the place, the community.

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Chris Johnson

Chris Johnson is a lifelong learner, local business professional, hospitality worker and father who has called Collingwood home for most of his life.

At 32, Chris has built a diverse professional background spanning hospitality, digital marketing, business services and technology. He has worked in front-of-house and kitchen roles in local restaurants and hospitality, gaining firsthand experience in the local service industry.

Chris currently works in digital marketing, helping local businesses with their websites, online presence, search visibility and advertising. He also has a background in computer programming and data analytics and holds professional certifications in employee benefits and life insurance. His career has provided experience working with customers, small businesses, community organizations and teams across a variety of industries.

Chris is active in the Collingwood community and serves on the Board of Directors of the Collingwood Skating Club. He has also volunteered in community and youth-oriented activities.

Family is an important part of Chris's life. He and his partner are raising four children in Collingwood, and Chris is actively involved in their schools, activities and everyday life in the community. Outside of work and community involvement, he enjoys spending time outdoors, including fishing and boating.

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Norm Johnston

My family date back to the 29th century where my great grandfather, Elihu Stewart was the mayor of Collingwood in 1886. My mother married and moved to Toronto where she was an alderman with city council for 11 years. I taught high school physical education for 26 years retired and moved to Collingwood where I had taught skiing for 36 years as an instructor at Craigleith Ski club. I then taught International Business at the National Ski Academy for 3 years. Both my children have moved to Collingwood where my daughter owns the Nottawa General

store and my son owns Press Market.

Currently I am working at Blue Mountain as an ambassador and Agora tour guide.

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Ian MacCulloch

Ian is a Collingwood business owner, municipal councillor and an engaged community member.

Ian has four decades of experience in business, real estate, market analysis and strategic decision-making. In his last position, he worked for a national commercial real estate firm as Director of National Market Intelligence and prior to that served as General Manager for a major Canadian property owner and developer, overseeing a group operating in Toronto and Ottawa.

Prior to his business career, Ian lived in small-town Vermont and Colorado, coaching high-performance skiers. That experience gave him an appreciation for small-town life and eventually helped lead Ian and his family from Toronto to Collingwood.

Throughout his career, Ian has travelled extensively across Canada, evaluating real estate markets, analyzing economic and development trends, and helping clients make informed strategic decisions.

He is also the founder of Value Data Canada, a business based in Collingwood and focused on marine valuation, market data and information services.

Ian was appointed to Collingwood Town Council in 2025 and currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Committee of the Whole and as the Town of Collingwood's member representative for Tourism Collingwood, the Town's municipal services corporation.

Ian and his family have been actively involved in local sports. Their three children played with Collingwood United Soccer, where Ian volunteered as a coach, and their youngest played Collingwood Minor Hockey, where Ian spent several years volunteering on the bench.

Ian and his family chose Collingwood and are proud to call it home.

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Tyler MacFarlane

Tyler MacFarlane grew up in Collingwood, where his family's roots trace back to the historic shipyards. He attended St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School and Jean Vanier Catholic High School (now Our Lady of the Bay). Having built his life here, this deep lifelong connection drives his dedication to the community.

After high school, Tyler studied Police Foundations at Georgian College in Orillia and expanded his education through distance courses with the Royal Military College of Canada. He also completed Canadian Armed Forces courses focused on core military values, leadership, ethics, management, and integrity.

His leadership background began at age 14 with the 1909 Collingwood Army Cadets. He later transitioned to COATS (Cadet Organizations Administration and Training Service), a subcomponent of the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves, where he holds the rank of Captain. Awarded the Canadian Forces' Decoration (CD) with his first clasp arriving this year, Tyler has spent 22 years serving in every key leadership role, including Commanding Officer, to mentor local youth.

Many residents know Tyler from his work in the local business community. For eight years, he has been the general manager of Little Caesars Collingwood, managing daily operations, balancing budgets, and leading a local team.

His past community service includes volunteering for local initiatives like the Terry Fox Run, Walk for MS, Tim Hortons Bike Ride, and the GTHS Walk for Pets. When not working or volunteering, Tyler explores local trails with his partner, Christine, and their three mini schnauzers, Zoey, Neo, and Nova.

