

2023 Board Elections

Current Elections

The 2023 Provincial Credit Union elections for our Board of Directors is currently underway. Voting is open from February 13th to February 24th.

There are currently 3 seats open for voting.

Meet the Candidates

Below are the candidates running in each election. A full biography of each candidate is available below.

Charlottetown, Montague, Stella Maris and Stratford Offices Nominees



Bernard Keefe



Brett Poirier



Jackie Bourgeois



Phil Ferraro



Roger Gallant

Malpeque Bay Office Nominees



Alisha MacKay



Wes Sheridan

O'Leary, Tyne Valley & Wellington Office Nominees



Imelda Arsenault



Harold MacNevin



Robert Gallant

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Candidate Biographies



Bernard Keefe is a longtime supporter of the credit union system and has been a member of Provincial Credit Union (and the former Metro Credit Union) for over 40 years. He opened his first bank account at the Tignish office as a young boy.

He spent over 20 years as a credit union director, including president from 2009 - 2012, and served on the Audit, Personnel, Governance and Policy committees.

Bernard served 9 years on the board of Credit Union Central of PEI, and also sat on the steering committee from PEI that formed Atlantic Central.

He served on the board of Atlantic Central from 2012 - 2018.

Bernard completed the Credit Union Director Achievement Program in 2000, and is a past *Member of the Year*.

Volunteer work includes: Pownal Minor Hockey Association, Vernon River Fire Department, 2023 Canada Winter Games.

Bernard resides in Cornwall with his wife Leona. They have three grown sons and five grandchildren.



Brett Poirier is a lifelong resident of PEI, and an active member of Provincial Credit Union. He is the CEO of Parkman Holdings, a real estate holding company, and Red Sands Properties, a property management company.

Previous board experience includes Charlottetown Chamber of Commerce from 2016 - 2018, and Holland College SU from 2014 - 2015.

Brett's volunteer experience includes Charlottetown Rural AAA Basketball Coach, Community Sports Broadcaster, PEI Marathon, Raise-A-Reader

Brett is excited at the prospect of serving on the board and is committed to bringing his experience to the table.



Jackie Bourgeois is a long-time member and supporter of the credit union movement, and a lifelong PEI resident.

She worked as a wildlife biologist and climate change coordinator, before moving into her role with the Southeast Environmental Association.

In addition to her focus on the environment, Jackie is also committed to community development initiatives supporting economic growth in the region.

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She completed her Master of Arts Island Studies degree at UPEI in 2022, in the Sustainable Island Communities stream.

Previous board experience includes: Three Rivers Planning Board, and the PEI Watershed Alliance. Volunteer works includes assisting people with disabilities in the community, who need help with shopping, cleaning, cooking, etc.

Jackie resides in Commercial Cross and looks forward to the opportunity of sharing her background and community-minded perspective with the board.



Phil Ferraro currently serves on the board of directors at the Centre for Local Prosperity, and on the advisory board of Gifts from the Heart Inc.

Mentors in early life included: Environmental Scientist Dr. John Todd, and Samuel Kaymen, founder of the Natural Organic Farmers Association.

With a master's degree in Social Ecology, and a focus on creating food and energy self-reliance in northern climates, Phil introduced a series of environmental education courses at UPEI.

In 2014, in partnership with the PEI Farm Centre Association, he was instrumental in the creation of The Legacy Garden in Charlottetown, one of the largest urban farms in Canada. Today the Garden operates as a social enterprise to help alleviate food insecurity.

Phil is an experienced director, having served with several organizations, and has seen firsthand, the positive impact Provincial Credit Union has on its members, and the local community.

He resides in Charlottetown.



Roger Gallant is enjoying retirement, after working in finance and banking for over 40 years, the last 13 years of which were as Manager of Commercial Lending at the former Tignish Credit Union.

A graduate of St. Mary's University, he is fluent in both French and English, and has extensive experience in providing lending, deposit, foreign exchange and advisory services to small and medium sized businesses, fishers, and farmers.

