

2015 SDAB Member Biographies

Kerry Armstrong

Initially appointed to the Board in 2008

Kerry Armstrong is a consultant helping business in Calgary leverage their space and capacity needs. He has 20 years experience in commercial, residential and modular interior construction in the downtown core. He has also represented citizens before quasi-judicial boards. Mr. Armstrong also sits on the Board of Directors of a Facilities Management Organization.

Jo Anne Atkins

Initially appointed to the Board in 2013

Jo Anne Atkins is the business manager of a veterinary practice in Calgary. She was the secretary to the Development Appeal Board, Planning Commission, and Councils for two Alberta municipalities and is familiar with all aspects of the land use and development process. Jo Anne served on the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board of The City of Calgary from 2005-2012 and as its vice chair from 2007-2012. She has been an active volunteer on several committees of community-based organizations for the past 28 years. In addition to raising three children with her husband, Jo Anne has also volunteered in many capacities with local schools, church, veterinary, and athletic organizations receiving several awards for her volunteer work over the years.

John Attrell

Initially appointed to the Board in 2010

Mr. Attrell is a practicing professional structural engineer with in excess of 30 years of experience in the design of buildings in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Ontario. He has also been involved in community work for more than 15 years and has served on the board of his community association as director of Planning Transportation and Land Use for the past ten years. Mr. Attrell has served on several City of Calgary committees and roundtables dealing with land use, development, and planning.

Katherine Camarta

Initially appointed to the Board in 2014

Katherine Camarta is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario in Politics, Queen's University in Law and Mount Royal University in Journalism. She has been practising law in Calgary since 1979; firstly in private practice followed by practice in the oil and gas, pipeline and electricity industries. She has considerable experience in the areas of corporate finance, securities regulation, energy project development, energy and environmental regulation and corporate

and commercial transaction work. Mrs. Camarta also currently sits on the Board of Directors of a charitable foundation promoting medical research.

Brian Corkum

Initially appointed to the Board in 2011

Mr. Corkum is a graduate of Andrews University in Berrien Springs Michigan with a Bachelor of Architecture. He is registered as an Architect with the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) and has been working in the field in Calgary for the past 15 years. Brian's understanding of development and planning stems from his involvement in a variety of significant projects in Calgary and the province of Alberta. These projects include institutional, commercial office, healthcare, master planning and urban design. He is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accredited professional and focuses on sustainable development.

Jeff Gilmour

Appointed to the Board in 2015

A former officer in the Royal Canadian Navy, Jeff graduated from Dalhousie University Law School in 1978. He was appointed to several legal and senior management positions with the Government of the Northwest Territories over a 20-year period. He served on several Alberta tribunals including the Municipal Government Board, the Workers' Compensation Board Appeals Commission and as a part-time board member on the Energy Resources Conservation Board. Jeff is currently the Chair of the Review Panel for the Lower Athabasca Review Plan.

Teresa Goldstein

Initially appointed to the Board in 2014

Ms. Goldstein is a practicing Urban Planner and received her Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from Queen's University. She has a decade of experience in land use planning, community approvals and policy development. She has a comprehensive understanding of, as well as extensive experience within both the private and public sectors. Currently she is a Senior Planner with a major engineering and consulting firm. Prior to joining the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Ms. Goldstein served on the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board of The City of Calgary from 2010-2013. In addition to raising two children, Ms. Goldstein is an active volunteer and outdoor enthusiast.

H. J. (Rick) Grol (Chair)

Initially appointed to the Board in 1997

Mr. Grol holds both a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) and a Master of Laws degree (LLM). He specialized in Planning Law and Administrative Law when he

was a practicing lawyer. Mr. Grol served as vice chair of the SDAB from 1999 to 2001 and as chair from 2001 to present. Mr. Grol was actively involved in a study conducted by Council in 2000 that resulted in improvements to the procedures of the Board and to the relations between the Board and its customers. He has provided leadership to the Board to have effective and efficient appeal hearings and actively pursued changes to the SDAB Bylaw that guide the Board's processes. From 2006 to 2010 he served on the Board of Directors of Calgary Meals on Wheels, a charitable non-profit organization, and from 2011 to 2014 on the Board of the Museum of Contemporary Art Calgary Society (MOCA Calgary).

Sally Haggis

Initially appointed to the Board in 2011

Sally Haggis is a born and raised Calgarian. She has been involved in community work for 18 years and has served on the board of her community association as president (2 terms) and sits on various community committees including civic affairs. Ms. Haggis has worked in the technical production side of television news as a director and editor at two Calgary television stations over the past 25 years. She also free lances as a commercial coordinator for various mobile productions including football and hockey games.

Heather Hiscock

Initially appointed to the Board in 2012

Ms. Hiscock holds a Bachelor of Science degree (BSc) from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor of Architecture degree (BArch) from the Technical University of Nova Scotia. She is a registered Architect with the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) with over thirty years experience working on a range of building and urban design projects in Calgary and surrounding areas. Heather is currently co-owner of an architectural practice that has been involved in various types of low-rise building projects over the past 20 years. She has been a board member of several community-based organizations and has served as a volunteer on various committees including several City of Calgary committees and roundtables dealing with land use, planning, development, and urban sustainability.

Dale Hodges

Initially appointed to the Board as Council representative in 1984; became a citizen appointment in 2014

Dale Hodges served 10 terms on City Council representing Ward 1 as an Alderman from October 1983 to 2013. He served on and chaired numerous Council committees during his period on Council. He served on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board as a Council representative from 1984 to 2013. He has lived in Northwest Calgary for over 40 years and, prior to being elected to office, was active in his community and served in a volunteer capacity on various

civic committees and boards. He has a keen interest in land use and development.

