

**STRATHCONA COUNTY SOCIAL FRAMEWORK COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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SUSAN JOHNSON

Susan Johnson is a life-long Sherwood Park girl having grown up here and now being able to raise her own family in the area. From growing up in Mills Haven, attending K-12 schooling before moving on to the University of Alberta, she now resides back in Strathcona County with her husband, two daughters and beloved fur baby. As a communications professional, her background includes over 20 years with the Government of Alberta and more recently she is thrilled to be working in Strathcona County at Elk Island Catholic Schools.

SAMANTHA COPITHORNE

Samantha Copithorne is a second year Masters of Counselling student who has been living in Strathcona County for over six years. Her educational experience has provided her with important knowledge and perspectives about vulnerable populations, and the significant impact that community and support could have on them. She also continues to learn to be cognizant of the magnitude that bias and privilege can have on the decision making process. She believe in community involvement and cohesiveness, which has encouraged her to plan, coordinate, and participate in her annual neighbourhood black party for the past three years.

AMANDA ULRICKSON

As a social services provided Amanda Ulrickson is passionate about building capacity in the residents of our communities. Her work life is dedicated to seeing people thrive and meet personal goals in order to be the best version of themselves. She has spent the last 15 years working for Family and Community Support Services in many different capacities which include front line direct client work and in the area of community and social development. Her young family of four is settled and proud to live and play in Strathcona County. She is happy to give back in any capacity that she can.

ROBYN BLACKADAR

Robyn and her family have been residents in Strathcona County for 29 years, where she has actively contributed to community life, including serving as the President of the Wye String Ensemble for six years. Robyn holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Calgary, an MBA from the University of Alberta, and has held numerous leadership positions in Alberta's health and social system for over 25. In her current role as President and CEO of PolicyWise for Children & Families, Robyn leads a team with expertise in research and evaluation, knowledge mobilization, and data analysis. PolicyWise is known for its collaborative cross-sector approach between government, academia, and the community to generate and mobilize evidence for child, youth, and family well-being. Robyn is responsible advancing data innovation to inform policy and practice decisions and has led provincial evaluation initiatives to measure and improve outcomes in children's mental health, child intervention system, and early childhood development.

LYNN OLENEK

Lynn refers to herself as a long time resident of Sherwood Park having been born and raised here until her father moved the family away in the mid 60's. Lynn returned with her family to

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Sherwood Park in the mid 90's from the Territories. She recently retired as Executive Director of Heartland Housing Foundation where she had worked for the last 5 years. As she was involved with the Social Framework as a member of the Steering Committee and Bridging the Gap, she felt the participation in the Social Grants committee was an excellent volunteer opportunity to continue to be involved with. Lynn started her career as a Registered Nurse, returning to university to obtain her Post Basic Nursing Degree and a Masters of Science of Administration. Lynn has held a variety of senior executive positions in health care, government and housing over the course of her career. She has volunteered with a variety of organizations both professionally and in the community's she has lived in, including being a team leader with Victim Services for several years here in Sherwood Park.

CASSANDRA LUNDELL

Cassandra Lundell is the Community Grants Associate at the Edmonton Community Foundation (ECF). Over the last seven years, the role has continuously evolved but works very closely with charities as they apply for grants. Cassandra oversees the Community Grants Program, the Vital Signs Grant Programs and the Young Edmonton Grants Program. She also works collaboratively with the City of Edmonton and United Way of the Alberta Capital Region through various networks and initiatives. Cassandra has been involved in reviewing grant applications, through other funders, including ECALA (Edmonton Community Adult Learning Association) and the former FCS Advisory Committee Strathcona County. Cassandra lives in Sherwood Park with two teenage bonus children and an active three year old thrown into the mix. While she dreams of enjoying hot vacations, the family enjoys spending time together camping and being outdoors.

WADE GARDINER

Wade grew up in Sherwood Park and has been a Pastor in the community for over twenty years. Currently Wade is the Pastor of Children, Youth and Young Adults at Heartland Alliance Church. He is married to his high school sweetheart and they have three children. Wade loves his community and is passionate about children and youth feeling safe and connected. He enjoys being involved in the community, whether that is coaching hockey or, serving on local committees or memorizing the Social Framework.

CHERYL DIEBEL

Cheryl Diebel has committed 30 years of her career to supporting children, youth and families in Edmonton and surrounding communities and for many of these years as an Executive Manager with Child and Family Services. Cheryl is passionate about working from a strengths-based and collaborative lens and has spent her career leading staff, initiatives and strategies from this evidence-based perspective. Cheryl has recently stepped into a new opportunity as the Executive Director Zebra Child Protection Centre. Cheryl grew up in rural Strathcona County and after leaving the community for twenty years, she has returned as an active member of the community. Cheryl is honoured to have the opportunity to give back to the community that has given her so much.