Roger served on the board of directors of Provincial Credit Union in 2021, until the merger of Provincial, Tignish, Évangéline-Central, and Malpeque Bay Credit Unions came into effect on October 1, 2021.

His volunteer experience includes: Craigs Cause Pancreatic Cancer Society, John Howard Society, Panmure Lighthouse Association Ltd.

Roger resides in Cornwall with his wife Sheila.

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Alisha MacKay currently sits on the board of directors of Provincial Credit Union, and chairs the Governance Committee.

Prior to that she served on the board of the former Malpeque Bay Credit Union from 2016 - 2021 and acted as corporate secretary.

Alisha has been a member of the credit union since she was old enough to open a bank account...first at the Tignish office, and then Malpeque Bay.

She is a graduate of the Bachelor of Science program at UPEI, and worked for 5 years as an Efficiency Consultant, travelling throughout North America and China in that role, working at food manufacturing facilities to improve efficiencies and reduce costs/waste.

With her Continuous Improvement/Six Sigma Black Belt training, Alisha looks forward to continuing as a director with Provincial Credit Union.

Alisha lives in Granville with her husband Matthew, along with her 14-year-old step-daughter, and their 5 year old twins.



Wes Sheridan has been a supporter of the credit union system since 1992, when he became a member of the former Malpeque Bay Credit Union. Since that time the credit union has looked after all financial needs for Wes and his wife Sandra.

He was elected to the board of Malpeque Bay Credit Union in 2000. In 2002, he relinquished his position on the board, and was hired as the Commercial Loans Manager. In 2004, Wes added the position of Assistant Manager to his role.

In 2007 he was elected MLA for Kensington/Malpeque and served as Finance Minister for the province for 8 years. Additional responsibilities included Municipal Affairs and the Energy portfolio.

Volunteer experience includes Kensington Minor Hockey, Kensington United Church, Kensington Junior High basketball and soccer, and founding board for Kensington's first Teen Drop-In Centre.

Wes resides in Seaview with his wife Sandra and would welcome the opportunity to serve on the board once again.



Harold MacNevin operated a dairy farm for most of his career, before moving on to his present role with McCain Fertilizer.

He is longtime supporter of the credit union system, and opened his account at the O'Leary office while still a teenager.

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Harold is currently the PEI Marketing Council Director (overseeing agriculture and shellfish commodities), and prior to that served 23 years on the board of the Dairy Farmers of PEI, including 15 years as chair, and committee work included the Canadian Milk Supply Management Committee.

Other board work includes West Prince Forestry and Green Acres Grasslands.

Harold's volunteer work includes: 2023 Canada Winter Games, Scoring official for Biathlon at Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park, 1991 Canada Winter Games.

Harold resides in West Devon, PEI, and looks forward to the opportunity of contributing to the governance of Provincial Credit Union.



Imelda Arsenault is wrapping up her first year on the board with Provincial Credit Union, and prior to that served 8 years on the former Évangéline Central Credit Union board. Imelda worked as an educator and administrator for 38 years, after graduating with Bachelor of Education and Masters in Educational Administration degrees, from l'Université de Moncton.

She is fluently bilingual in English and French, and in her spare time enjoys gardening, working with youth, and travelling to visit her adult children.

Imelda is active in her community and volunteer work includes Consultative Council for Acadian and Francophone Affairs, Acadian Festival and Agricultural Exhibition, the Rural Municipality of Wellington, and the previous Canada Winter Games held on PEI.

She resides in Wellington with her husband Raymond and is confident her past experience will contribute to the organization moving forward.



Robert Gallant is the former owner of Michael's Pizzeria in Summerside and the current manager.

He previously served on the board of directors at the former Évangéline Central Credit Union. Robert is currently serving on the board of the Egmont Liberal Riding Association, as vice-president, and he is a past-president of Downtown Summerside.

In 2019 Robert started Classic Car Nights in downtown Summerside, which has grown into a major attraction for the city.

Other volunteer work includes: Summerside Police Bike Rodeo and the Salvation Army.

Robert looks forward to bringing his commitment to community and business experience, to the board of Provincial Credit Union.

He resides in Wellington Centre with his wife Dianne.