Stefne Madison (Vice-Chair)

Initially appointed to the Board in 2011

Ms. Madison has a Bachelor of Science (BSc) and a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) and is an experienced Calgary lawyer, having been admitted to the bar in 1995, and has been a member in good standing with the Law Society of Alberta for 19 years. She has worked for all levels of government, as well as in private practice and has concentrated her practice mainly in the areas of criminal and administrative law. In addition to her role on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Ms. Madison works full time as a hearing adjudicator for a tribunal under the Solicitor General of Alberta.

Natasha Pashak

Initially appointed to the Board in 2012

Ms. Pashak is a fourth generation Calgarian who has lived in many cities in North American and abroad. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Master of Arts (art history). She recently completed a three year term on the executive of her community association and has been actively involved in land use, development and planning issues in her neighbourhood. She sits on the board of directors of a charitable foundation and an arts organization and was appointed to the Alberta College of Art and Design Board of Governors in 2013.

C. Michelle Pink

Appointed to the Board 2015

Michelle Pink is a graduate of the University of British Columbia (BA), holds her Certified Commercial Investment Member designation, as well as her Real Estate License. With a decade of experience in both residential and commercial real estate, Ms. Pink currently works in the asset management and leasing department for a large public landlord with a portfolio spanning over western Canada. She has been active in her community, as well as sitting on various committees within the commercial real estate industry. In addition to her career and various endeavours, Ms. Pink enjoys an active outdoor lifestyle with her young family.

Josh Selby

Initially appointed to the Board in 2014

Joshua Selby is a proud first generation Calgarian. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) and a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) and is a practicing lawyer. Joshua's law practice primarily focuses on commercial real estate. He is an active member of the Canadian Bar Association's Real Estate Subsections. He is a contributor to

ABLawg, a Law blog on developments in Alberta Law, and The Real Estate Fundamentals publication of the Legal Education Society of Alberta.

Robert Sipka

Initially appointed to the Board in 2014

Robert Sipka is a lifelong resident of Calgary. He holds a technical diploma from S.A.I.T in Municipal Engineering and Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Civil Engineering from the University of Calgary. Robert spent five years as a municipal engineer after which he moved on to be president of a local development/construction company for 10 plus years.

Jaydan Trait

Appointed to the Board in 2015

Mr. Tait holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography from the University of Alberta and a Master of Environmental Design degree in Planning from the University of Calgary. Jaydan is a registered professional planner and a full member of the Alberta Association of the Canadian Institute of Planners. He is active as a volunteer in his community and has worked for over 12 years in planning and development for companies in Calgary. Currently he is Vice President of a major residential development corporation.

Supernumerary Members

Supernumerary members are citizens who have served for at least two years as Board members in the past. These members will be available from time to time, and at the discretion of the Chair, to participate in the hearing of appeals when the Board is challenged to meet quorum for a particular SDAB meeting.

M. A. (Meg) Barker

First appointed as a supernumerary in 2015

Ms. Barker is a Senior Regulatory and Compliance Assurance Professional, having worked more than 20 years both for, and with, independent quasi-judicial regulatory boards in the energy and resource industries. Ms. Barker has served on the board of directors of several non-profit organizations. She has been an active volunteer on a number of City of Calgary committees involving land use planning, transportation and urban sustainability. Ms. Barker holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) Degree in Geology and she is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA).

Martina Jileckova

Previous SDAB member from 2003-2009

Initially appointed as a supernumerary member of the Board in 2014

Ms. Jileckova has studied Environmental Design (planning) at the University of Calgary and worked as a project development planner. She has volunteered as Planning Committee Chair and Civic Affairs member of a community association, and has co-authored two papers for urban planning conferences. For several years she assisted agencies with planning aspects of their projects. Currently is she is Vice President Housing of the Calgary Homeless Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission it is to end homelessness in Calgary. Ms. Jileckova has extensive experience in land use, planning and development.

Robert Merchant

Previous SDAB member from 2002-2010

Initially appointed as a supernumerary member of the Board in 2014

Mr. Merchant graduated from the University of Michigan and is a registered Architect with over 35 years experience in commercial and residential projects. Past vice-president and council member of the Alberta Association of Architects, Mr. Merchant is an active member of a community association assisting in planning related issues. He has volunteered on several City of Calgary planning committees including the Industrial Zoning Review, Restaurant/Drinking Establishment/Entertainment Facility Review, Commercial Zoning Review and Third Party Signage Review.

Judy Steele

Previous SDAB member from 2007-2009

Initially appointed as a supernumerary member of the Board in 2014

Ms. Steele has lived and worked in Calgary for over 35 years. Most of her career has been in the municipal government sector, particularly associated with the administration of subdivision and development appeals. She also has experience as a former member of a provincial quasi-judicial tribunal and has represented citizens before quasi-judicial boards. She has volunteered extensively and held office for various organizations in and around Calgary.

Andrew Wallace

Previous SDAB member from 2008-2012

Initially appointed as a supernumerary member of the Board in 2014

Having received his Master's of City Planning degree from the University of Manitoba, Mr. Wallace has worked in the public and private sectors overseeing the development of mixed use and residential projects throughout western Canada. Mr. Wallace brings 15 years of development experience in land use,

planning and development. Mr. Wallace has served on several committees that participated in the review of the new land use bylaw of the City of Calgary.