



2024 Pine To Palm Board of Directors Candidate

DON McPHERSON

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The story of me.

Cheryl and I have been married for 50 years, we have two children, a daughter Michelle, a son Michael and five grandsons. When at home in Winnipeg we also provide respite for Olivia and Tryton whom we consider grandchildren as well. Cheryl had to get a granddaughter somehow.

Born and raised in Saskatchewan, as a farm boy I learned strong work ethic, ability to think independently, self-reliance along with the need to cooperate and work with neighbours in the area when circumstances required. I moved to Winnipeg in 1968.

Thirty years of my working life was in the retail and wholesale grocery industry starting as a clerk, progressing through various operational and management positions. We owned our own store for a time during those years. Due to a corporate buyout, I took a package as opposed to moving east or west to maintain and progress within the company. Cheryl took advantage of the change and lured me into the not for profit world doing contract work involving human resources and business operations for an agency supporting adults with intellectual disabilities in community living. I was soon asked to join the Board of Directors serving for a few short years before being asked to take on the role of CEO for the agency. Over a period of 12 years we grew the agency from 2 living situations supporting 6 men to 25 living situations supporting approximately 50 individuals. Over the years we purchased about a dozen homes. The agency ran 24/7 and was only successful due to an excellent team of approximately 200 full and part-time employees. Generating funding via proposals to the provincial government along with other fundraising was a key part of making the agency successful.

Cheryl & I have been residents of the park for 7 years. I served on the Activity Club Board for 4 seasons as Vice President and President. That was an excellent introduction to the park and the residents, the best part was being close to all the fun stuff at Pine to Palm.

I have a Business Administration degree that allowed me to function very well in a wide range of business, including some where I had no practical experience. Working with employees, co-workers, superiors, customers, folks with disabilities and volunteer board members was a constant in my life. My people skills are very well developed, along with my business experience I believe I am extremely capable of serving the Pine to Palm community.

An open mind, logical thinking, fairness, honesty, respect for others are personal qualities I bring to all situations in life.

If elected to the board, I will act in the best interests of Pine to Palm while fulfilling my obligations and serving the residents of our park to the best of my abilities.

If you haven't dozed off yet, please consider voting for Don McPherson.