



Board of Directors - Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Danielle Paradis -- Edmonton

Nominee Credentials Summary Form

Provide a history of your hockey involvement:

- I have not played hockey except during school but I have cousins and family members who are very in love with the sport. I recently came to appreciate the role that hockey can play in being a way to unite people. I am Métis and was raised in foster care by a white family. After the discovery of potential graves at Kamloops Residential School my family started to pay more attention to Indigenous issues and came to a greater understanding of the sport through the novel and movie Indian Horse because of the connection to hockey that they already had. Even when I interviewed Chief Wilton Littlechild, hockey came up as a major savior for him. I think that hockey is a wonderful way to focus on reconciliation.

Provide a history of your involvement in other professional or volunteer positions that will help you excel in this position:

- I was the chair for the local chapter of the Edmonton branch for the Women's Legal Action Fund - an organization that intervenes at the Supreme Court for cases that can systemically affect women's lives. I have been on that board for seven years.
- I am also on the board for Lit Fest, Edmonton's Legal Education and Action Fund. I currently serve as a treasurer.
- For 10 years I worked for a statutory corporation that dealt with 10 different volunteer councils of 10-15 members. The organization is called the Safety Codes Council. There I worked with volunteers on policy development, training and building safety standards in the province of Alberta.
- I've also worked at a non-profit called Indigenous Friends Association teaching Indigenous youth about technology.

What skills, attributes and experiences would you bring to the Hockey Alberta Board, if elected:

- I am passionate about governance at the board level. I am experienced working as both staff and a board member at non-profits. I have taken the Institute of Corporate Directors training on board governance.

On what do you believe the Hockey Alberta Board should focus in the next three years:

- Diversity, equity and inclusion and using storytelling and the unique nature of hockey to raise awareness of inclusion in sport and why it is important.