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Why are you interested in joining our board?

I appreciate the products and services the Co-op offers, and the financial supports made available to specific community organizations. I'd like to contribute to the operations and growth of the Co-op through the board, offering my skills and experience in areas such as finance, governance, leadership and development. My special interest is in increasing member engagement with the Co-op.

What do you see as the most important role of our Co-op in our community, now and in the future?

The most important role is addressing the needs of the membership - that's the basis for a Co-op. Expanding the membership can expand our influence and support more broadly across Nelson, for both members and community organizations that benefit from Co-op sponsorship support. I believe, and hear from others, that it is a valuable resource of healthy (and organic) food and related lifestyle products - and a treasure for the area.

What personal values will you bring to our board?

Some of my core personal values are healthy living, family, community, integrity and accountability. Those are values that I bring to any work I do, any community projects and my personal interactions.

Occupation (current and/or former)

I am currently retired, have a personal life coaching business and am an active local volunteer.

How will your personal or professional skills and experience benefit our Co-op?

My financial and corporate services leadership career has given me skills in finance, strategic planning, the business of running a business, leadership, collaboration, and team building, which will all help me contribute to the organization at the Board table. My coaching experience and training will guide my approach to teamwork and collaboration as the operating and local environment changes over time.

Do you have experience in the areas that the board seeks this year - HR, law, leadership?

I have extensive senior level leadership experience in business and board roles, and as a volunteer. I also have HR experience from working in an aligned services environment for many years. My coaching training is people focused, which is often used by HR departments to support teams and individuals in their roles.

What skills or experience do you have in working cooperatively or collaboratively?

In my working career and volunteer roles I have built and worked in collaborative teams, and ensured that projects were designed and delivered collaboratively. These include delivering system solutions, working together on department process change projects, and working on board projects like board/staff strategic 5-year planning. I have always found a collaborative team approach is the most successful way to work.