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Richard Marks

Richard Marks has lived in Collingwood for over 20 years. He grew up in Dundas and met his wife, Janice McIntyre of Nottawa at Sir Sandford Fleming where they both studied geology. While at SSF, Richard spent three years in student government, before moving into an administrative position upon graduation for the next year. After, Richard worked in geophysics, and in 2004, he and Janice decided to move back to Collingwood to raise their kids closer to family. With a drive to be self-employed, Richard started S & R paint, and continues to be a sole owner-operator, alongside other small business work he continues to perform. Richard has previously been on the board of the Collingwood Clippers, volunteered with Collingwood Minor Hockey and was engaged at Admiral Elementary School when his kids were attending. He has always been involved in the community and wishes to continue doing so.

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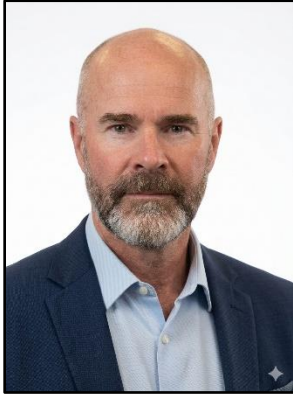
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James McCrimmon

I chose Collingwood as home seventeen years ago with my late wife and two children. Over the years, Collingwood has become much more than where we live, it's where our family has grown, built relationships and put down roots. Today, those roots span three generations, with my mother also calling Collingwood home.

My career has taken me across healthcare, business, agriculture, sport and innovation. As a chiropractor, I have worked in Ontario as well as the United States, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, with particular focus on ethics, orthopaedics, rehabilitation, and concussion care. I also worked within multidisciplinary hospital environments, collaborating with physicians and healthcare professionals as a medical student.

As an entrepreneur, I have developed and managed businesses involving sustainable agriculture, research, finance, technology and strategic planning. I have been involved in local business and community leadership throughout my career including president of the Danforth Business Association for three years.

Sport has always been an important part of my life. I spent sixteen years at Georgian Peaks Ski Club, serving as Director of the Snow School as well as working and treating young athletes in multiple disciplines.

Community involvement remains important to me. I volunteer weekly with the "Love Your Neighbour" food program and am a member of "100 Men Who Care".

After many years of living, working and raising a family here, I have developed a deep appreciation for the people, character and community spirit that makes Collingwood home. I am proud to call Collingwood my community.

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Mariane McLeod

I was proud to serve on Collingwood Town Council from 2018-2022, learning the nuts and bolts of the decision-making I had been reporting on for a decade as a local journalist. We dealt with a Judicial Inquiry, then Covid, a water supply emergency, and we decided to pursue a MURF. I had an enthusiastic run for Mayor in 2022, but the disappointing results didn't deter me from continuing to serve my town and its people.

The last four years, I have been Chair of the Collingwood Public Library Board and on the Board of Directors for the Collingwood Sports Hall of Fame. I volunteer on the Board of Directors for the Curling Club and help run the Junior Instructional program there. I have also been working as a professor at Georgian College, teaching courses in communications and entrepreneurship. Previously, I volunteered with Big Sisters. I usually volunteer at the GNE; I sing in a Christmas choir and I have taught piano lessons.

Before serving on council, I spent 20 years as a radio journalist at stations including 97.7 The Beach and before that, 680News and CHFI. I was born at the hospital in Collingwood, raised on a farm in Glen Huron, graduated from CCI, the University of Guelph and then Fanshawe College in London before living and working in Toronto. I returned home in 2003 when I married my high school sweetheart. We have a pair of ridiculous dogs who use the town's off-leash parks with abandon.

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Steve Perry

Steve Perry is a husband, father of four, grandfather of three, Collingwood Town Councillor, community volunteer and former small business owner. He and his wife, Linda, moved from Newmarket to Collingwood in July 2012, making permanent the home they had always dreamed of. Their love of the area grew through skiing as well as snowmobiling, hiking, biking and spending time by the water throughout the year. He also spends a fair bit of time on the golf courses as well as kayaking in the summer.

