



# Board of Directors Elected by Acclamation for the 2026 Annual General Meeting

**At the close of director nominations for the May 28, 2026 Annual General Meeting, three director positions were available and three nominations were received. In accordance with Mid Island Co-op's Rules of Association, the nominees were elected by acclamation and will be formally ratified at the Annual General Meeting.**

## **STEVEN BEASLEY**



Steven Beasley comes to the Mid Island Board of Directors with more than 25 years' experience working for, and leading, non-profit organizations, including those with service and social enterprise offerings. With a career that includes work in governance, financial management, human resource and service management, advocacy, and government relations, Steven brings the diversity of experience required to well represent members' interests as a Mid-Island Co-op Director.

Steven's ongoing board work includes chairing the Mid Island Co-op Governance Committee, and leading work to update and modernize board policies and structures. Steven has been a fierce advocate for responsible diversification of the Co-op's business lines to offer more products and services to members; he is especially passionate about seeing the Co-op offer more grocery options across its trading area to improve affordability for members, and support food security for Island communities.

His participation around the board table has consistently sought to balance growth with sound risk management, ensuring a continued strong financial position, stable and consistent patronage back to member-owners, and that the Co-op is a good employer for the dedicated staff who go to work every day to serve members. Steven has strong roots on Vancouver Island, and community connections that ensure the diverse voices of Co-op members are heard and valued – ensuring Mid Island Co-op continues to reflect the communities it serves is a core value he brings to every board discussion.

## **NICOLE LEWIS**



Nicole is honoured to be nominated to continue her work on the Board representing the members of our cooperative. Over the past four years, she has been proud of the work accomplished collectively to grow our co-op and the positive impact made in our communities.

She is motivated to continue serving members by upholding our co-op's core purpose: providing a democratic model for accessing goods and services and reinvesting profits into our local communities. During her previous terms, Nicole has had the privilege of serving on the Executive Committee as Second Vice President of the Board and as Chairperson of the Membership and Community Engagement Committee. Through this work, she has helped facilitate funding for many non-profit initiatives that improve the lives of our members, including generous donations to healthcare, educational scholarships and bursaries, arts and sports organizations, public events, and food security programs.

Nicole is committed to our values of excellence, community, and teamwork, and brings a unique skill set to the Board. As an elementary school teacher, her ongoing learning on reconciliation, social justice, advocacy, environmental stewardship, and governance informs her contributions, and she is focused on ensuring our co-op remains inclusive and relevant for our members.

As a Vancouver Island resident for twenty years, Nicole has seen our communities change and grow, along with their needs. The chance to contribute in a meaningful way has been deeply rewarding on a personal level. She is grateful for the opportunity to continue this work.

## **EDGAR MAYNE**



Ed brings a powerful combination of leadership, business expertise, and proven results to any Board of Directors. Alongside his wife, Lilian, he owns and operates a successful Tim Hortons franchise in Nanaimo. Over the past 20 years, they have built and owned as many as three locations, employing as many as 130 people, demonstrating strong entrepreneurial drive and a commitment to team development and community impact.

Originally from a small town in Ontario's Niagara Peninsula, Ed began his career in banking, rising quickly from trainee to Senior Credit Analyst. He later transitioned into franchising with Dairy Queen Canada, advancing to Director of Development, where he led national expansion and partner selection.

Ed went on to join Tim Hortons' head office as Vice President of Planning, Engineering, and Construction. There, he provided strategic leadership that contributed to the most significant period of new store growth in the company's history, an achievement that still stands.

After relocating to British Columbia, Ed pursued entrepreneurship while continuing his public service. As Mayor of Parksville, he worked collaboratively with Council to deliver measurable results. Within two years, the City was ranked as the second most financially viable municipality in the province. Housing availability improved significantly, with rental vacancy rising from under 0.5% to 3% in four years, alongside increased access to more affordable homes.

By the end of his second term, Parksville had virtually no debt and among the highest capital reserves per resident on Vancouver Island, reflecting Ed's leadership, collaboration, and focus on results. Ed is proud of what he and his Council achieved over his last term office.