

# **OPPORTUNITY (Ongoing):** Community Board Member for Alexandra Neighbourhood House (AlexNH)

### LOCATION: Serving the South Surrey & White Rock communities

#### BACKGROUND

Alexandra Neighbourhood House (AlexNH) is a member of the Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC (ANHBC) and has been an integral part of the South Surrey/White Rock community for over a century. The Executive Director (ED) is advised by a volunteer community board and we are looking to add members to further the work of AlexNH.

#### PROFILE

We are looking for people of diverse backgrounds who want to gain valuable knowledge, skills and experience; to make a difference in the community; and to advise AlexNH on how to achieve their mission of making the neighbourhood a better place to live through community engagement.

#### COMMITMENT

- Board members are volunteers and serve a minimum 2-year term, but may serve for up to 3 terms or 6 years
- Meetings are held at AlexNH in Crescent Beach (or satellite site) approximately every 6 weeks between September and the end of June
- The time commitment varies from a minimum of attending 6-8 two-hour meetings per year and events such as the AGM, committee work and/or attending other events such as the annual Alex Fest on behalf of the board

#### BENEFITS

People join the board from many backgrounds, for different reasons and for varying lengths of time. Current board members talk about how they came to the board and what they hoped to and have gotten out of the experience:

- "I had previous experience as an Executive Director in a not-for-profit and saw how a board can nurture an organization."
- "My reason to join the board and to become the Board Chair was and still is 100% to give back."
- "I initially joined the board to put on my talent profile and as time has passed, I see the benefit as both experience on my CV and the opportunity to give back to the community."
- *"The board is a fit for my head and heart."*
- "I really value the opportunity to learn from those around the table."
- "I became more interested in AlexNH when my son started in the child care program. I wanted to know what else they did in the community and to see how I could support and be a part of this work."

## HOW TO APPLY

- Complete an expression of interest (<u>www.alexhouse.net</u>) and email it to Penny Bradley, ED, at <u>pbradley@alexhouse.net</u>
- If there is a potential fit, meet with the ED and board members
- If asked and you agree to join the board, attend the AGM or a regular board meeting