Since moving to Collingwood, Steve has continued to ski at Blue Mountain. As a Level 2 ski instructor, he enjoys meeting new people and teaching them a sport he loves. He was introduced to snowmobiling in 2002 and has since become passionate about the sport.

Steve began his career at Hallmark Cards, where he worked for 28 years. After Hallmark closed, he started a small business teaching filmmaking in schools across Canada and the United States. Through this work, he travelled extensively and worked with children, teachers, parents and municipalities to organize summer, Christmas and March Break camps. His passion for photography and creativity, combined with his love of travel and meeting people, made the business especially rewarding. The COVID-19 pandemic changed the structure of schools, making in-class workshops no longer possible.

Steve currently serves on Collingwood Council, the Collingwood Public Library Board and the Economic Development Roundtable. He also volunteers with the Blue Mountain Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club and Hospice Georgian Triangle.

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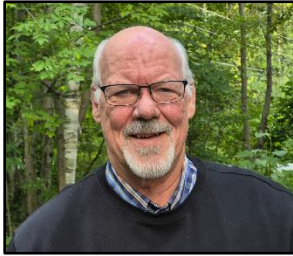
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Rob Ring

I was born at the General and Marine Hospital and I've never lived anywhere else but the Town of Collingwood. I proudly share this wherever I travel.

My wife Liz who passed in May '24, and I were married for more than 50 years. We raised 3 children, Christa, Robert Jr, who passed March '04, and Douglas. I have 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

I received my high school diploma from CCI, and am a Certified Industrial Mechanic Millwright and a Certified Welder.

Employment

- Collingwood Shipyards - Certified Welder 1972 - until its closure
- General Tire Barrie - Maintenance Welder 1986-88
- Alcoa Wheel Products Collingwood - Industrial Millwright, Maintenance Lead Hand 1992-07
- TRW Midland - Industrial Millwright, Maintenance Department Foreman 2007-18

Volunteering

- Collingwood Minor Hockey Association Board 1978-95
- Collingwood Legion Branch 63 Associate Member 1981-97, 2026
- Kinsmen Club of Collingwood 1992-98
- Treasurer 1993-94
- President 1994-95
- Ontario Minor Hockey Assoc. 1994-22
- Area Convenor 1994-98
- Regional Director 1998-08
- District Vice President 2008-13
- President 2013-18
- Immediate Past President 2018-22
- OHF Board of Directors 2011-18
- WOAA Board of Directors 2015-22
- Collingwood Sports HOF Selection Committee 2006–Present

Recognitions

- OMHA Honour Award '95
- The Order of Collingwood '95
- Collingwood Sports HOF Inductee '96 Collingwood Minor Hockey & 2018 as a member of the '74 OMHA Juvenile A Champions
- HDCO Barrie Davis Memorial Award '18

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- OHF Bill Richmond Memorial Award '19
- OMHA Life Membership '24

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Christel Schindler

Christel Schindler holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Waterloo and completed further studies in business and finance at the University of Toronto. Her professional career spanned over 32 years with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), where she advanced through various technical roles to serve as a senior corporate tax auditor. She retired in 2018.

In addition to her corporate career, Christel has been a certified ski instructor for more than 35 years, teaching children and adults at all skill levels. She began instructing at Osler Bluff Ski Club in the Collingwood area in 1998 and continues to teach there.

As an active community member in Collingwood and area for over 25 years, Christel has lent her time to various local endeavors, including volunteering with the Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS), providing dog walking support, and assisting individuals with personal income tax preparation. In her personal time, she enjoys quilting as a member of the local quilt guild, and hiking and cycling along the many trails in and around Collingwood.

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Helana Szakall

Hello, my name is Helana Szakall. I studied Taekwondo as part of my impetuous youth accompanied by lots of contact and bruises. An incursion by an American nuclear submarine into Canadian Arctic waters, prompted enlistment into the 709 Communications Regiment at Fort York Armoury in Toronto where I emerged as the top marksman at 100 yards without scope. It was an awesome experience – with a camaraderie I never encountered again and the revelation that my unit was truly the United Nations. I was honourably discharged and entered the University of Toronto to pursue a Specialist degree in German

