



Waterloo Region  
Suicide Prevention Council  
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## **Volunteer Opportunity- Board of Directors**

The Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council (WRSPC) Board of Directors operates under a governance model with a commitment to the growth and financial well-being of the organization and its mission to reduce suicidal behavior and its impact on individuals, family and community.

The WRSPC is currently recruiting Directors with experience/expertise in the following areas:

- Strategic Thinking
- Thought Leadership (Innovation)
- Fundraising/ Fund development
- Stewardship and Collaboration
- Systems Thinking

### **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Act as positive and passionate ambassadors for WRSPC both in the board room and out in the community.
- Regularly attend, be prepared for and actively participate in monthly board meetings.
- Participate on at least one committee of the board.
- Support the organization's policies and procedures for conducting business and ensure its activities align with the mission and vision, as well as the objectives outlined in our Strategic Plan.
- Provide constructive feedback and maintain an open dialogue with the Board Chair as it relates to the performance of the Executive Director.
- Keep informed about the organization, its issues, and its connection to the community.
- Actively contribute to the financial health and sustainability of our organization through donations, participation in fundraising events and campaigns, and/or the planning and implementation of new initiatives.
- Help identify and cultivate relationships in the community with the purpose of recruiting donors, volunteers, and advocates to support our work.
- Attend WRSPC events whenever possible.

### **TIME COMMITMENT:**

The expected time commitment is approximately 2 hours per month for board meetings, plus approximately 2-4 hours of committee work/preparation outside of the meetings. Board meetings are monthly from September to June with one meeting scheduled between June and September. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Director or the Chair. Between Board meetings, members are asked to actively work on committee projects to ensure activities are proceeding according to schedules.

**TERM:**

Directors shall be elected to the Board of Directors for a two-year term. No Director shall serve more than three consecutive two-year terms without standing down from the Board for at least one year. Terms are renewed at the Annual General Meeting in September.

**IDEAL SKILLSETS**

- First and foremost a passion for supporting people and families in the community who are touched by suicide.
- Strategic planning – Knowledge of business operations and procedures, demonstrable strategic thinking abilities, ability to problem-solve, organizational and leadership skills.
- Knowledge of the current political landscape and experience with advocacy.
- Experience with risk management assessment, policies and practices.
- Experience on other Boards/Committees an asset.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

**We are accepting applications until July 9, 2019.**

If you are interested in applying to become a Board member, please fill out an application form and submit application, in confidence, no later than 4:00pm on Tuesday, July 9th, 2019 to: [wrspec@lutherwood.ca](mailto:wrspec@lutherwood.ca). If you require accommodation for submitting your application, please contact Elisa Brewer-Singh at [ebrewersingh@lutherwood.ca](mailto:ebrewersingh@lutherwood.ca) or by calling 519-707-1958 ext. 2151. Your application will be reviewed by the Board Chair and our selection committee. Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.