

Thank you for considering joining the Fort Erie Arts Council (FEAC) as a volunteer Board Member

The mission of the FEAC is to cultivate the arts in the Fort Erie and Niagara area by providing experiences that touch the heart, challenge, and grow the creative intelligence and spark conversation.

Our five key objectives are:

Art Creation and Presentation: To support the development of artists of all ages and abilities and arts organizations, encourage artistic excellence and provide opportunities for arts presentations in the community.

Advocacy and Public Awareness: To act as community leaders to increase the awareness of the arts for the benefit of the community.

Education: To promote Arts Education by expanding opportunities for the arts and to encourage diversity of arts experiences for young community members.

Community Development: To start and facilitate programs which increase participation by all community members in arts and cultural activities.

Resource Development: To develop revenue to operate and to develop resources for the community.

For Your Reflection:

As you consider joining the FEAC Board, please give this question some thought.

Is FEAC the right organization for me?

Approach this decision like any other major decision in your life,

- What am I passionate about – do I support giving the community access to a wide range of arts experiences that FEAC can offer, like live theatre, the visual arts, and educational experiences?
- Am I passionate about the mission of FEAC?
- How much time can I give to FEAC?
- What are my personal dreams or aspirations that could be enhanced by serving on this Board?
- What expertise can I bring to the Board?
- Of what importance to me is social interaction with other Board members?
- As I think about the three primary board roles—ambassador, advocate, and asker—in which role(s) do I think I will want to be most active?

As a Board Member:

I will interpret the organization's work and values to the community, champion the Centre, and actively promote Fort Erie Arts Council.

- attend at least 75% of board meetings (held monthly on the third Wednesday of each month), committee meetings, and special events
- actively participate in one or more fundraising activities
- actively participate in one or more standing committees
- act in the best interests of the organization, and excuse myself from discussions and votes where I have a conflict of interest
- take seriously the major legal responsibilities of serving on a board, including and especially the fiduciary role
- work in good faith with staff and other board members as partners towards achievement of our mission stay and informed about what's going on in the organization:
 - asking questions and request information,
 - participating in and take responsibility for making decisions on issues, policies, and other board matters

From the Fort Erie Arts Council

- Receive an orientation to the board by the Board chair and a current member of the Board of Directors
- Receive a monthly financial report and an update of organizational activities that allow me to act as a “prudent person” in my legal responsibilities as a board member
- The organization will help me perform my duties by keeping me informed about issues that could arise within the organization or one of its program areas
- Board members and staff will respond in a straightforward fashion to questions I have that I feel are necessary about my fiscal, legal, and moral responsibilities to this organization

The FEAC Board members are actively involved in standing activities and committees.

Community Events and Programs

Education and Registration

Fundraising Events

Volunteer Coordinator and Organizer

Marketing (Social Media, Newsletters)

Secretarial Support

Finance Committee

Grant and Bursary Writing

Infrastructure (Building & Facilities)

Future Development

... to mention a few

Thank you for your interest in the Fort Erie Arts Council.

Board Member Application Form

Full Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Email Address:	
How long have you lived in the area?	
Professional/Business/Volunteer affiliations:	
Do you serve on any other Boards?	
Please indicate which committee(s) you would be interested in potentially serving on:	

In a short letter, please provide a brief biography and address the skills, background, and interest in serving on the Board.

Nominations will be reviewed and will be maintained for future consideration. Thank you for your interest in serving on the Fort Erie Arts Council Board.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

The completed application may be sent to Fort Erie Arts Council, by email to artscouncilforterie@gmail.com.