and Italian Languages and Literature. There, I joined the Renbukai Karate Club where I became the Silver medalist at the Inter-Varsity Games. I fought three consecutive bouts without reprieve before ceding to my team mate who had not been engaged in any previous bouts. After the tournament, I was the only athlete to be congratulated by the Referee and all the male members of my club! Later, I entered a Miss Korea Beauty Pageant in Toronto. Frankly I was the heaviest contestant with the robust proportions of Jane Russell – a famous actress and pin-up model of the 1940's. I came in 4th place winning the title of Miss Congeniality. In my employment history, my favourite role was being Miss Tia Carrerra's body double in her television series: "The Relic Hunter". Currently, I enjoy being an enthusiastic Volunteer Assistant Coach with Special Olympics in Baseball, Basketball and Swimming.

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Sherri Thomson

Running for Collingwood Council is the culmination of more than 40 years of advocacy, working with grassroots and front-line organizations to influence government policy and uphold citizens' rights. Raised in a labour family, married to a tradesman, and having built a successful 35-year career in dentistry, I bring both professional and community-based experience to public service.

As my empty nest approached, I devoted myself more fully to policy and politics, drawing on decades of experience in advocacy and government relations. Today, I am recognized nationally for my work addressing the misuse of Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs). I support organizations by providing current legislative updates, court rulings, research, historical context, and connections to elected officials and subject matter experts. Most recently, I contributed to the development of Bill C-16 and continue to work with provincial and federal partners on establishing stronger guidelines for NDA use. I also participate in a three-year initiative to develop a federal strategy for the prevention and treatment of child abuse across Canada.

I am an inaugural student and member of the administration team for Dennis Windego's Indigenous Wisdom in Trauma Recovery program, which promotes the integration of Indigenous healing practices into Ontario's health care system. This work is gaining recognition from professionals across psychiatry, neurology, and social work for its positive outcomes.

While I have never held elected office, I have spent countless hours participating in and advising councils, committees, associations, and community organizations across Canada. These experiences have equipped me with a strong understanding of governance, planning, and public policy, and prepared me to effectively serve the residents of Collingwood.

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George Watson

BACKGROUND and EDUCATION: I have been a resident of Collingwood and area since 1968. My wife, Patricia Miscampbell and I have a blended family of five children; three living in Collingwood. All are Collingwood Collegiate (CCI) graduates. We enjoy four grandchildren; aged 10 to 22 years.

After graduating from CCI, I studied at York University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Self-employed since 1973; I am presently associated with Marcus and Millichap Investment Services Canada.

My government experience is at each level; Municipal, County, Provincial and Federal.

Former municipal councillor in Wasaga Beach serving for 15 years, appointed to Standing Committees of Public Works (Chair), Community Services (Chair), Development and General Government. Additional municipal experience includes; member of Committee of Adjustment, Collingwood Airport Board (Council Member and Vice Chair), 12 years on the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (former Chair).

I am appointed to the Simcoe County Planning Advisory Board.

COMMUNITY and VOLUNTEERISM: A life long volunteer, I am a 38-year Rotarian including as President and a Paul Harris Fellow. I am presently active with the South Georgian Bay Builders Association (Director /former Chair), Collingwood Ski Club (Member /past Director), Blue Mountain Golf and Country Club (Board Director/Committee member), Collingwood Curling Club (member), the Georgian Triangle Development Institute (GTDI - Board Director) and on the Development Committee and Board/Director of Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation.

My membership with Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63 (Collingwood) is active.

I am a Founders member of the Collingwood Blues Hockey Club. I volunteer with a local Food Bank.

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James Yott

Hello everybody, my name is James Yott. I was born and raised in Collingwood. I attended elementary and high school here in Collingwood. My advance education has earned me a Bachelor of Arts in Gerontology, which is the comprehensive scientific study of aging and the physical, mental, social changes that occur throughout later life. I also earned a post Diploma in Social Work (Gerontology), from Laurentian University/ Huntington College. I also possess other academic supporting documents, including Justice and public safety, as well as Developmental Social Worker. I have worked with Seniors and People with

Developmental Disabilities in different settings and facilities in the Health care and Human Services fields. I am an outdoor enthusiast. I am multi-talented, and I enjoy the Arts in its many forms. I am currently embracing the opportunity to explore new endeavors.

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